

# Article 18

## Vehicle Parking and Loading

### Section 18.01 Off-Street Parking Scope of Requirements

#### Section 18.02

- A) **General Applicability.** For all buildings and uses established after the effective date of this Ordinance, off-street parking shall be provided as required in this Article prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. However, where a building permit has been issued prior to the effective date of the Ordinance and construction has been diligently carried out, compliance with the parking requirements at the time of issuance of the building permit shall be required.
- B) **Change in Use or Intensity.** Whenever use of a building, structure, or lot is changed, parking facilities shall be provided as required by this Ordinance for the new use, regardless of any variance which may have been in effect prior to change of use. If the intensity of use of any building, structure, or lot is increased through the addition of dwelling units, increase in floor area, increase in seating capacity, or through other means, off-street parking shall be provided for such increase in intensity of use as regulated by this Article.
- C) **Off-Street Parking: Commercial Use Minimums.** In order to offer design flexibility and reduce potential urban heat island effects Arlington Township has removed the minimum parking requirements for commercial uses. Any use deemed to be that of commercial shall not be subject to providing the minimum number of parking spaces as outlined in this Article.
- D) **Off-Street Parking: Maximums.** Except for single & two-family residential uses, any person proposing the provision of greater than 125% of the minimum required off-street parking as specified in this Article shall demonstrate to the Planning Commission sufficient justification for the additional parking.
- E) **Planning Commission Modifications.** The Planning Commission may modify the numerical requirements for off-street parking, based on evidence that other standards would be more reasonable, due to the level of current or future employment and/or level of current or future patron traffic.

### Section 18.03 General Requirements

#### A) Submission Requirements.

- 1) Plans and specifications showing required off-street parking spaces, including the means of access and interior circulation, shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for review at the time of application for approval.

#### B) Location.

- 1) Required off-street parking facilities shall be located on the same lot as the principal building or on a lot within three hundred (300) feet thereof, except that this distance shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) feet for dwellings. This distance specified shall be measured from the nearest point of the parking facility to the nearest point on the lot occupied by the building or use that such facility is required to serve.

- 2) No parking area or parking space which exists for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Ordinance shall thereafter be removed or reduced in any manner below the requirements established by this Ordinance.
- C) **Residential Parking.** Off-street parking spaces in single-family residential districts shall consist of a parking strip, driveway, garage, or combination thereof, and shall be located on the premises they are intended to serve. No parking shall be permitted on a regular basis on lawns or other unpaved areas on residential lots, with the exception of approved gravel parking areas.
- D) **Collective Use of Off-Street Parking (Shared Parking).** Off-street parking for separate buildings or uses may be provided collectively subject to the following:
  - 1) The total number of spaces provided collectively shall not be less than the sum of spaces calculated for each individual use.
  - 2) Each use served by collective off-street parking shall have direct access to the parking without crossing streets.
  - 3) The collective off-street parking shall not be located farther than three hundred (300) feet from the building or use being served.
  - 4) Written easements which provide for continued use and maintenance of the parking shall be submitted to the Township for review and approval before filing with the Van Buren County Register of Deeds.
- A. **Cross Access Agreements.** Common, shared parking facilities are encouraged in the Township. Wherever feasible, cross-access connections between adjacent parking lots (or a reserved connection when no adjacent parking lot exists but can reasonably be expected to be constructed at a future date) are required. Blanket cross-access easements across the entire parking lot area shall be provided for connected lots under separate ownership or management. The cross-access easements shall be without limitation and shall be recorded with the County Register of Deeds.
- B. **Storage and Repair Prohibited.** The storage of merchandise, sale of motor vehicles, storage of inoperable vehicles, or repair of vehicles are prohibited in required off-street parking lots or areas. Emergency service required for vehicles shall be permitted.

