

ORDINANCE C-58-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1145 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVE CITY, OHIO, TITLED SIGNS

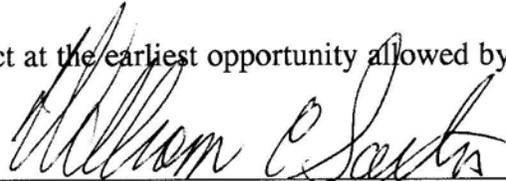
WHEREAS, the business owners of the City of Grove City have requested amendments to the Sign Code with respect to window signage; and

WHEREAS, the City has worked with the Chamber of Commerce to develop acceptable changes to their members and the administration.

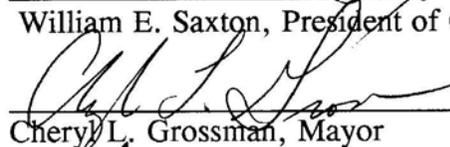
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1145 – Signs, is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

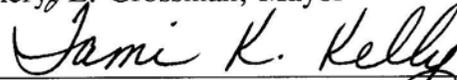
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.



William E. Saxton, President of Council



Cheryl L. Grossman, Mayor



Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council



Thomas R. Clark, Director of Law

Passed: 07-05-05
Effective: 08-04-05

Attest:

I Certify that this ordinance is correct as to form.

C-58-05
EXHIBIT "A"

Revised
7-5-05

CHAPTER 1145
Signs

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Power to regulate fences, billboards and signs - see Ohio R.C. 715.27
- Power to regulate advertising - see Ohio R.C. 715.65
- Advertising on State and interstate highways - see Ohio R.C. 5516
- Unauthorized traffic signs; hiding or advertising on traffic control devices - see TRAF. 313.07
- Advertising provisions - see GEN. OFF. 541.09
- Garage sale advertising - see BUS. REG. 713.04
- Necessary signs installed before issuance of certificate of occupancy - see BLDG. 1309.03(b)
- Plumbing and sewer work signs - see BLDG. 1331.10(c)
- Signs in residential districts - see P.& Z. 1135.10(a)
- Appeals and variances - see P.& Z. 1133.02, 1133.05

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- 1145.01 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS; EXCLUSIONS FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AREA.
No sign or outdoor advertising structure or any classification shall be permitted except as provided in this chapter. However, the Historical Preservation Area, as described in Section 1138.02 of this Code of Ordinances, shall be subject to the sign regulations as stated in Chapter 1138 entitled Historical Preservation Area and Sign Code. (Ord. C132-88. Passed 1-16-89; Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94. C-85-01. Passed 12-3-01)

1145.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, certain terms are defined as follows:

- (a) "Banners" means signs of flexible materials suspended by rope, wire, line, string, or fastened directly to posts or other structures. (Ord. C-31-00, passed 5/1/00).
- (b) "Bench sign" means any sign painted on, located on or attached to any part of a bench.**
- (c) "Bus shelter sign" means any sign painted or affixed to any bus shelter.**
- (d) "Changeable copy sign" means a sign or portion thereof with characters, letters or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged manually or electronically.**
- (e) "Directional Sign" means a temporary or permanent sign that provides information regarding location, instructions for use or functional/directional data.**
- (f) "Flags" means Noncommercial flags or any flags displayed from flagpoles or staffs that do not display any commercial advertisement and are not considered to be signs.**
- (g) "Flashing sign" Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means.**
- (h) "Free-standing signs" means signs supported by or suspended from posts, pillars, columns or other similar structures or signs supported by or mounted on buildings in such a manner that such sign is not parallel to and flush with such wall. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)
- (i) "Frontage" (Building) means the length of a single exterior building wall or structure of a single premise orientated to the public way.**
- (ej) "Highway sign" refers to an on-premises advertising sign above the maximum height limit. New construction or reconstruction of these signs is not permitted. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)
- (k) "Informational Sign" means signs used by businesses to promote new products, sales or seasonal products, placed in windows or on the premises.**
- (l) "Interior Sign" means any sign placed within a building, but not including "window signs" as defined by this ordinance. Interior signs, with the exception of window signs as defined, are not regulated by this Chapter.**
- (m) "Marquee sign" means a permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting beyond the building line or over public property. A marquee sign is attached or constructed in a marquee. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)
- (en) "Monument sign" means a free-standing sign having fifty percent (50%) or more of the bottom of the sign in contact with the ground or supporting structure.
- (fo) "Off-premises sign" means any outdoor device or display designed to inform or convey messages to the public about persons, products or services available principally at a site removed from the location of the sign. This could include, but not limited to, ground signs, bus shelters, bench advertising, trash receptacles, flags, banners, posts, and inflatable devices. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)
- (g p) "Outdoor advertising structure" means any structure or device designed to hold, stabilize or maintain a sign.
- (h)(q) "Pole sign" means a free-standing sign having more than fifty percent (50%) of the sign separated from the ground by air.
- (i r) "Political sign" means a sign having reference to a candidate for elective public office or a public question or issue to be submitted to the electorate at any election. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)
- (j)(s) "Portable sign" means a sign with fixed type or that which is designed to allow for adding and removing letters and numbers to the sign face and which can be moved from one location to another without any change to its structure or components. This includes trailer signs, A-frame signs, self-supporting signs, streamers, and air activated devices.
- (t) "Projecting sign" means any sign that extends perpendicular from a structure, suspended above ground level. Maximum area is eight square feet.
- (t u) "Public or semi-public signs" means signs for a church, school, community or other public or semi-public institutional building not exceeding forty square feet in area and located on the premises.
- (m v) "Real estate sign" means a sign offering real estate for sale, lease or rent or indicating property has been sold, leased or rented. Sign shall not be illuminated. Sign to be removed ten days or less after

