

ARTICLE XV. SIGNS

DIVISION 1. GENERAL SIGN REGULATIONS

§ 155.300. General signs regulations.

Purpose:

- a. The purpose of Article XV is to establish reasonable and impartial regulations for all signs in order to reduce traffic hazards caused by such unregulated signs which may distract and confuse, and impair the visibility of, motorists and pedestrians; ensure the effectiveness of public traffic signs and signals; protect property values by ensuring the compatibility of property with that surrounding it; provide an attractive visual environment throughout the city; attract tourist to the city; protect the public investment in streets, highways, and other public improvements; and protect and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- b. The regulations contained in this Article XV advance these significant government interests and are the minimum amount of regulation necessary to achieve them.

Except as authorized in section 155.350 with respect to non-conforming signs, all signs shall be in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

Definitions:

- a. Sign. Any structure or part thereof, or any device attached to, painted on, or represented on a building or other structure, on which is displayed or included any letter, work, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia, decoration, device, or representation used as an announcement, direction, advertisement, or other attention directing device. A "sign" does not include a similar structure or device located within a building except for illuminated signs within windows visible from the street. A "sign" includes any billboard, but does not include the flag or cloth pennant or insignia of any nation or association of nations, or of any state, city, or other political unit, or of any political, charitable, educational, philanthropic, civic, professional, religious, or like campaign, drive, movement, or event. Signs shall also include any permanently installed or displayed merchandise.
 1. Advertising off-premise sign. A sign, which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment, conducted, sold, or offered elsewhere than on the same zoning lot, or adjoining lot.
 2. Business on-premise sign. An accessory sign, which directs attention to a profession, business, commodity, service, or entertainment, conducted, sold, or offered on the same zoning lot. Including "for sale" or "for rent" sign relating to the zoning lot on which it is displayed.
 3. Flashing sign. Any illuminated sign on which the artificial or reflected light is not maintained stationary and constant in intensity and color at all times when in use. Including any revolving illuminated sign
 4. Ground sign. A freestanding sign, which is permanently anchored directly to the ground by any means, including, but not limited to pole, pylon, monument-type signs and wall like structures.

5. Illuminated sign. Any sign designed to reflect light from one or more sources, natural or artificial.
6. Portable sign. A sign not permanently anchored or secured to either a building, structure, columns, braces or the ground such as, but not limited to A frame signs, T-shaped and inverted T-shaped signs, signs affixed to a chassis with wheels for towing.
7. Temporary sign. A sign not permanently affixed to the ground or any structure, including, but not limited to any sign, pennant, balloons, or other display constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, sheet metal or other light materials, "A" frame, "T" shaped and inverted "T" shaped signs, or any sign intended to be displayed for a limited period of time. Temporary signs include real estate, garage sale, special event, construction, election, yard sale, demonstration sign and similar signs intended for a temporary period of posting, only to the extent such signs are not permanently affixed to the ground or any structure. "TEMPORARY SIGN" does not include a "PORTABLE SIGN".
8. Billboard. A type of freestanding sign that has greater than three hundred (300) square feet of sign areas determined by this chapter, Billboards constitute a separate and distinct land use due to the size and prominence upon the landscape. A billboard is considered an "advertising sign".
9. Banner. Shall mean a strip of flexible material such as cloth, paper, canvas, or plastic, with or without a structural frame.
10. Non-conforming sign. Any sign lawful at the time of the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, which does not comply with all the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance or of any amendment hereto governing signs.
11. Residential complex or subdivision sign. A sign containing the name of a multifamily residential complex or a residential subdivision, with or without its accompanying address.
12. Wall Sign. A sign attached parallel to and extending not more than twenty-four inches from the wall of a building and includes painted individual letter and cabinet signs.
13. Pole Sign. A freestanding sign placed and supported from the ground on a single or double pole.
14. Electronic Message Signs. A sign of permanent character, but with electronically changeable letters, words, or numerals indicating the names of persons associated with or events conducted upon or products or services offered upon the premises where the sign is located, internally illuminated by means of electronic bulbs or similar methods, controlled electronically.
15. Real estate sign. A sign indicating the availability for sale, rent, or lease of the specific lot, building, or portion of a building upon which the sign is posted.
16. Pennant. Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material whether or not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope, wire, or string.
17. Adjoining lot signage. Ground signage, used to identify a business located on an adjoining zoning lot, used in lieu of signage permitted on the zoning lot on which the business is located. The total amount of signage permitted on an adjoining lot shall not exceed ½ the total signage permitted for the lot on which the business is located.
18. Demonstration sign. A sign displayed by a licensed contractor (as provided for in Section 110.285 of this Code) for the purpose of determining whether or not the owner or tenant desires to purchase such a sign, placed only on property that is located within: (i) residential districts where there is not a residential use on the property; and (ii) districts zoned office, commercial or industrial.
19. Special event sign. A demonstration or temporary sign used during a special event to identify or promote the special event. Special event signs must be located on the same zoning lot as the event and may be illuminated. Special event signs are limited to the same square footage as Temporary Signs and require a building permit to be issued, prior to installation.

