

DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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Sign Requirements

Permits are required for all signs and can be applied for at the Department of Growth Management.

All commercial business shall comply with the sign requirements as required by the City of Lake City's Land Development Regulations, Section 4.2.1 and the City of Lake City's City Code Chapter 78 (attached).

The provisions of these land development regulations shall govern the sizes, locations, and character of signs which may be permitted as a principal or accessory use. No sign shall be permitted in any location except in conformity with these land development regulations.

On-Site Signs include all temporary signage (feather flag signs, yard signs and window signs). All permanent signs on building facias signs and freestanding signs shall include all temporary signs in calculating the amount of signage allowed for the building wall signs and freestanding signs.

Non-Flashing Sign – 1.50 times the linear lot road frontage distance

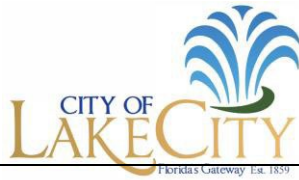
Scrolling or Animated Sign - .50 times the linear lot road frontage distance to a maximum of 20 square feet.

Banner signs are allowed with a permit for 30 days' maximum duration for special events (Grand Opening, Holidays and such)

Signs of any type and size are not allowed in road right of ways or public property

Off Site Signs are prohibited.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Growth Management.



City of Lake City's Land Development Regulations

4.2.1 SIGNS

The provisions of these land development regulations shall govern the sizes, location, and character of signs which may be permitted as a principal or accessory use. No signs shall be permitted in any location except in conformity with these land development regulations.

- 4.2.1.1** Intent. Signs may unreasonably distract the attention of motorists and interfere with traffic safety. Indiscriminate erection and maintenance of signs seriously detract from the enjoyment and pleasure in the natural scenic beauty of the areas subject to these land development regulations and, in turn, injuriously affects the economic wellbeing of the citizenry. Thus, it is the intent of these land development regulations to prevent the uncontrolled erection of signs. The provisions of this section are intended to provide for the regulation of types, sizes, and locations of signs in relation to the identification of various uses and activities on premises, to provide for certain types and locations of off-site signs, and to supplement the regulations set out in the Schedule of District Regulations.
- 4.2.1.2** Applicability of other code or regulatory requirements. Signs or other advertising structures shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the building and electrical codes of the City, and all other applicable ordinances and regulations of the City, as well as other, State and Federal rules and regulations.
- 4.2.1.3** Definitions. Definitions for the purposes of sign regulation under these land development regulations are set out in the definitions section of these land development regulations under 'Sign', etc. Sections 2.1.
- 4.2.1.4** Prohibited signs. It shall be a violation of these land development regulations punishable as provided by these land development regulations, to erect or maintain:
1. Traffic or pedestrian hazard. Any sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, content, coloring, or method of illumination, or by obstructing the vision of drivers, or by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any official traffic control device by diverting or tending to divert the attention of moving vehicles from the traffic movement on streets, roads, or access facilities; nor shall any sign be erected in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of pedestrians. The use of flashing or revolving red, green, blue, or amber lights is prohibited in any sign as constituting a hazard to traffic. Any sign which by glare or method of illumination constitutes a hazard to traffic is prohibited. No sign may use the words "Stop", "Look", "Drive-in", "Danger", or any other word, phrase, symbol, or character in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.
 2. Obscenities. Signs which are obscene, indecent, or immoral.
 3. Rights-of-way. Signs erected on the right-of-way of any street, road, or public way, except as specifically provided by these land development regulations.
 4. Public property. Signs erected on public property, other than signs

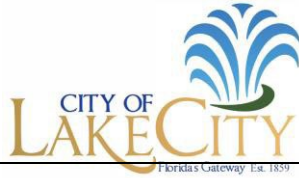
erected by a public authority for public purposes, unless otherwise authorized by these land development regulations.

5. Ingress or egress to buildings. Signs so located as to prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window, or fire escape.
6. Yard areas. Signs in required yard areas except as specifically permitted by the terms of these land development regulations.
7. Height. Signs which are higher than eighteen (18) feet from established grade,
8. except for signs in Commercial, Intensive (CI), Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI), Industrial (ILW) and (I) zoning districts, which shall be no higher than thirty-five (35) feet from established grade.
9. Glare. Illuminated signs which result in glare or reflection of light on residential property in the surrounding area.