## Section 18.04 Off-Street Parking Standards

- A) Each off-street parking space for automobiles shall not be less than two hundred (200) square feet in area, exclusive of access drives or aisles, and shall be of usable shape and condition. There shall be provided a minimum access drive of ten (10) feet in width, and where a turning radius is necessary, it will be of such an arc as to reasonably allow an unobstructed flow of vehicles. Parking aisles for automobiles shall be of sufficient width to allow a minimum turning movement in and out of a parking space. The minimum width of such aisle shall be:
  - 1) For ninety (90) degree perpendicular parking, the aisle shall not be less than twenty-two (22) feet in width.
  - 2) For sixty (60) degree parking, the aisle shall not be less than eighteen (18) feet in width.
  - 3) For forty-five (45) degree parking, the aisle shall not be less than thirteen (13) feet in width.
  - 4) For parallel parking, the aisle shall not be less than ten (10) feet in width.
- B) Every parcel of land hereafter used as a public or private parking area shall be developed and maintained in accordance with the following requirements:
  - 1) All off-street parking spaces shall not be closer than five (5) feet to any property line, except where a wall, fence, or compact planting strip exists as a parking barrier along the property line.
  - 2) All off-street parking areas shall be drained so as to prevent drainage to abutting properties and shall be constructed of materials which have a dust-free surface resistant to erosion.

- 3) Any lighting fixtures used to illuminate any off-street parking area shall be so arranged as to reflect the light away from any adjoining premises and streets.
  - 4) Any off-street parking area providing space for five (5) or more vehicles shall effectively be screened on any side which adjoins, or faces property adjoining, a residential lot or institution, by a wall, opaque fence, or compact planting not less than four (4) feet in height. Plantings shall be maintained in good condition and not encroach on adjoining property.
  - 5) All off-street parking areas that make it necessary for vehicles to back out directly into a public road are prohibited, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to off-street parking areas of one (1) or two (2) family dwellings.
  - 6) Combined parking facilities are allowed when two (2) or more uses occur on one (1) property or when a building or buildings on one (1) property contain two (2) or more uses provided that the permanent allocation of required number of parking spaces shall be the sum of the requirements for the various parking uses and computed in accordance with this Ordinance. Parking facilities for one (1) use shall not be considered as providing the required parking facilities for any other use, except churches.
- C) For the purpose of determining off-street parking requirements, the following units of measure shall apply:
- 1) **FLOOR AREA.** In the case of uses where floor area is the unit for determining the required number of off-street parking spaces, said unit shall mean the gross floor area, except that such floor area need not include any area used for incidental service, storage, installation of mechanical equipment, penthouses, housing ventilators and heating systems, and similar uses.
  - 2) **PLACES OF ASSEMBLY.** In stadiums, sports arenas, churches, and other places of assembly in which those in attendance occupy benches, pews, or other similar seating facilities, each eighteen (18) inches of such seating facilities shall be counted as one (1) seat. In cases where the place of assembly has both fixed seats and open assembly area, requirements shall be computed separately for each type and added together.
  - 3) **FRACTIONS.** When units of measurement determining the number of required parking spaces result in requirement of a fractional space, any fraction up to and including one-half (1/2) shall require one (1) parking space.
- D) The minimum required off-street parking spaces shall be set forth as follows:

Use	Requirements
<b>Automobile, vehicle, or farm equipment sales and service</b>	(a) Two (2) spaces for each service bay, (b) One (1) space for every two (2) employees on maximum shift.
<del>Churches, Temples or Synagogues</del>	(a) One (1) space for each six (6) seats, or for each six persons permitted in such edifice as stated by the <del>fire marshal</del> .
<b>Industrial uses, except as otherwise specified herein</b>	(a) One (1) space for each three (3) employees at the largest working shift.
<b>Multiple family dwellings</b>	(a) One (1) for each efficiency unit, one and one-half (1-1/2) for each one (1) bedroom unit, two (2) for each two (2) bedroom unit, and three (3) for three (3) or more bedroom units.

Use	Requirements
<b>Museum</b>	(a) One (1) space for every 300 square feet of usable floor area (UFA); (b) One (1) space for each two (2) employees at the largest working shift.
<b>Nursery school, Day-care, and Pre-school</b>	(a) One (1) space for each staff member; (b) Plus one (1) space for every five (5) children or one (1) space for every ten (10) children if adequate drop-off facilities are provided.
<b>Nursing home or home for the aged</b>	(a) One (1) space for each four (4) beds, (b) Plus one (1) space for each two (2) employees, including nurses per shift.
<b>Public utility facilities</b>	<del>(a) One (1) space for each two (2) persons employed on the premises.</del>
<b>Single and two (2) family dwellings</b>	(a) Two (2) spaces per each dwelling unit.
<b>Theaters, dance halls, assembly halls</b>	(a) One (1) space for each six (6) seats, (b) or for each six (6) persons permitted in such building as stated by the Fire Marshall.