b. Exempt "SIGNS" include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Flags: Flags of any nation or association of nations, state, county, city or other legally recognized governmental unit, charitable, educational, philanthropic, civic, religious or not-for-profit organization.
2. Traffic Signs: The erection, construction and maintenance of official traffic, fire and police signs, signals and devices and markings of the state, county or city.
3. Directional Signs: Non-illuminated directional or informational signs of a public nature. For churches, schools or community facilities not exceeding (2) square feet in area.
4. Hospital Directional Signs: Informational or directional signs designating hospital entrances, parking or other facilities, that comply with all other regulations of this chapter.
5. Address Number: Numbers posted to meet the requirements of the City of Springfield, Department of Fire Safety.
6. Public Notices: Signs and public notices erected or required by governmental bodies, or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute or ordinance. Such public signs may be of any type, number, area, height, location or illumination as authorized by law, statute or ordinance.
7. Public Information Signs: Signs identifying telephones, restrooms, and similar facilities, not to exceed (2) two square feet. Advertising matter is not permitted on such signs.
8. Memorial Plaques and Cornerstones: Plaques and cornerstones not to exceed (4) square feet in area, designed, intended, or used to preserve the memory of a person, place, or event including landmark plaques and historical plaques.
9. Statues: Statues designed, intended or used to preserve the memory of a person, place, or event.
10. Entry Doors Messages: Messages appearing on or adjacent to entry or exit doors including "Push", "Pull", "Open" or "Closed" signs, not exceeding a total of (2) two square feet in area per entrance or exit. Also, messages appearing on display windows or doors denoting hours of operation, credit cards accepted and similar information, not exceeding a total of (2) two square feet per entrance or exit.
11. "No Parking" and "No Trespassing" signs not exceeding two (2) square feet.
12. Gravestones.
13. Up to two (2) permanent subdivision or development signs (one for each corner of the entry street) not exceeding fifty (50) square feet in size each, inclusive of any logo. Any such subdivision sign shall be located within the boundaries of the subdivision which it identifies and shall not be installed until after a final subdivision plat has been recorded.
14. Signs placed by a public utility showing the location of underground facilities.

c. Prohibited "Signs" include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Portable, wheeled or trailer signs.
2. Signs placed on parked vehicles or trailers where the apparent purpose is to advertise a product or to direct people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property.
3. Inflatable balloons may be used in commercial or industrial zoning districts, for grand openings and special sales promotions. Such signs may not be used for longer than (10) days in any (60) sixty-day period. The Building Department of the City of Springfield must approve the anchoring system for balloons. Tethered balloons are limited to a maximum elevation of (60) sixty feet from grade.
4. No sign shall be attached to any tree, utility pole, or painted upon or otherwise directly affixed to any rock, ledge or other natural feature.