conveyance of property. Sign is not to exceed eight square feet in area, nor more than four feet in height above ground level; located no closer than ten feet to the right-of-way along the street or streets on which the lot or parcel fronts; City may enforce, at its discretion, greater distance to achieve safe view for traffic. One sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of property for which conveyance is intended. No permit needed.

- (w) "Roof Sign" means a sign mounted on, and supported by, the main roof portion of a building, or above the uppermost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such a building. Signs mounted on a mansard façade, pent eaves and architectural projections such as canopies or marquees shall be considered to be rooftop signs.**
- (x) "Roofline" means the top edge of a peaked roof or in the case of an extended façade or parapet, the uppermost point of the façade or parapet.**
- (y) "Sign" means any device visible from a public place that displays either commercial or noncommercial messages by means of graphic presentation of alphabetic or pictorial symbols or representations. ~~means any outdoor device or display designed to inform or convey messages to the public about persons, products, or services. "On premises sign" means any sign located at the site where persons, products or services advertised are available.~~**
- (z) "Streamer" means a ribbon-shaped or cord like rope, which may have pennants and/or banners attached and which is stretched or hung between two or more supports.**
- (aa) "Temporary signs" means signs not exceeding forty total square feet announcing special events, construction of buildings, the architect, or building, contractor, and may be erected for a period of sixty days in one calendar year on sites which a building permit has not been obtained or until building construction is completed. Real estate signs shall be excluded as a temporary sign. See subsection (e) hereof for definition of Real Estate Sign.**
- (bb) "Window sign" means a sign, graphic, poster, symbol or other identifications, which is visible from the window that conveys a message to the exterior only within six feet (6') of the interior side of the window and conveys a message to the exterior.**

1145.03 PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION.

It is the declared purpose of the provisions of this chapter to regulate, control and limit the size, location, manner or construction and maintenance, safety and quality of all signs within the City insofar as sign regulation, control and limitation shall be inconsistent with and superceded by the construction and laws of the United States, the State of Ohio or the Charter of the City. The invalidation or repeal of any portion of the provisions of this chapter either expressly or by implication shall not invalidate or repeal the remainder. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

1145.04 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) No part of a projecting sign shall be supported from an unbraced parapet wall. All metal parts used in sign or structure, including pole or pylon, metal, supports and braces, shall be galvanized or of corrosive-resistant material or painted with approved corrosive-resistant paint. When existing poles or structures are used for new sign installation, all parts shall be brought to like-new condition and shall be painted with approved rust and corrosion-resistant paint. Existing pole and installation of pole shall be approved before being used in new sign installation.

(b) When a sign is removed for any reason, a new permit for future installation of the sign shall be obtained, or all mast arms, cable, guys of any nature, clips, brackets and all structures of the old sign shall be removed with the sign.