**E) Banked Parking**



1) If the minimum number of required parking spaces exceeds the amount necessary to serve a proposed use, the Planning Commission may approve the construction of a lesser number of parking spaces, subject to the following:

- (a) The banked parking shall be shown on the site plan and set aside as landscaped open space.
- (b) Banked parking shall be located in areas suitable for future parking and that meet Ordinance requirements.
- (c) The Township Board may require construction of the banked parking area upon finding that vehicles are regularly parked on unpaved surfaces, on the road or off-site. Such findings shall be provided via written notice to the property owner, with an established timeline for construction.


**F) Bicycle Parking.** Parking facilities for short- and long-term bicycle parking shall be provided to meet the needs of the business or residential use. Bicycle parking facilities shall allow a cyclist to safely secure a bicycle from incidental damage or theft, while not hindering access for pedestrians or other vehicles. Bicycle parking facilities shall be located in highly visible and accessible areas.

- 1) Bicycle parking facilities shall be located at least 3 feet from adjacent walls, poles, landscaping, street furniture, drive aisles, and primary pedestrian routes and at least 6 feet from vehicle parking spaces.



- G) **Barrier-Free Parking Requirements.** Each parking lot that serves a building, except single- and two-family dwelling units, shall have a number of level parking spaces, identified by an above-grade sign which indicates the spaces are reserved for physically handicapped persons. Barrier-free parking shall comply with the State of Michigan Barrier-Free Rules, Michigan Public Act No. 1 of 1966, as amended, the adopted Township Building Code, and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (a) **Dimensions of Barrier-Free Parking Spaces.** Each barrier-free parking space shall have no more than a nominal three percent (3%) grade and shall be not less than eight (8) feet in width and be adjacent to an access aisle not less than five (5) feet in width. Required van-accessible barrier-free spaces must be eight (8) feet in width and be adjacent to an access aisle not less than eight (8) feet in width.
  - (b) **Minimum Required Number of Barrier-Free Parking Spaces.** The number of barrier-free spaces required is as follows:

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Lot	Minimum Number of Barrier-Free Spaces Required	Number of Van-Accessible Barrier-Free Spaces Required
Up to 25	1	1
26 to 50	2	1
51 to 75	3	1
76 to 100	4	1
101 to 150	5	1
151 to 200	6	1
201 to 250	7	1
251 to 300	8	1
401 to 500	9	2
501 to 1000	2% of total parking provided	1/8 of total barrier-free spaces
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100 over 100	1/8 of total barrier-free space

 **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations.** EV charging stations may be located in any parking lot, as long as the required dimensions and number of spaces required by this Article are maintained within the lot. Related EV-charging equipment, such as transformers, switchgear, or other similar items, must be screened with a fence, wall, berm, evergreen landscaping, or any combination thereof.

## Section 18.05 Loading/Unloading Requirements

In connection with every building or part thereof hereafter erected, except single and two (2) family dwelling unit structures, there shall be provided on the same lot with such buildings, off-street loading and unloading spaces for uses which customarily receive or distribute material or merchandise by vehicle.

- A) Plans and specifications showing required loading and unloading spaces including the means of ingress and egress and interior circulation shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for review at the time of application for a zoning permit for the erection or enlargement of a use of a building or structure.
- B) Each off-street loading/unloading space shall not be less than the following:
  - 1) In any commercial or industrial district, a loading/unloading space shall not be less than ten (10) feet in width and fifty-five (55) feet in length, and if it is a roofed space, not less than fifteen (15) feet in height.

- C) Subject to the limitations of the next paragraph, a loading/unloading space may occupy all or any part on any required side or rear yard, except the side yard along the street side in the case of a corner lot. In no event shall any part of a required front yard be occupied by such loading space.
- D) Any loading/unloading space shall not be any closer than fifty (50) feet to any other lot located in any residential district unless wholly within a completely enclosed building or unless enclosed on all sides by a wall, opaque fence, or compact planting not less than six (6) feet in height.
- E) In case of mixed uses, on one (1) lot or parcel, the total requirement for off-street loading/unloading facilities shall be the sum of the various uses computed separately.
- F) All off-street loading/unloading facilities that make it necessary to back out directly into a public road shall be prohibited.
- G) Off-street loading/unloading spaces and access drives shall be paved, drained, lighted, and shall have the appropriate bumper or wheel guards where needed and any light used for illumination shall be so arranged as to reflect the light away from the adjoining premises and streets.
- H) Off-street loading/unloading requirements for hotels, hospitals, mortuaries, public assembly, offices, retail, wholesale, industrial, or other uses similarly involving the receipt of distribution by vehicles, the uses having over five thousand (5,000) square feet of gross floor area shall be provided with at least one (1) off-street loading/unloading space, and for every additional twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of gross floor space, or such loading/unloading space subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.
- I) For uses not specifically mentioned herein, loading/unloading requirements shall be established by the Township Planning Commission from requirements for similar uses.