5. Search light signs and laser light signs used to announce, direct attention or advertise a business, event or activity may be used only on a temporary basis in commercial or industrial zoning districts, for grand openings and special sales promotions. Such lights may not be used for longer than (10) days in any (60) sixty-day period.
6. Hazardous signs which may be:
 - a. structurally unsafe
 - b. constitute a hazard to safety or health by reasons of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or abandonment
 - c. not kept in good repair
 - d. capable of causing electrical shocks to persons likely to come in contact with them
 - e. suspended by hanging or swinging from eye bolts, cables, or similar means
 - f. Any sign or outdoor advertising sign structure which by reason of its size, location, content, coloring or intensity of illumination, constitutes a traffic hazard or detriment to traffic safety by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any governmentally erected traffic sign or control device.
7. Flashing signs exceeding 14 watts per bulb, except illuminated signs which indicate the time, temperature or weather or other similar information shall not be considered flashing signs, provided that the total area of such sign is not greater than 16 square feet.
8. Signs which imitate traffic signs which use such words as "Stop", "Look", "Danger", "Go Slow", "Warning", "Caution" etc., except when such words are part of the name of a business
9. Signs which move or give the appearance of movement. This category includes signs, which flutter, undulate, swing, rotate, oscillate or otherwise move by natural or artificial means.
10. Unoccupied premises: If a sign is located on a site and the sign was used by an establishment that has not occupied that site for a period of ninety (90) days or more, that sign shall be removed. However, any sign structure or supports which are in conformance with the provisions of this chapter may remain in place, provided the sign face is removed.
11. Private signs are prohibited on the public property and public right-of-way.
12. Signs installed, erected, enlarged, or structurally altered in violation of the provisions of this Chapter.
13. Ground mounted banners and associated stakes and posts.
14. Other signs not expressly permitted by this article.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01) (Doc. 002-103, 02-15-05) (Doc. 2004-087, 05-27-05) (Doc. 2004-103)

§ 155.301. Determination of size of signs.

For the purpose of the requirements of this chapter, the size of a sign is determined in the following manner:

- a. When a sign is on a plate or framed, all of the plate or frame shall be included in the dimensions.

- b. When a sign is not on a plate or framed, but is partly or entirely outlined by a line or area of artificial light, or if on a plat or frame and circumscribed by a larger line or area of artificial light, all of the area circumscribed by a line or area of artificial light shall be included in the dimensions.
- c. When a sign consists only of letters, designs, or figures engraved, painted, projected, or fixed on a wall, or freestanding in front of a wall, the total area of the signs shall be the area of the smallest rectangle or circle within which all of the fixed lettering, designs, or figures may be included.
- d. Structural members bearing no sign copy shall not be included in its surface area.
- e. In the case of a two-sided, multi-sided, or three dimensional signs, other than when the sides are back-to-back and parallel, the sign surface area shall be computed by including the total of all sides designed to attract attention, or communicate information.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.302. Special Provisions for Temporary Signs.

- a. Temporary Signs Scope and Purpose
 - 1. This Section establishes reasonable regulations for the posting of temporary signs on private property.
 - 2. The purpose of this Section is:
 - (i) Balance the rights of individuals to convey their messages through temporary signs and the right of the public to be protected against the unrestricted proliferation of signs;
 - (ii) further the objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan;
 - (iii) protect the public health, safety and welfare;
 - (iv) reduce traffic and pedestrian hazards;
 - (v) protect property values by minimizing the possible adverse effects and visual blight caused by temporary signs;
 - (vi) promote economic development; and
 - (vii) ensure the fair and consistent enforcement of the temporary sign regulations specified below.
- b. Temporary Signs Permitted in All Zones
 - 1. Temporary signs may be posted on property in all zones of the City, subject to the following requirements and those applicable provisions stated elsewhere in the City's Code of Ordinance.
 - 2. The total square footage for temporary signs posted on a zoning lot shall not exceed:
 - i. twelve (12) square feet in the single family and duplex residential districts (R-1 and R-2);
 - ii. fifty (50) square feet for permitted non-residential uses in the single family and duplex residential districts;
 - iii. fifty (50) square feet in the multi-family and office districts (R-3 and OFF districts);