4.2.1.5 Minimum clearance. Canopy, marquee, projecting, or hanging signs with less than a nine (9) feet minimum clearance between the bottom of the sign and the ground surface. Sign permits required within areas subject to these land development regulations, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, maintain, or replace any sign not specifically exempted by these land development regulations, without first securing from the Land Development Regulation Administrator a building permit to do so.

4.2.1.6 Exemptions. Except as otherwise provided, the following signs may be erected without a permit, subject, however, to all remaining requirements of these land development regulations. All exempt signs may be located within the required front yard, but shall not be located within twenty (20) feet of any adjacent property line (except as provided in Subsection 3 below).

1. Signs not exceeding one (1) square feet in area and bearing only property numbers, mail box numbers, names of occupants of premises, or other identification of premises not having commercial connotations.
2. Flags and insignia of any government except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion.
3. Traffic or other municipal, City, State, or Federal signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs, and such temporary, emergency, or non-advertising signs. Such signs may be located in or may overhang or infringe upon the right-of-way of streets, roads or public ways.
4. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings except letters, trademarks, moving parts, or moving lights.
5. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property, but bearing no advertising matter.
6. Signs within buildings.
7. One (1) "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign per parcel of property, unless such property fronts on more than one (1) street, in which case two (2) signs



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may be erected, one (1) on each frontage. The size of any such sign shall not be in excess of eight (8) square feet, and such sign shall be removed within one (1) month after the premises have been sold or rented.

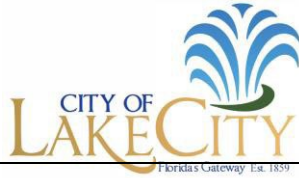
8. Occupational signs denoting only the name, street number, and business of an occupant, which do not exceed two (2) square feet in surface area.

4.2.1.7 On-site signs. Unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern on-site signs (see Section 2.1 for definition of on-site signs):

1. On-site signs may be erected in any zone district (see Section 4.2.20.9 for special on-site sign requirements for the Central Business District (CBD)).
2. On-site signs may be located in the required front yard; provided, however that any such sign shall not obstruct visibility at intersections and curb breaks (see Section 4.2.24).
3. On-site signs shall not exceed a height above established grade of eighteen (18) feet, except for signs in Commercial, Intensive (CI), Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI), Industrial (ILW) and (I) zoning districts, which shall be no higher than thirty-five (35) feet from established grade or as otherwise permitted in these land development regulations.
4. Signs Accessory to Parking Areas. One (1) sign designating each entrance or exit to or from a parking area and limited to a maximum size of two (2) square feet each is permitted. One (1) sign per parking area designating the conditions of use or identity of such parking area and limited to a maximum of six (6) square feet is permitted provided that on a corner lot one (1) such sign facing each street is permitted.
5. On-site sign requirements in Commercial and Industrial zoning districts. All on-site signs shall be as specified in the following schedule:

TYPE OF SIGN	GROSS SURFACE AREA (SQUARE FEET) OF SIGN PER FOOT OF LOT FRONTAGE
Non-flashing	1.50 times linear lot frontage Includes all signage not exempted herein.
	Plus:
Scrolling or Animated	.50 times linear lot frontage distance to a maximum of 20 square feet.

6. Signs in Residential Office Districts (RO) shall be limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet.
7. Free Standing Signs. One (1) free standing business sign is permitted for each licensed business; however, said sign shall be included in the calculation of sign area, as provided within item 5 of this subsection.