## Section 18.06 Bicycle Parking Facilities General Requirements

Any development project that meets the threshold for Major Site Plan Review, per Section XX.XX, shall provide bicycle parking facilities in accordance with the following:

- A) **Minimum Count.** A minimum of four bicycle parking spaces shall be provided. Single-family, duplex, and multi-plex units are exempt from this requirement. Any use that requires bicycle parking and has more than 40 off-street vehicle parking spaces shall provide one additional bicycle parking space for every 20 vehicle parking spaces above 40. One "U" shaped rack may be counted as two (2) bicycle parking spaces.
- B) **Location.** Bicycle parking facilities shall be no greater than 75 feet from the entrance being served and shall be in an area that is deemed reasonably visible by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.
- C) Minimum required bicycle parking spaces shall not be removed unless equal facilities are provided elsewhere.
- D) **Layout and Design Standards.** All bicycle parking spaces shall be paved and shall feature a bicycle rack of the inverted "U" design that is permanently affixed to a paved surface. Alternative installations and designs may be considered if the proposed rack design functions similarly to the inverted "U" design and is easily visible and accessible.
- E) **Access.** All bicycle parking facilities shall be accessible from adjacent street(s) and pathway(s) via a paved route that has a minimum width of five feet.
- F) **Waiver.** Upon the written request of an applicant, the approving body may waive or modify the bicycle parking facility layout, location, and design requirements in this subsection upon a satisfactory showing by the applicant of a practical difficulty with complying with the requirement due to site constraints or other factors, and that the applicant's proposed plan will adequately serve the needs of the site and the bicycling public.

# Article 19

## Signs

### Section 19.01 Purpose and Intent

Signs may be erected or maintained in Arlington Township only as permitted by this Article and subject to other restrictions contained in this Code. The sign regulations in this Article are intended to balance the public and private interests and to promote a safe, well-maintained, vibrant, and attractive community while accommodating the need for signs to inform, direct, identify, advertise, advocate, promote, endorse, and otherwise communicate information. The sign regulations of this Article are intended to ensure that signs are located, designed, sized, constructed, installed, and maintained in a way that protects and promotes safety, health, aesthetics, and public welfare while allowing adequate communication.

### Section 19.02 Definitions

- A) **Animated sign.** A sign that has any visible moving part either constantly or at intervals; flashing, scintillating, intermittent, or osculating lights; visible mechanical movement of any description; or other apparent visible movement achieved by any means that move, change, flash, osculate or visibly alters in appearance to depict action, create an image of a living creature or person, or create a special effect or scene. This definition does not include Changeable-Copy Signs that are in compliance with this Article.
- B) **Abandoned sign.** A sign which no longer identifies or advertises a currently operating business, lessee, service, owner, product or activity and/or which no legal owner can be found.
- C) **Bench sign.** A sign applied to or affixed to the seat or back of a bench.
- D) **Canopy sign.** A suspended covering, often movable, placed above a door, window, or other entranceway. Canopies can be constructed of cloth, metal, wood, or other materials.
- E) **Changeable-Copy sign.** A permanent sign or portion thereof on which the copy or symbols change either automatically through electrical or electronic means (e.g., time and temperature units), or manually through placement of copy and symbols on a panel mounted in or on a track system.
- F) **Flag.** A printed or painted on cloth, canvas, or other like material with distinctive colors, patterns, or symbols attached to a pole or staff affixed to the ground or a building and anchored along only one edge or supported or anchored at only two corners.
- G) **Freestanding sign.** A sign that is attached to, erected on, or supported by some structure (such as a pole, mast, frame, or other structure) that is not itself an integral part of or attached to a building or other structure whose principal function is something other than the support of the sign.
- H) **Monument sign.** A base-mounted, freestanding sign placed in the ground and not attached to any building or other structure. A Monument Sign shall have a solid supporting base equal to or greater than the width of the sign face constructed of a decorative and durable material (e.g., masonry), and shall have no separations between the sign face and the base. The supporting base shall have a minimum 24-inch vertical height.
- I) **Pole sign.** A type of freestanding sign that is elevated above the ground on poles or braces.
- J) **Premises.** A lot as otherwise defined in this Ordinance.