- iv. one-hundred (100) square feet in the commercial uses category (S-1, S-2, S-3 and B-1 districts);
 - v. two hundred (200) square feet in the business and industrial use category (B-2, I-1 and I-2 districts) in the aggregate. The total square footage of a sign is measured to include all of the visible display area of one side of the sign.
3. No temporary sign shall obstruct or impair access to a public sidewalk, public or private street or driveway, traffic control sign, bus stop, fire hydrant, or any other type of street furniture, or otherwise create a hazard, including a tripping hazard.
 4. A temporary sign shall be designed to be stable under all weather conditions, including high winds.
 5. No temporary sign shall be illuminated.
 6. A temporary sign shall only be posted with the consent of the property owner or occupant.
 7. Temporary signs for events concluding on a specific date may be displayed for a period of sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the event.

Temporary signs for events with no specific date of conclusion may be displayed throughout the event.

Temporary signs must be removed fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of an event.

8. Other than lettering and graphics painted on and used to identify the owner of a demonstration sign, a temporary sign shall not advertise or promote any commercial enterprise or event not conducted on the same zoning lot.

c. Removal Requirements for Temporary Signs.

In addition to the requirements stated above, temporary signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the event that the sign is promoting.

d. Removal or Replacement of Signs.

1. The person who has posted and directed the posting of a temporary sign is responsible for the removal or replacement of that sign in accordance with this Ordinance.
2. If that person does not remove or replace the temporary sign in accordance with this Ordinance, then the property owner or occupant of the building lot where the sign is posted is responsible for the sign's removal or replacement.
3. The Director of Public Works, or the Director's designee, may immediately remove temporary signs posted on public property or rights-of-way in violation of this Ordinance.

e. Variances.

Any person seeking minor adjustments to the strict application of this Ordinance to the posting of a temporary sign shall file an "Application for a Variance" in accordance with Sections 155.212, 155.213 and 155.214 of the this chapter.

DIVISION 2. RESIDENCE OFFICE DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

§155.310. Permitted accessory signs.

In all residence districts, subject to the additional regulations set forth in section 155.315, accessory signs are permitted as set forth in sections 155.311 through 155.314.

§ 155.311. Non-illuminated nameplates and identification signs.

- a. For residential buildings other than multiple dwellings, one non-illuminated nameplate, with an area not exceeding one square foot and indicating only the name or address of the occupant or a permitted occupation, is allowed for each dwelling unit or rooming unit.
- b. For multiple dwellings and including apartment hotels, and for permitted nonresidential buildings or other structures, one identification sign with an area not exceeding 24 square feet and indicating only the name or address of the building or the management thereof is permitted. The height of letters on any side of awnings or canopies shall not exceed one foot. For lots containing more than one principal building, with non-residential uses, one non-illuminated sign is permitted per building. The total square foot area allowed for the zoning lot is calculated with the following formula:
 - i. Twenty-five (25) square feet allowed for the first forty (40) linear feet of street frontage plus one (1) square foot allowed for each additional two (2) linear feet of street frontage, with a total square footage allowed not to exceed one-hundred (100) square feet.
 - ii. If the lots have less than forty (40) linear feet of street frontage, the square feet allowed shall be twenty-five (25) square feet.
 - iii. On lots with more than one street frontage, one sign is allowed to face each street, however, the total square footage of signage allowed may not exceed the calculated amount, using the above listed formula.
- c. For community facility uses, a bulletin board with an area not exceeding 16 square feet is permitted, which may include an electronic message board.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.313. Signs for parking areas.