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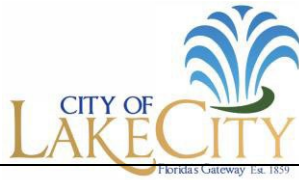
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- 4.2.1.8** Off-site signs. Unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern off-site signs (see Section 2.1 for definition of off-site signs):
1. Off-site signs are prohibited, except where specifically permitted by these land development regulations.
 2. An off-site sign shall not exceed 400 square feet in surface space, provided however, that any off-site sign may be of a V-type, back-to-back, side-to-side, stacked, or double-faced sign, all on the same supporting structure, in which case the total surface area of each sign shall not exceed 400 square feet, unless a special exception is granted by the Lake City Planning and Zoning Board, upon proper application thereof, to enlarge the surface area of any sign, but in no event to an area which exceeds 600 square feet.
 3. Off-site signs may be located in the required front yard, provided however, (1) off-site signs shall be located no nearer any side property line than fifteen (15) feet and (2) off-site signs shall be located no nearer the street right-of-way than fifteen (15) feet.
 4. No permit shall be granted for any off-site sign unless such sign is located within a permitted district and at least:
 - a. 1,000 feet from any other permitted off-site sign on the same side of the highway, if located on a federal-aid primary highway or an interstate highway; or
 - b. 1,500 feet from any other permitted off-site sign on the same side of the highway of any highway other than a federal-aid primary highway or an interstate highway.
 5. Off-site signs shall not be located within 500 feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park, public reservation, public playground, state or national forest, railroad intersection or property used for residential purposes in any zoning district.
 6. Off-site signs shall not exceed the height limitations as provided for in the zoning district requirements for the proposed location and shall have a minimum clearance of 15 feet below the bottom of the sign structure, excluding supports.
 7. Off-site signs shall be maintained in a neat, attractive and good state of repair, including the surface areas, the supporting structures, both front and back. Standards of good repair shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Preventing peeling or flaking of either paper or paint,
 - b. Maintaining signs in a vertical position;
 - c. And in a manner which all signs are legible at a distance of one-hundred (100) feet; and
 - d. Displaying on each sign all required City or state permit numbers.
- 4.2.1.9** On-site signs in Central Business District (CBD). The sign shall be located on the building facade or the display window. Additional signs shall be designed as



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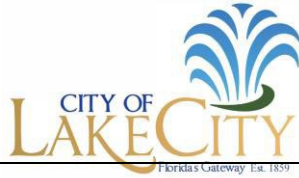
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elements of the building, not as unrelated items attached to it and shall complement the style of the building. All signs shall be sized to pedestrian, not vehicular, traffic. In addition, unless otherwise specified in these land development regulations, the following regulations shall govern on-site signs located within the Central Business District (CBD) (see Section 2.1 for definition of on-site signs):

1. On-site signs may be erected in the Central Business District (CBD) subject to the following:
 - (a) Only business and identification signs shall be permitted; off-site signs shall not be permitted; and
 - (b) A maximum of one (1) wall sign, one (1) window sign, one (1) awning sign, and one sandwich board or menu board sign, per first-floor business and one projecting sign per entrance into a business shall be permitted per street facade. A hanging sign attached to the supporting members of the awning may be substituted for the awning sign permitted. Such sign shall not extend beyond the outside perimeter of the awning and shall be at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk; and
 - (c) A maximum of two (2) window signs, one (1) awning sign, and one (1) sandwich board or menu board sign, per upper floor business shall be permitted; and
 - (d) For businesses located on a corner and having two street facades, the frontage on each street shall be computed and employed separately for the determination of sign areas; and
 - (e) Wall signs shall be a maximum of two (2) square feet in area for every lineal foot of building frontage, up to a maximum of forty (40) square feet; and
 - (f) Wall signs shall be painted onto wood, metal, or opaque plastic backboards; and
 - (g) Individually-applied letters may be used; and
 - (h) Individually-illuminated channel letters, back-lit (silhouetted) letters, neon signs, and signs illuminated by small shielded spotlights may be used; and
 - (i) Window signs shall be a maximum of twenty (20) percent of the glazed area of storefront windows in area, or a maximum of fifty (50) percent of the glazed area of upper-floor windows in area; and
 - (j) Projecting signs shall be prohibited on building facades on Marion Avenue, although for facades on all other streets within the district a projecting sign should be limited to one (1) square foot in area for every lineal foot of building frontage, up to a maximum of twenty (20) square feet per side; and
 - (k) Projecting signs shall extend no more than four (4) feet (or two-thirds (2/3) of the width of the sidewalk, whichever is less) from



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the front of the building; the bottom of the sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the sidewalk and the top of shall not extend above the level of the sills of the second-floor windows; and