(c) No equipment such as cable to support electric circuits, light fixtures, guys, etc. may be added to sign structure or supports other than as approved by the Building Inspector in the sign permit. Brackets, wires, switches, etc., required to illuminate the sign may be added. When sign structure or supports are used in any manner other than outlined above, certification by a licensed engineer shall be obtained to show structure is capable of supporting the load. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

(d) Projecting signs, such as marquee signs, shall not be installed on a building or structure unless the support has been designed specifically for the purpose of supporting a sign and approved by the building inspector. Projecting sign surface area is limited to eight square feet and must be at least 10 feet above ground level, but are not permitted to extend over streets, easements or rights of way. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

(e) No sign or outdoor display structure shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to create a traffic hazard by obstructing or confusing the view of traffic lights, railroad crossing lights or warning signs. No sign or outdoor display structure shall be of such character or with such inscription or marking that it may be mistaken for a highway sign or marker. No sign of any description shall be installed, erected or constructed in such a manner as to obstruct any fire escape or any door or window giving access to any fire escape, nor shall a sign be attached in any form, shape or manner to a fire escape.

(f) No revolving or flashing lights or beacons of any kind shall be used on any type sign.

(g) All electrical signs shall be plainly marked on the bottom edge of the sign using 3/4 inch minimum letters with the erector's name, the voltage, amperes or watts, and the date of installation. All signs shall be grounded.

~~(h) All skeleton tubing installed outside shall be backed with metal, masonry or a noncombustible material unless mounted on three-inch tube supports.~~

~~(f h)~~ All wiring, fittings and materials used in the construction, connection and operation of electrically illuminated signs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Electric Code. Electric sign wiring shall be maintained in weatherproof condition during erection or alteration by use of permanent or temporary cover. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

(j i) Pole size for monument signs shall be of sufficient size to support a thirty-pound per square foot wind pressure against face of sign. The Central Ohio Sign Association's most current specification charts and tables for determining size of supporting steel and concrete foundation of ground-supported signs is hereby adopted as minimum requirements.

(k j) No sign is to be erected until the excavation for foundation or foundations has been inspected and a permit application with drawing to comply with the table for depth has been submitted and approved.

~~(f k)~~ Materials for the primary base and supporting structures for all new, replacement, or reconstructed monument signs will consist of brick, stone, or other masonry material approved by the Building Department, or a treated wood accepted by the Building Department. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

1145.05 REMOVAL OF PROHIBITED SIGNS.

Portable or temporary signs in existence at the effective date of this section which do not comply with the provisions of this chapter and all other signs heretofore erected or displayed without legal authorization or to which a nonconforming use has not been established, shall be removed within ten days after the delivery of written notice to that effect by the Building Inspector to the owner or occupant of the premises on which such signs are located. This section does not apply to signs in public rights-of-way or easements as set forth in section 1145.13. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

1145.06 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

(a) Bench signs.

(b) Bus Shelter signs.

- (c) Signs with changeable copy, electronic or manual, except for manual gasoline service station pricing boards that do not exceed eight square feet.
- (d) Signs exceeding the roofline or affixed to the roof.
- (e) Streamers or banners used by private or publicly held corporations
- (f) Off premise signs
- (g) Exposed neon and/or skeleton tubing
- (h) Any sign attached to, or placed on, a vehicle or trailer parked on public or private property, except for signs that are attached by magnetic or static decals or painted upon an integral part of the vehicle or equipment, as originally designed by the manufacturer, and do not break the silhouette of the vehicle.

1145.0607 PERMIT.

(a) No sign or outdoor advertising structure shall be constructed until a sign permit has been issued by the Building Department certifying that the sign or structure conforms to the requirements of this chapter. The name, address and telephone number of the owner, advertising agency or person/company constructing the sign shall be clearly placed on all signs.

(b) ~~Permit fees for on-premise signs shall be computed on square footage based on one face of a double-faced sign and shall be as follows:~~

Square Feet	Fee
8 or less	\$ 35.00
9 or above	45.00
	<u>\$50.00 for the first sign and \$25.00 for each additional sign.</u>

~~When more than one sign is being installed at the same location, the total square footage of all signs shall be the computed area.~~

(Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

(c) (EDITOR'S NOTE: This subsection was repealed by Ordinance C84-94, passed November 21, 1994.)