One sign, intended to direct the safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, with an area not exceeding two square feet and a height no greater than three feet six inches above ground, designating each side of an entrance or exit of an off-street parking area is permitted.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.314. Illuminated signs.

In any OFF District, for any legal non-residential use, one illuminated non-flashing sign is permitted. For lots containing more than one principal building, one illuminated sign is permitted per building. The total square foot area allowed for the zoning lot is calculated with the following formula:

Twenty-five (25) square feet allowed for the first forty (40) linear feet of street frontage plus one (1) square foot allowed for each additional two (2) linear feet of street frontage, with a total square footage allowed not to exceed one-hundred (100) square feet.

If the lots have less than forty (40) linear feet of street frontage, the square feet allowed shall be twenty-five (25) square feet.

On lots with more than one street frontage, one sign is allowed to face each street, however, the total square footage of signage allowed may not exceed the calculated amount, using the above listed formula.

(Docket No. 98-054, § 1, 6-16-98; Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.315. Residential and office district sign conformance.

In the office district and all residence districts, any sign permitted under the provisions of sections 155.311 through 155.314 shall conform to the following regulations.

- a. No sign shall extend more than 20 feet above the level of the ground.
- b. Signs are permitted within the required front yard provided no portion of the sign is within ten feet of the front property line. On corner lots, the same requirements shall apply to the side yard fronting a street, except that on corner lots, no sign is allowed within 20 feet of a zoning lot corner formed by the intersection of any two street lines.
- c. Exclusively of signs for parking areas as permitted by section 155.313 not more than one sign is permitted for each use, building, or dwelling unit, and not more than two signs are permitted for each office building, office service establishment or funeral home. However, on a corner lot, two signs, one facing each street, shall be permitted for each use, building, office service establishment, or funeral home.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

DIVISION 3. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

§ 155.320. Permitted accessory on-premise signs.

In commercial and industrial districts, accessory on-premise signs are permitted as set forth in sections 155.321 and 155.322, subject to the additional regulations set forth in sections 155.323 through 155.325

- a. One pole or pylon sign is permitted for each front yard of a zoning lot, and one additional pole or pylon sign is permitted per zoning lot, for either a side yard or rear yard adjoining a street right-of-way, to which there is direct access.
- b. All ground signs, including but not limited to pylon, pole and monument signs, must be at least 100 feet apart, when located on the same zoning lot.
- c. All signs must be 50 feet from any residential district.

- d. All ground signs must be landscaped with ground cover, as described in Section 155.480, with a minimum five-foot diameter, completely surrounding the base of the sign.
- e. No sign shall be located within or shall obstruct a public right-of-way. Signs within 10 feet of a street right-of-ways shall be at least 10 feet above grade so as not to obstruct visibility to motorists.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01, Doc. No. 2003-040, 05-20-03) (Doc. 2004-087, 05-27-05)

§ 155.321. Non-illuminated signs.

In the respective commercial and industrial districts indicated, non-illuminated signs with areas not exceeding those shown in the following table are permitted.

- a. District Maximum area (in square feet) of all ground signs, including, but not limited to pylon, pole and monument signs on a district zoning lot, excluding adjoining lot signage:

S-1 and S-3 .5 times the front yard street frontage of the zoning lot (in feet), not to exceed 150 square feet.

S-2 and B-1, 1.0 times the front yard street frontage of the zoning lot (in feet), not to exceed 225 square feet.

B-2, I-1 and I-2 1.0 times the front yard street frontage of the zoning lot (in feet), not to exceed 300 square feet.

- b. District Maximum area (in square feet) of all building and wall mounted signs per tenant space less than 20,000 square feet.

S-1 and S-3, 1.0 times each tenant space front frontage, in feet, not to exceed 150 square feet per tenant

S-2 and B-1, 2.0 times the each tenant space front frontage, in feet, not to exceed 300 square feet per tenant

B-2, I-1, and I-2, 2.0 times each tenant space front frontage , not to exceed 450 square feet per tenant.