- (l) Signs may be painted onto the insides of the storefront windows; and
 - (m) Signs for upper-floor businesses shall be painted into the insides of the upper-floor windows; and
 - (n) Signs for first-floor business shall be located below the sills of the second-floor windows, and where possible on the lintel or signboard over the store front; and
 - (o) No sign may be placed in such a way as to obscure any architectural feature or ornament; and
 - (p) Internally-illuminated plastic-faced box signs shall not be permitted, whether mounted on a building or freestanding, portable type; and
 - (q) Signs that move, flash or are intermittently illuminated shall not be permitted; and
 - (r) A snipe sign shall not be permitted; and
 - (s) Pole signs shall be prohibited on Marion Avenue.
2. Colors, proportions, and style. The following guidelines or restrictions shall apply for sign colors and lettering:
- (a) Colors. Colors of sign shall be related to the fullest extent possible to that of the building. Colors used for signage must be present on the body of the building, the building trim or the building awning or canopy. One additional color not present on the structures listed in this subsection may be used also if desired. Style of lettering. The style of lettering should be compatible with the building. The use of white, gold, black, or brass letters is encouraged. The styles described in this section are recommended.
 - (b) Proportion of sign and lettering. The sign should be in proportion to the building and the letter size should likewise be in proportion to the sign.
 - (c) Use of symbols and logos. Symbols and logos used in place of or in combination with word to identify a business shall count in the calculation of the allowable sign space.
 - (d) Street address numbers (see Section 86-11) the use of contrasting colors, white, gold, black, or brass numbers is encouraged. Street numbers are required, but are not counted as a sign.
 - (e) Reproduction of historically significant signage. Reproduction of existing historically significant signage will be given special consideration, and is strongly encouraged.



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3. Banner Signs – In addition to all other applicable signage allowed under this section, temporary banner signs are permitted, as follows:
 - (a) Require a special permit from the Land Development Administrator.
 - (b) One (1) banner sign is allowed for a business, provided that the banner is attached to the building or between permanent supports of an existing sign secured on all four (4) corners, and the size does not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet.
 - (c) Banner signs are allowed for special events such as Grand Opening and Going Out of Business Sales, festivals and recognized holidays for the duration of the event for which they are used, but no longer than thirty (30) days. Any torn banner sign shall be immediately removed. Banner signs are prohibited over street right-of-way.

4. Sandwich Board Signs/Menu Board Signs are permitted on the street right-of-way, subject to the following regulations:
 - (a) Require a special permit from the Land Development Administrator.
 - (b) Permit application requires a one (1) time fee; however, if the permit is revoked, it is revoked for the remainder of the calendar year. An applicant may reapply after January 1 and shall be subject to another fee.
 - (c) Sandwich Board/Menu Board signs are self-supporting A-shaped freestanding temporary signs with only two (2) visible sides that are situated adjacent to a business, typically on a sidewalk, that contains commercial speech.
 - (d) Shall be internally weighted, or of substantial weight, so that it is stable and windproof.
 - (e) The maximum area shall be six (6) square feet per side of sign with the maximum height being thirty-six (36) inches.
 - (f) Acceptable primary sandwich board sign materials include the following: steel, iron, metal and wood. Synthetic material such as chalkboard and whiteboard are acceptable materials.
 - (g) Only one (1) sandwich board/menu board sign per business shall be permitted.
 - (h) Sandwich board signs shall not be placed so as to cause the width of the sidewalk to be reduced below four (4) feet in width, nor shall they be erected or maintained in a manner that prevents free ingress or egress from any vehicle, door, window, or fire escape.
 - (i) Shall not obstruct visibility at intersections.
 - (j) Shall not be illuminated nor contain moving parts or have balloons, streamers, pennants, or similar adornments attached.