1145.0708 UTILITY LINE RESTRICTION.

No sign shall be erected any closer than eight feet to any electrical overhead power line. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

1145.0809 ELECTRICAL SIGN INSPECTION.

No electrical sign of any description shall hereafter be erected without having been inspected on the ground and approved by the Building Inspector. It shall be the duty of the manufacturer or installer of such sign to notify the Inspector when the sign is ready for ground inspection. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

1145.0910 MAINTENANCE.

If any sign is or becomes insecure or is in danger of falling or otherwise unsafe, the owner thereof or the person maintaining it shall, upon receipt of written notice by certified mail, as defined in Section 1133.06 of the Codified Ordinances, from the Building Inspector, proceed immediately within seventy-two hours to put the sign in a safe and secure condition or remove it. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

1145.1011 IMPROPER INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE.

If any sign is installed, erected, constructed or maintained in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the Building Inspector shall notify the owner or lessee thereof in writing to alter such sign so as to comply with this chapter or to remove such sign within ten days or a time designated by the Inspector. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

~~145.11~~**12** ATTACHMENT TO OTHER STRUCTURES.

No display or advertising sign shall be attached to the standard of a free-standing sign, other than the display surface originally constructed as a part of such sign. The standard of the free-standing sign shall be painted in only one color unless the sign standard is covered with metal, wood or masonry; any of all may be used together. No display or advertising sign shall exceed eight square feet when attached to or painted or otherwise displayed on a light standard, gasoline pump, fence, wall, post or other structure, or to any portable supporting device, except as specifically authorized by this section. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

~~1145.12~~**13** SIGN IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.

- (a) No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way or easement except:
- (1) A governmental sign, such as a traffic control or directional sign; and
 - (2) Signs in the central business district, provided the signs meet the requirements of this chapter. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

(b) Any sign placed in a public right-of-way or easement shall be removed by the City and stored in a City complex for a minimum of seventy-two hours and shall thereafter be destroyed.

(c) Whoever violates this provision of this Code Section shall be fined not more than \$150.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each sign placed on said public rights-of-way or easements. (Ord. C-28-05, passed 4/4/05)

~~1145.13~~**14** SIGNS PERMITTED IN GROVE CITY, WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.

(a) Real estate, political, church, temporary, garage sales, public or semi-public, directional subdivision's and/or contractor's signs as defined in this chapter and Chapter 713 of the Codified Ordinances may be erected and maintained within the City limits, subject to the limitations and restrictions set forth in this chapter and Section 713.04 of the Codified Ordinances. (Ord. C90-93. Passed 11-15-93.)

(b) Political signs may be displayed as defined in Section 1145.02(d) provided that ~~same are maintained and displayed during a period of time not to exceed twenty days before the election at which such candidacy, question or issue is to be submitted to voters and ending seventy-two hours following such election;~~ that such signs shall not exceed four square feet in total display area and shall not exceed four feet in height above the ground level be located no any closer than ten feet to the right-of-way along the street or streets on which a lot or parcel fronts; ~~the City may enforce, at its discretion, greater distances to achieve safe view for traffic. There shall be no more than two political signs located on any single tax parcel of land, as established by the Franklin County Recorder, including campaign headquarters by virtue of the provisions of this chapter.~~ Such signs shall not be illuminated nor be erected within any public rights of way or easements nor attached in any manner to any utility pole, fence or any other structure within any public rights of way.

(c) On-site directional signs not exceeding four square feet in area and three feet in height.

(d) Informational Signs are limited in size to one (1) sign not to exceed 15 percent of gross window area for businesses with less than 80 square feet of gross window area and no more than two (2) signs not to exceed 10 percent of the gross window area for businesses with more than 80 square feet of gross window area fifteen (15) square feet and shall be limited to one (1) sign for businesses with less than 0 lineal feet of building frontage and no more than two (2) for businesses exceeding 40 lineal feet of building frontage, but at no time shall such a sign exceed 25% of the window area. Such signs shall be placed in ground level windows only.

(e) Signs/Banners temporarily displayed to advertise grand openings shall be permitted for nonresidential uses in commercial and industrial districts subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Such signs/banners shall be limited to one (1) sign per street front;
- (2) Such signs/banners may be displayed for not more than 30 20 consecutive days in any three (3) month period, and not more than 60 days in any calendar year for any new business within the first 120 days of operation. The signs shall be erected no more than five (5) days prior to the grand opening and shall be removed not more than one (1) day after the grand opening.
- (3) Total area of all such signs/banners shall not exceed 40 square feet .

(f) Signs denoting "open", management information or acceptable forms of payment may not exceed 2 sq. ft. for any business.

(Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

1145.1415 PORTABLE SIGNS.

- (a) All portable signs are prohibited within the City limits, except as provided for in subsection (c) hereof for the Central Business District.
- (b) See Section 1145.02(n) for definition of "portable sign".
- (c) Businesses in the Central Business District, as defined in Section 1135.12, shall make application to the Planning Commission and upon approval by Council, may have one portable sign per business within their property boundaries or the public right-of-way **or easement**, with the following stipulations:
 - (1) The sign must be constructed of wood or metal. No cardboard or paper-based materials are permitted.
 - (2) No signs will be permitted with movable parts, lights, banners, balloons, flags or streamers.
 - (3) Signs shall be a maximum of 36 inches high from ground level and no wider than 24 inches from outside edges of the frame. Messages may be placed on both sides of the sign.
 - (4) No more than half the sign may consist of a changeable writing board or chalk board. Individual changeable letters are not permitted and the area outside the writing surface must be permanent.
 - (5) Signs may be constructed to have two separate panels hinged at the top, opening at the bottom to form the base. Signs constructed with one panel must incorporate a base which does not enlarge the sign above the maximum permitted height and width dimensions, or extend support braces or feet perpendicular from the base which may cause pedestrians to trip. Signs must be self-supporting without assistance from external cables, brackets, wires or props. Signs must be stable to withstand inclement weather, or removed during periods of inclement weather.
 - (6) Colors of the sign frame, sign surface and permanent lettering must be from the approved historical preservation color palette.
 - (7) The placement of the portable sign must be directly in front of its corresponding business, at least three feet from the roadway, but shall not impede sidewalk traffic or line-of-sight of vehicular traffic. Signs, which are at least three feet from the roadway, but interfere with sidewalk usage or vehicular line of sight, will not be allowed.
 - (8) After application is made to the Planning Commission and approval received by Council, a sign permit to construct must be obtained from the Building Department, at no charge.
 - (9) The sign must be replaced when it becomes defaced or tattered in whole or part, at the determination of the City Code Enforcement Official. A new sign application is not necessary for the exact replacement of an existing sign by the current permit holder. However, before changes to an existing portable sign occurs, or replacement of an existing sign with another design occurs, application must be made to Planning

Commission and approved by Council. A sign permit and the rights granted under the Code are non-transferable to new owners or operators of a business or building.

- (10) A sign that is deemed as a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the community, or is placed on the public right-of-way or easement and does not conform to this chapter, will be removed by the City Code Enforcement Official.
- (11) A portable sign may only be displayed when an establishment is open for business. (Ord. C42-97. Passed 7-7-97.)

1145.4516

ON-PREMISE SIGNS

(a) Sign Area Measurement.

- (1) Signs shall be computed by including the entire area within the sign faces. In computing the sign measurement of a double-faced sign, use one face only. Border trim and structural supports not bearing advertising matter shall not be included in computing the sign area. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)
- (2) Total maximum area for a single sign, identifying an entrance to a business or business center may not exceed fifty square feet for commercial properties and 100 square feet for industrial properties (see subsection (e) hereof).
- (3) The aggregate sign area or display surface of all attached building signs shall not exceed the following:
 - A. Each business shall be allowed one square foot of building signage per lineal foot of building frontage with a maximum square footage of 200 square feet. (Ord. C31-95. Passed 6-5-95.)

(b) Use of Building Walls and Windows for Signs.

- (1) No sign shall be painted on any wall displaying or advertising a product or service offered with the building.
- (2) In commercial and industrial districts, wall signs shall be flat on the face of the building or any architecturally designed extension thereof and shall not project more than twelve inches. Wall signs shall not extend above the parapet of the building.
- (3) All signage for multiple tenant buildings shall be consistent in style, color and design (i.e all channel letters or all box signs).**

(c) Roof Signs. All roof signs shall be prohibited.

(d) Double-faced Signs. All signs, except those erected parallel to any right of way, in front of a permanent structure or natural barrier, shall be double faced. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

(e) Monument and Pole (Free Standing) On-Premise Signs.

- (1) There may be only one sign located on any single tax parcel of land, as established by the Franklin County Auditor, regardless of the number of buildings or business establishments on such parcel. A sign may be located in front of the building set back line. The sign shall not exceed the height of eight feet for commercial or industrial properties. The sign shall not exceed a maximum of fifty square feet for commercial properties or 100 square feet for industrial properties of display space per face of a double-faced sign. Such structure shall be in conformity with the Central Ohio Sign Association's specifications as adopted by Section 1145.04(j). No sign shall be located within the street right of way or on any easement. (Ord. C27-97. Passed 5-19-97.)
- (2) The entire sign, including all support structures, base, and associated landscaping shall not be less than ten feet from any adjoining lot line.
- (3) The top face of the sign shall be no more than eight feet for commercial properties and industrial properties measured from the base of the sign or supporting structure at finished grade to the top of the highest element. Finished grade shall be grade defined

under standard civil engineering practice, exclusive of any filling, berming, or mounding solely for the purpose of increasing the elevation of a sign. (Ord. C96-98; passed 12/21/98)

(f) Awnings and Canopies.