- K) **Roof sign.** A sign that is erected, constructed, and maintained upon, against, or above the roof or parapet of a building or any portion thereof. A sign mounted upon a mansard fascia that does not project above the highest point of the roof or parapet shall be a "Wall Sign."
- L) **Temporary sign.** A sign not constructed or intended for long-term use. Examples of temporary signs include yard signs on metal poles, banners, A-frame business signs, and signs with wooden or metal supports that are pounded into the ground, rather than having a permanent foundation. Temporary signs shall not be displayed for a period longer than 90 days.
- M) **Wall sign.** A sign attached to a wall.
- N) **Window Sign.** A sign that is painted on or attached to a window or glass door that is intended to be viewed from the exterior, including signs located inside a building but visible primarily from the outside of the building.

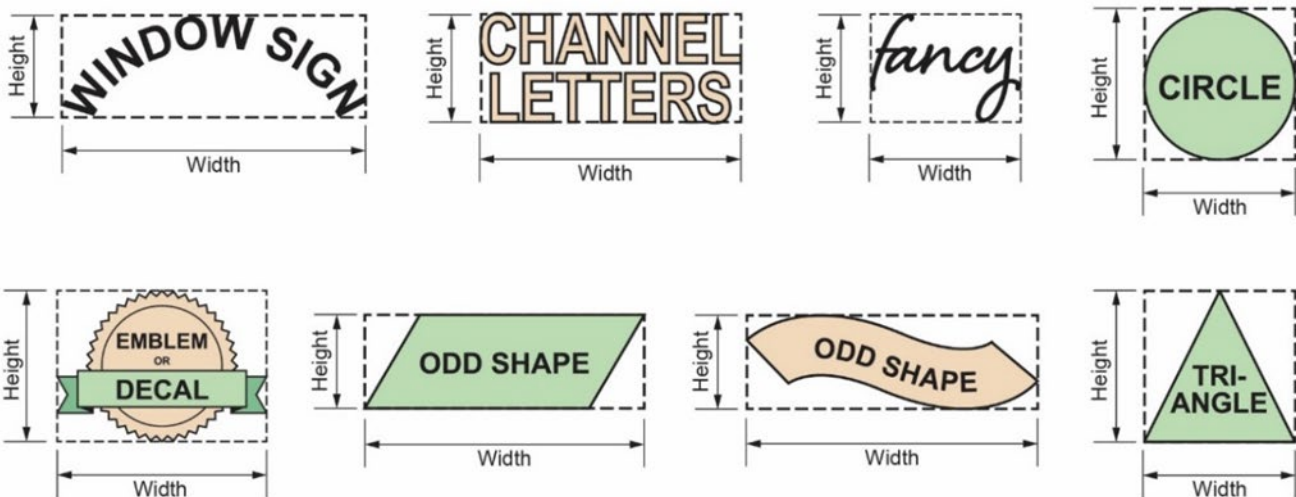
### Section 19.03 Substitution clause

Any lawful sign permitted under the provisions of this Ordinance may contain a non-commercial message.

### Section 19.04 Measurement of Sign Area and Height

The total sign area is to be expressed in square feet and shall be computed as herein set forth and permitted in the "Schedule of Sign Regulations" attached to and made a part of this code.

- A) **Single-Face Sign** total area shall be computed as the number of square feet within lines drawn at the outer perimeter forming any single and/or combination of geometric shapes, such as a square, rectangle, triangle, or circle encompassing the extreme limits of an individual letter(s), word(s), messages(s), representation, emblem or any similar figure, including open space(s), together with any frame or other material forming an integral part of display used to differentiate such sign from the background against which it is placed.
- B) **Double-face Signs** having two (2) faces of equal size arranged and/or positioned back-to-back and parallel or with the faces at an included angle of not more than thirty (30) degrees in the plan or vertical view; the area of the sign shall be computed as one-half (1/2) the total area of the two (2) faces. When the faces of such a sign are not of equal area, then the area of the sign shall be computed as the total area of the largest face.
- C) **Height** of a sign shall be measured from the sign grade. The maximum sign height shall be measured from the sign grade to the top of the sign. The minimum height, if applicable, shall be measured from the sign grade to the bottom of the sign.