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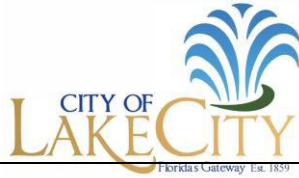
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- (k) Shall not be attached to structures, pole, objects, signs, etc. by means of chains, rope, cord, wire, cable, etc.
 - (l) Shall be brought inside when business is not in operation.
5. All signage requires a permit from the Land Development Administrator. A sketch of the sign with colors is required to be submitted with the permit application.
6. Abandoned signs.
- (a) Abandoned signs are prohibited. Any sign, structure or support relating to a business which has not been operating for ninety (90) days shall be considered as an abandoned sign, and if it is not removed or made aesthetically acceptable by the owner, within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification of the violation shall be referred to the Code Enforcement Board.
 - (b) The owner, agent, or person in charge of the premises shall remove all nonconforming-abandoned signs and sign structures within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification by the Land Development Administrator or a designated representative. Unabated violations shall be referred to the Code Enforcement Board.
 - (c) When all buildings on a site are being demolished, all non-conforming signs and sign structures must be removed from a site at the same time. The owner, agent, or person in charge of the premises shall be required to include all non-conforming signs being removed on the demolition permit.
 - (d) The owner, agent or person in charge of a vacant property (no buildings) that has a non-conforming sign or sign structure shall be required to remove all non-conforming signs and sign structures within thirty (30) days after notice by the Land Development Administrator. If the non-conforming signs and sign structures are not timely removed, the violation shall be referred to the Code Enforcement Board.
7. Maintenance and Enforcement.
- (a) All signs and their devices supporting them shall be kept in good repair and safe condition. This shall mean the absence of rust, broken, or dangling parts, and cracked, peeling and flaking paint.
 - (b) The Land Development Administrator or a designee is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which in the judgment of the Land Development Administrator is deemed unsafe, in disrepair, or which is erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this section.
 - (c) Sandwich board signs placed in violation will result in immediate removal of the sign and annual sign permit privileges of the business shall be revoked for the remainder of that year. Sandwich board signs displayed without approved permits shall be disposed of at the owner's expense and shall result in a double permit fee.



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- (d) Any person, firm, or corporation violating any section or provision of the land development regulations pertaining to signage shall be issued a warning and be given fourteen (14) days to comply. If a violation continues unabated past such time, or if the violation is corrected and occurs again, a Notice of Violation and Notice of Hearing to the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate shall be issued with a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$250.00) per day for each day the willful violation continues.
 - (e) All violations of this section are subject to enforcement action through the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate.
- 8. On-site signs may be located in the required front yard; provided, however that any such sign shall not obstruct visibility at intersections and curb breaks (see Section 4.2.24).
 - 9. On-site signs shall not exceed a height above established grade of eighteen (18) feet, except as otherwise provided in these land development regulations.

City of Lake City's City Code **Chapter 78 - SIGNS AND ADVERTISING** **ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL**

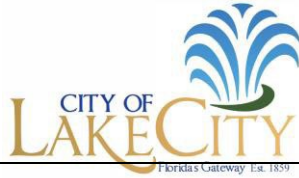
Sec. 78-1. - Restriction as to roadside signs; physical condition of sign; obscenity in wording upon signs; location.

No advertisement, advertising signs or advertising structure shall be constructed, erected, used, operated or maintained:

- (1) Within 15 feet of the outside boundaries of a federal or state highway or municipal structure or within 100 feet of any church, school, cemetery, public park, public reservation, or public playground within the limits of the municipality.
- (2) Which displays intermittent lights not embodied in an outdoor advertising sign, or any rotating or flashing light within 100 feet of the state-owned, county-owned or municipally-owned right-of-way.
- (3) Which uses the word "stop" or "danger," or presents or implies the need or requirement of stopping or the existence of danger, or which is a copy or imitation of official signs.
- (4) Which is placed on the inside of a curve or in any manner that may prevent persons using the roadway from obtaining an unobstructed view of approaching vehicles.
- (5) Which is nailed, fastened or affixed in any manner to any tree, post, curb, utility poles or any other structure or upon any right-of-way of any state, county or municipally maintained road.
- (6) Which is erected or maintained in an unsafe, insecure or unsightly condition.
- (7) Which is attached to or placed against a building in such a manner as to prevent ingress or egress through any door or window of any building, nor shall any sign obstruct or be attached to a fire escape.
- (8) Which displays any statement, word or character or illustration of any obscene, indecent or immoral nature.

Sec. 78-2. - Wind pressure allowance.