- (1) Setback from curb lines. No awning or canopy shall be permitted to extend beyond a point of twelve inches inside the curb line.
- (2) Height above sidewalk. All awnings and canopies shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof is not less than eight feet above the level of the sidewalk.
- (3) Advertising. No advertising shall be placed on any awning or canopy except that the name of the owner and the business, industry or pursuit conducted within the premises may be painted or otherwise permanently placed on a space not exceeding *eight inches in height* ~~25% of the frontage and may be placed~~ on the front and side portions thereof. Any advertising space used on an awning or canopy shall be considered as part of the total permitted signage for a building or structure, as determined by this section. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

(g) Signage for commercial properties located in a PUD zoning classification may request a deviation from subsection (a) and (e) hereof and shall be subject to (recommendations of Planning Commission and) Council approval. Consideration for any deviation shall be based on providing consistent and complimentary signage for the entire project and to scale the signage to setbacks and wall space. (C-85-01; passed 12/3/01)

~~145.1617~~ 145.1920 HIGHWAY SIGNS.

(a) All on-premise highway signs currently in existence after the passage of this section shall be allowed only as a pre-existing, nonconforming sign. (See Section 1145.1920). These signs shall still maintain a design and be certified by a licensed engineer to show structure and sign are capable of withstanding required wind load and shall not in any way be a menace to persons or property. Highway signs shall be brought into conformity with this Code when conditions described in Section 1145.1920 occur. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

(b) (EDITOR'S NOTE: This subsection (b) was repealed by Ordinance C84-94, passed November 21, 1994.)

1145.17 SIGNS FOR PUBLIC OR SEMI-PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Temporary signs for churches, schools, community and other public or semi-public institutional buildings shall be permitted, provided the area of such bulletin board or sign does not exceed forty square feet in area and twenty feet in length and comply to the requirements of this chapter. These signs do not require a permit. (Ord. C35-80. Passed 7-14-80.)

~~1145.1819~~ 1145.1920 OFF-PREMISES SIGNS.

All off-premises signs are prohibited within the City limits. (Ord. C72-86. Passed 10-20-86.)

~~1145.1920~~ 1145.2021 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.

Any sign that is nonconforming with this chapter shall be brought into compliance with the enforced sign legislation when there is a change in use of the business or when the sign becomes a hazard as described by this chapter or when a business ceases operation for a period of six months or more. (Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94. Ord. C-97-98, Passed 2/1/99)

~~1145.2021~~ 1145.2021 REGISTRATION LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE.

No person shall construct, install, alter or repair any publicly displayed signs within the City unless the person is the holder of a license then in force, issued by the City, giving the person the right to perform or supervise the work or unless the person has then in his employ a holder of a license then in force supervising the work. The license shall be obtained by request therefore to the Building Department and such request shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) and ~~proof of holding a valid sign erection contractor's license issued by either the State of Ohio or any State certified city building department.~~ **and meet the requirements of Chapter 1375.**

(Ord. C28-82. Passed 5-3-82.)

1145.2122 SIGN LANDSCAPING.

All ground signs shall be landscaped at their base with acceptable ground cover material in accordance with Chapter 1136 of the Codified Ordinances. The landscape plan shall accompany, and be presented simultaneously, with the related sign plan. However, the landscape plan may be accepted or rejected independent of the sign plan.

(Ord. C84-94. Passed 11-21-94.)

1145.2223 BANNERS.

Banners shall be permitted only as public or semi-public signs for churches, schools, community or other public or semi-public (such as the Chamber of Commerce, Civic Club, registered nonprofit agencies) buildings or events, not to exceed forty square feet. Banners may not be used by privately held companies or publicly held corporations, **except as provided for in Section 1145.14(e).** Permissible banners may be erected for not more than thirty days per calendar year. Banners displaying personal messages, such as birthday, births, retirement, graduation, or other personal messages, may be erected on private residential parcels for not more than fifteen days in one calendar year.

1145.99 PENALTY.

See Section 1301.99 of the Building Code.

(Ord. C28-82. Passed 5-3-82; C-85-01; passed 12/3/01)