- c. District Maximum area (in square feet) of all building and wall mounted signs per tenant space greater than 20,000 square feet.

S-1, S-2, S-3, B-1, B-2, I-1 and I-2 districts.

(Formula A) 2.0 times the tenant space front frontage, in square feet; or

(Formula B) 1.5 times the foot distance, that the building front is set back from the street right-of-way of the zoning on which the building is located, whichever is greater, not too exceed 900 square feet.

- d. On corner lots and through lots, the maximum amount of building or wall mounted signage allowed per tenant may, be increased by 50% not to exceed 150 square feet. The additional signage may be displayed on any exterior wall of the building, provided all other regulations are met.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01; Doc. No. 2003-040, 05-20-03) (Doc. 2004-087, 05-27-05)

§ 155.322. Illuminated signs.

- a. Flashing signs are not permitted in any district.
- b. In other commercial and industrial districts, illuminated signs are permitted, but the total area of all signs (illuminated and non-illuminated) on the same zoning lot shall not exceed the maximum area prescribed in section 155.321.
- c. No signs permitted in a commercial or industrial districts shall be closer than one hundred (100) feet of a residential zoning lot.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.323. Additional regulations for on-premise and off-premise signs.

In addition to the other applicable regulations, permitted on premise and off-premise signs in commercial and industrial districts are subject to the restrictions of sections 155.324 and 155.325.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§ 155.324. Projecting signs.

- a. In the area bounded by the centerlines of Second Street, Jackson Street, Ninth Street, and Madison Street, no permitted sign shall project over any public easement more than 18 inches, except for the following.
 - 1. Signs on awnings permitted by Chapter 170 of the City Code. Awnings may be backlit, or contain accent lighting with each light not to exceed 7 watts, but in no case are lights to blink, flash or run.
 - 2. Signs on marquees permitted by Chapter 170 of the City Code, provided that no sign shall extend beyond the limits of the marquee on which it is located, except that individual free-standing letters may project to a height of 24 inches above the marquee.
 - 3. Non-conforming signs, which exist and identify a former business or use that does not now exist, or does not now exist in the same structure referred to by the non-conforming sign, must be removed before a period of 30 days following the vacancy of the business or use identified by the sign.

4. Existing non-conforming signs may not be remodeled to identify a business or use other than the original business or use then existing when the sign becomes non-conforming.
 5. Non-illuminated signs with carved or dimensional letters mounted on an ornate decorative bracket may project no more than 36 inches over the sidewalk or public way.
- b. In other commercial and industrial districts, no permitted sign shall project over any public easement or right- of-way.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01)

§155.325. Height of signs.

- a. In the respective commercial districts as indicated, no permitted ground sign shall extend above grade at a height greater than that shown in the following table.

District Maximum Height (in feet)

S-1	25
S-2	40
S-3	40
B-1	40
B-2	40
I-1	40
I-2	40

- b. No sign attached to a building shall extend above grade at a height greater than the applicable maximum building height prescribed in section 155.058.
- c. In the B-1, B-2, I-1 and I-2 districts, the City Council may, following a hearing by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, permit ground signs with a height exceeding 35 feet but not exceeding 50 feet, if the applicant establishes to the satisfaction of the City Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council that the sign will not interfere with the proper residential use of nearby residential areas. The procedure for obtaining such a permit shall be the same as that provided in Chapter 155 for conditional permitted uses.

(Doc. No. 91-151, § 1(Exh. A), 7-16-91; Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01) (doc. 2004-087, 05-27-05)

DIVISION 5. OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

§155.340 General provisions for off-premise advertising signs

- a. Except as limited by paragraph (l) of this section, off-premise advertising signs are permitted in the B-1, B-2, I-1 and I-2 zoning districts. Off-premise signs are not permitted in any historic, residential, OFF, S-1, S-2 or S-3 zoning districts.