All signs attached to or placed on any building shall be constructed and erected to withstand a wind pressure of at least 35 pounds per square foot of surface of such sign affected by wind pressure. All signs permitted to be erected shall be firmly secured to the ground or structure upon which the signs are placed.



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Sec. 78-3. - Projecting signs; restricted; exceptions; authority of city council.

No sign of any kind shall be permitted to extend into or above, or be anchored or placed in, any portion of the right-of-way of a state and county highway or city street or public sidewalk (except official city, state and county signs) unless such sign be permanently attached to an existing building and be located more than ten feet above the sidewalk or finished grade, and extend not more than eight feet in a horizontal direction from the building to which attached, and in no case closer than one foot to the curb line; provided, however, that the city council by motion at its regular meeting may permit signs and advertising matter upon the public streets or highways, as follows:

- (1) Benches or other structures carrying advertising matter placed or requested to be placed upon the sidewalks by the chamber of commerce or other civic organizations.
- (2) Signs announcing meeting places of various civic organizations at important points along the highways.
- (3) Signs for churches, public schools or other like organizations announcing local time of meeting or directional signs, with the approval of the building and zoning director.
- (4) Such other signs of a public nature as the council deems desirable.

Sec. 78-4. - Stress diagrams; designs.

- (a) Stress diagrams. Stress diagrams shall be furnished with plans for all roof signs and shall be approved by the building and zoning director.
- (b) Designs. Designs shall conform to the requirements of the American Institute of Steel Construction and Anchorages and shall be designed to safely withstand all stresses to which they may be subjected.

Sec. 78-5. - Misleading statements on signs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to display untrue, false or misleading statements upon signs, billboards, or other public places, calculated to mislead the public as to anything sold, any services to be performed, or information disseminated. The fact that any such sign or display shall contain words or language sufficient to mislead an ordinary person in reading such words, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section by persons displaying such signs, or permitting such signs to be displayed upon their property at their residence, establishment or place of business.

Sec. 78-6. - Written permission of property owner required.

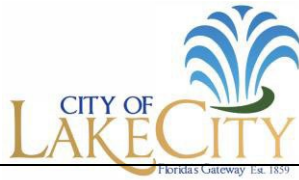
No person shall construct, erect, operate, use or maintain any outdoor advertising structure, outdoor advertising sign or advertisement without the written permission of the owner or other person in lawful possession or control of the property on which such structure or sign is located.

Sec. 78-7. - Individual device permits; fees; tags.

(a) Except as in this chapter otherwise provided, no person shall construct, erect, operate, use, maintain or cause or permit to be constructed, erected, operated, used or maintained any outdoor advertising structure, outdoor advertising sign or outdoor advertisement without first obtaining a permit therefor from the city building and zoning director and paying the fee therefor as provided in this section.

(b) Applications for permits for advertising structures, advertising signs or advertisements shall be made on forms provided by the building and zoning director and shall be accompanied by such drawings and specifications as may be necessary to fully advise and acquaint the building and zoning director with the location, construction, weight, materials and manner of illuminating and of securing or fastening such proposed device and shall be signed by the applicant or his duly authorized representative. Every application for a permit shall be accompanied by payment of the fee for every advertising structure, advertising sign or advertisement included in the application, which fee shall be based on the following schedule:

- (1) Neon and electrical signs:
\$0.20 per square foot of advertising surface with a minimum of \$ 3.00
- (2) Nonelectric detachable signs:
\$0.10 per square foot of advertising surface with a minimum of \$1.00
- (3) Neon display and outline lighting, including transformers:



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Up to and including three transformers\3.00

Each additional transformer\1.00

(4) Painted wall signs on buildings:

Up to and including 100 square feet of advertising surface\1.50

Each additional 100 square feet or fraction thereof of advertising surface\1.50

(c) For every permit issued the building and zoning director shall deliver to the applicant a permit number which shall be painted on the face of the advertising structure, advertising sign or advertisement in numerals one-inch-high on the end nearest roadway in a manner that shall cause it to be plainly visible. The construction, erection, use or maintenance of any advertising structure, advertising sign or advertisement which is required by this chapter to be permitted, without having painted thereon a currently valid permit number, shall be prima facie evidence that the sign or advertisement has been constructed or erected and is being operated, used or maintained in violation of the provisions of this chapter, and shall be subject to removal at the direction of the mayor or city council.