## Section 19.05 Sign Permits

- A) **Permits.** It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, alter, or structurally change a sign or other advertising structure, unless specifically exempted in this Article, without first obtaining a permit in accordance with the provisions set forth herein. A permit shall require payment of a fee, which shall be established by the Township.
- B) **Applications.** Application for a sign permit shall be made upon forms provided by the Zoning Administrator. The following information shall be required:
- 1) Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
  - 2) Location of the building, structure, or lot on which the sign is to be attached or erected.
  - 3) Position of the sign in relation to nearby buildings, structures, and property lines.
  - 4) Plans showing the dimension, lettering style, color, materials, method of construction, method of illumination, and method of attachment to the building or in the ground.
  - 5) Written consent of the owner and/or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is to be erected.
  - 6) Other information required by the Zoning Administrator to make a determination that the sign is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- C) **Review of Application.**
- 1) **Planning Commission Review.** Sign permit applications in conjunction with the proposed construction of a new building or addition to an existing building requiring site plan review shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission as part of the required site plan review. Proposed signs must be shown on the site plan.
  - 2) **Zoning Administrator Review.** Unless otherwise specified herein, the Zoning Administrator shall review the sign permit application for any sign proposed on a site or existing building where no other new construction is proposed.
- D) **Removal Agreement or Bond.** The Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator may require a performance guarantee to guarantee the future removal of a sign.
- E) **Permit Issuance.** Following a review of a sign application by the Planning Commission or the Zoning Administrator as appropriate, the Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to issue a sign permit.
- F) **Servicing.** A new permit shall not be required for ordinary servicing or repainting of an existing sign message, cleaning of a sign, or changing of the message on the sign where a sign is designed for such changes (such as lettering on a marquee or numbers on a gasoline price sign).

## Section 19.06 General Sign Provisions

- A) **Sign Location.**
- 1) **Public rights-of-way:** No sign (or any pole or support cable of any nature) except those established and maintained by the Township, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, or Federal Government Agencies, shall be located in, project into, or overhang a public right-of-way or dedicated public easement, unless otherwise authorized in this chapter.
  - 2) **Clear Vision Triangle Area Prohibited.** No sign shall be located in the clear vision triangle, which is the area formed by the curb lines of two intersecting right-of-way and a third line connecting a full-view zone at corners of streets, alleys, and highways.
  - 3) **Projections.** No sign shall project beyond or overhang the wall or any permanent architectural feature (e.g., awning, canopy, or marquee) by more than twelve (12) inches and shall not project above or beyond the highest point in the roof or parapet.

- 4) **Safety.** No sign shall be permitted at any location that, in the sole discretion of the Building Inspector, creates any type of safety hazard or visual impediment to pedestrian or vehicular traffic. In making this determination, the Building Inspector shall cite any relevant building or electrical codes, provisions of this Ordinance or other Township ordinances, and/or findings or studies of the Public Safety Department and/or a traffic engineer.
- B) **Sign Height.** No sign otherwise permitted shall project above the maximum sign height limitation of the zoning district as specified in this Article.

## Section 19.07 Prohibited Signs in all Zoning Districts

The following signs are prohibited throughout the Township, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this chapter.

- A) Any sign located in a public or private right-of-way, unless permitted by the road agency or explicitly permitted elsewhere in this Ordinance.
- B) Any sign that is deemed structurally or electrically unsafe by the Building Official.
- C) Any sign explicitly noted as prohibited in this Article.
- D) Abandoned signs.
- E) Bench signs.
- F) Roof signs.

## Section 19.08 Exempt Signs Permitted in All Zoning Districts

The following signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts according to the regulations of this Ordinance and subject to the following provisions. No permit shall be required for signs enumerated below otherwise stated. Such exemptions, however, shall not be construed to relieve the owner of the sign from responsibility for its proper location, erection, maintenance, and approval.