- b. All off-premise signs shall be placed at a minimum of five hundred (500) feet apart, when located on either side of the same street or a side street.
- c. All off-premise signs shall be above ten (10) feet in height and subject to a fifteen (15) foot setback from the property line. This setback shall apply to side street yards as well as front yards. However, no off-premise sign is permitted to be located within twenty (20) feet of a zoning lot corner formed by the intersection of any two street lines except as approved in Section 155.062 "Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards."
- d. No off-premise sign shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of a lot which is zoned residential or on a lot used for residential purposes, historic zoning district, landmarked property or district, or national register property or district.
- e. Regardless of allowable size, or location requirements, only one off-premise sign is allowed per zoning lot. A double-faced, or back to back sign, where the faces are parallel, shall be considered as one sign for purposes of this requirement.
- f. Any wall, fascia or individual letter sign attached to building shall not extend above the height of the building wall
- g. Off-premise signs shall not be constructed in property bordered by Carpenter Street on the north: Cook Street on the south: 11th Street on the east: and, 1st Street on the west.
- h. Off-premise signs are considered to be a principal use of property.
- i. The number of permits issued by the City shall be limited to the number on the date of enactment of this ordinance and shall decrease as signs are removed on a four for one basis in accordance with section (j) below. All replacement signs authorized by subsection (j) comply with the following minimum requirements:
 - 1. All lighting shall be designed in a way that the lighting does not spill over to adjoining properties or right-of-ways; and
 - 2. The base shall be landscaped similar to on-premise sign requirements; and
 - 3. Poles shall be skirted with decorative panels or bases; and
 - 4. All parts of the structure not considered the face, shall be painted black or in a color that blends with the adjoining or nearby structure's use; and
 - 5. Embellishments shall not extend beyond the 175 square foot of display area allowed; and
 - 6. The number of sign faces shall be limited to one face per location.
- j. holders of existing permits shall surrender one permit for each sign removed. Upon surrender, the City shall cancel the permit and the total number of permits issued by the City shall be reduced by one. The Holder shall receive credit for each such permit surrendered and shall have the right to obtain one replacement permit for every four existing permits so surrendered.

(Doc. No. 99-119 , 01-18-00; Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01; Ord. No. 553-10-01, §1, 10-16-01)

§155.341 Height and size regulations for off-premise signs

- a. The size and height regulations for all off-premise signs are as follows:

<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>Maximum Size</u>	<u>Maximum Height</u>
B-1	150 square feet	35 feet
B-1 (CPU)	175 square feet	35 feet
B-2	175 square feet	35 feet
I-1	175 square feet	35 feet
I-2	175 square feet	35 feet

- b. In the B-1 Districts, the City Council may, following a hearing by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, permit, as a Conditional Permitted Use, off-premise signs, provided the City Council finds:

The proposed location, design and size of the proposed sign(s) will not have a detrimental effect on the privacy, light, air or enjoyment of any zoning lot.

- c. In the B-1, B-2, I-1 and I-2 Districts, the City Council may, following a hearing by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, permit, as a Conditional Permitted Use, off-premise signs to extend an additional fifteen (15) feet above the height specified in "A" above, if the City Council finds that:

The location, design and size of the proposed sign(s) will not have a detrimental effect on the privacy, light, air or enjoyment of any zoning lot.

- d. When considering a request for Conditional Permitted Use, the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend and the City Council may impose appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

(Doc. No. 99-119 , 01-18-00; Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01; Ord. No. 553-10-01, §1, 10-16-01)

DIVISION 6. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS

§ 155.350. Termination of non-conforming signs after amortization.

In all districts, signs specifically listed as prohibited in Section 155.300 of this chapter may be continued for six months after the effective date of this chapter. Upon the expiration of this six-month period, the prohibited signs shall be removed.

(Ord. No. 411A-07-01, § 1(Exh. A), 07-24-01; Ord. No. 553-10-01, §1, 10-16-01)