(d) Permits issued under this section shall expire on September 30 of each year. No fee may be prorated for a period less than the remainder of the permit year to accommodate short-term publicity features. However, all first year fees may be prorated by the payment of an amount equal to one-fourth of the annual fee for each remaining whole quarter of the permit year.

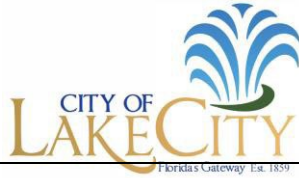
Sec. 78-8. - Exemptions from requirements of chapter.

The following advertising structures, advertising signs and advertisements or parts thereof upon which they are posted or displayed are excepted from the provisions of this chapter:

- (1) Those constructed by the owner or lessee of a place of business or residence on land belonging to the owner or lessee are exempt from the provisions of section 78-1(1).
- (2) Those upon real property posted or displayed by the owner or by the authority of the owner stating that real property is for sale or rent.
- (3) Official notices or advertisements posted or displayed by or under the direction of any public or court officer in the performance of his official or directed duties, or by trustees under deeds of trust, deed of assignment or other similar instruments.
- (4) Danger or precautionary signs relating to the premises upon which they are or signs warning of the condition of or dangers of travel on a state, county or municipal highway erected or authorized by duly authorized authority.
- (5) Signs solely to denote route to any city, town, village or historical place or shrine.
- (6) Notices of any railroad, bridge, ferry or other transportation or transmission company necessary for the direction or safety of the public.
- (7) Signs, notices or symbols for the information of aviators as to location, directions and landings and conditions affecting safety in aviation erected or authorized by the building and zoning director.
- (8) Signs or notices erected or maintained upon property giving the name of the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises.
- (9) Historical markers erected by duly constituted and authorized public authorities.
- (10) Signs erected upon property warning the public against hunting and fishing or trespassing thereon.
- (11) Signs erected by Red Cross authorities relating to Red Cross emergency stations.
- (12) Highway markers and signs erected or caused to be erected by duly authorized authority.

Sec. 78-9. - Enforcement of chapter.

Any advertisement, advertising sign or advertising structure which is constructed, erected, operated, used, maintained, posted or displayed in violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public and private nuisance and shall be forthwith removed, obliterated and abated at the direction of the mayor or city council, and, for that purpose, duly authorized city employees may enter upon private property without incurring any liability therefor; provided, however, that if any outdoor advertising structure or outdoor advertising sign bears thereon the name of the owner, the owner shall be given notice of the alleged violation and shall have 30 days after the receipt of such notice within which to show that the advertisement, advertising sign or advertising structure does not violate the provisions of this chapter or in default of such showing, such device shall be removed.



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Secs. 78-10—78-35. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - LOCATION OF SIGNS; PERMITS

Sec. 78-36. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Private land means lands owned by private persons other than the lands defined as public lands.

Public land means all of the land located within the city which is owned by the city including, but not limited to, leased lands, street rights-of-way and sidewalks.

Sign means every sign, billboard, placard, political notice, political campaign literature, advertisement, notice, announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interest of any person, business, event, or occurrence, including persons seeking to be elected to public offices, when such signs are placed out of doors in view of the general public.

Sec. 78-37. - Placing signs upon city property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, erect, construct, locate or maintain signs, advertisements, notices, posters, placards, billboards, political notices or political campaign literature upon any lands owned by the city, including street rights-of-way and sidewalks and trees, structures or utility poles located upon such lands or rights-of-way.

Sec. 78-38. - Placing signs on private property; written permission required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, erect, construct, locate or maintain signs, advertisements, notices, posters, placards, billboards, political notices and political campaign literature upon any privately owned lands located within the city without first filing written permission from the owner of such lands and obtaining a permit from the city building and zoning director.

Sec. 78-39. - Application for permit; information required.