- A) Signs having an area of not more than four (4) square feet each.
- B) Up to four (4) flags on any given lot, provided that each flag is under twenty (20) square feet in area. Additional flags, or flags over twenty (20) square feet in area, shall be considered temporary freestanding signs, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Article.
- C) Up to six (6) temporary, freestanding signs on any given lot, provided that the total area of the signs does not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet and does not exceed the display period as noted in this Article. The signs must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all property lines.
- D) Signs located on motor vehicles or trailers bearing current license plates which are traveling or lawfully parked upon public highways, or lawfully parked upon any other premises where the primary purpose of such parking is not the display of any sign.
- E) Signs erected by governmental agencies on public property.
- F) Highway signs erected by the State of Michigan, County of Van Buren, or the Township.
- G) Historic signs recognized by the State Historical Commission.
- H) Any sign required to be erected by this Ordinance or any other municipality, County, State, or Federal regulation.
- I) Signs or tablets which are either cut into the face of a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other incombustible material, when located flat on the face of a building and no greater than six (6) square feet in size.

## Section 19.09 Signs Permitted by Zoning District

The following signs are permitted in the districts:

Sign Type	Permitted Zoning Districts	Max Sign Area (sq. ft.)		Max Number	Max. Height (in feet)	Required Setback (in feet)	Notes
		Per Lot	Per Sign				
Temporary	All	36	4	6	4	10	
Free Standing	All	24	-	1	6	10	
Wall	C-1 E-1 I-1	-	32	1	-	-	<p>Wall signs shall not project more than 14 inches from the surface of which it is affixed.</p> <p>The number of wall signs shall be increased for buildings located on a corner so that there is one wall sign per public thoroughfare.</p> <p>A wall sign shall be mounted a minimum of 10 feet above grade and shall not exceed 25 feet above grade.</p>
Canopy	C-1		16	2	-	-	-
Monument	C-1 E-1 I-1	50	Regulated by lot frontage. <200 ft: 25 sq. ft. ≥200 ft: 50 sq. ft.	1	8	10	

## Section 19.10 Illumination and Changeable-copy

- A) Electronic Message Center Copy Change.** The copy of an electronic message center sign must change instantaneously. Flashing, scrolling, fading, dissolving, osculating, spinning, twirling, video display, or other type of motion are prohibited.
- B) External Illumination and Shielding.** No sign shall be externally illuminated by other than continuing white light in accordance with the requirements of the provision of this Article. Any external lighting for the illumination of signs shall be directed away from and shall be shielded from any adjacent lots and shall be so arranged as to not adversely affect driver visibility on adjacent public thoroughfares.
- C) Illumination of Signs.**
- 1) In no event shall any sign be permitted to rotate or oscillate.
  - 2) A sign shall not be illuminated in a manner which causes it to obscure or interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, device or signal. Nor shall any sign be illuminated in a manner which could be confusing to motorists or which, due to color of light or otherwise, could be misinterpreted for a traffic or danger signal.
  - 3) In no event shall there be awnings which feature backlit graphics or other kinds of interior illumination.

- 4) Signs with moving messages. Signs may utilize moving patterns of light to convey an illusion of motion or animation. However, in addition to time and temperature signs, electronic message boards, or changeable copy signs on which the copy consists of an array of light or are displayed on an interior non-illuminated but moveable surface shall be permitted, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) The frequency of the copy on the message board is not less than 10 (ten) seconds in duration.
  - (b) All interior lights in the sign shall activate simultaneously, remain activated for a period of not less than 10 (ten) seconds, and deactivate simultaneously.
  - (c) The maximum brightness level for electronic signs and electronic message boards shall not exceed 5,000 (five thousand) nits (candela/square meter) when measured from the sign's face at its maximum brightness during daylight hours, and 500 (five hundred) nits when measured from the sign's face at its maximum brightness after sunset and before sunrise.
  - (d) Sign illumination shall be dimmed to 10% brightness level between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day. Further, between these hours, the electronic sign may not change the display message – a single message shall be displayed.

## Section 19.11 Zoning Compliance

Before the Zoning Administrator of the Township may issue a zoning permit as provided herein, they shall be satisfied that all zoning regulations have been complied with and that the advertising sign or billboard will be constructed in a safe, sturdy, and durable manner with proper bracing, anchorage, and foundation. Signs not being maintained in an attractive and neat manner, or which are not being maintained so as to be safe, sturdy, and durable, shall be deemed to be in violation of this Ordinance as determined by the Zoning Administrator.

## Section 19.12 Mounting

All signs requiring attachment to a wall or ground, except temporary signs, shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Building Official to ensure compliance with the State Building Code. The applicant shall furnish all applicable mounting details upon submission of a sign permit application.