Any person seeking a permit to erect or place a sign of any type upon private lands shall make application to the building and zoning director, and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- (2) Location of building, structure or lot to which, or upon which, the sign or other advertising structure is to be attached or erected.
- (3) Position of the sign or other advertising structure in relation to nearby buildings or structures.
- (4) Two blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and the method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground.
- (5) Name of persons erecting structure.
- (6) Written consent of the owner of the building, structure or land to which or on which the structure is to be erected.
- (7) Any electrical permit required and issued for such sign.
- (8) Such other information as the building and zoning director shall require to show full compliance with this and all other laws and ordinances of the city.

Sec. 78-40. - Building and zoning director; duty to examine plans.

It shall be the duty of the building and zoning director, upon the filing of an application for an erection permit, to examine such plans and specifications and other data and the premises upon which it is proposed to erect the sign or other advertising structure, and if it shall appear that the proposed structure is in compliance with all the requirements of sections 78-36—78-40 and all other laws and ordinances of the city, he shall then issue the erection permit. If the work authorized under an erection permit has not been completed within one month after the date of issuance, the permit shall become null and void.



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ARTICLE III. - BANNERS

Sec. 78-41. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Banner shall mean the form of a sign or advertisement for outdoor display usually consisting of a large square or rectangular piece of cloth, netting, plastic material or other fabric duly inscribed and suspended in public view across a street, in front of a building, or along the sides of streets.

Sec. 78-42. - Permit required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to install, attach or construct a banner in, upon or over any public street, alley, highway, road, or upon sidewalks and city utility poles within the City of Lake City unless and until a permit for such has been obtained from the city council.

Sec. 78-43. - Banner for commercial purposes prohibited.

No permit shall be issued to any person or organization authorizing the installation, construction or attachment of a banner in, upon or over any public street, alley, highway, road, or upon sidewalks and city utility poles within the city which is for the primary purpose of advertising and promoting the sale or use of any product, goods, wares, merchandise or attendance to any event and is operated as a private commercial enterprise for profit.

Sec. 78-44. - Application for permit.

Any person or organization who wants to install or construct a banner within the city shall apply to the city manager, or the designee of the city manager, for a permit at least 30 days in advance of the date of the proposed installation or construction of the banner. The application for such permit shall be made in writing on a form approved by the city manager. The application shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name of the applicant and the sponsoring organization seeking to install or erect the banner, and the addresses and telephone numbers of each.
- (2) The purpose for which the banner is to be erected, its proposed location and approximate time when the banner will be installed and removed.
- (3) Such other information as may be necessary to protect the interest and safety of the city.

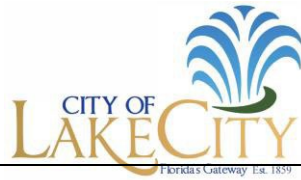
Sec. 78-45. - Approval or denial of permit.

Prior to acting on the application for a banner permit, the application shall be reviewed by the city manager or his designee(s). The city manager shall either approve or deny in writing the permit in a timely manner. If a banner permit is denied, said written notice shall state the reasons for the denial. The city manager reserves the right to establish priority for which banners are to be displayed. The maximum time limit for an individual banner to be displayed shall not exceed 30 days.

Sec. 78-46. - Contents of permit.

Upon application for a banner permit being approved, the city manager shall issue the banner permit, which shall specify:

- (1) The location or locations for erecting or installing the banner.
- (2) The date for erecting or installing the banner.
- (3) The date the banner shall be removed.
- (4) Any banner permit granted, among other conditions, may contain conditions reasonably calculated to reduce or minimize the dangers and hazards to vehicular or pedestrian traffic and the public health, safety, tranquility, morals or welfare. No banner shall contain phone numbers or addresses. The city manager shall establish requirements to insure proper and safe construction of the banner.



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Sec. 78-47. - Permit fee.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, each applicant granted a banner permit shall pay the city a fee of \$200.00 for each permitted banner to cover extra expenses incurred by city in rendering services relating solely to the installation and removal of banners placed across streets, alleys, highways, roads, or upon sidewalks and city utility poles.

(b) Effective October 1, 2007, and each October 1 thereafter, the banner permit fee provided for herein shall be adjusted and increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index-U.S. Cities Average - All Urban Consumers - All Items (2005-100) published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

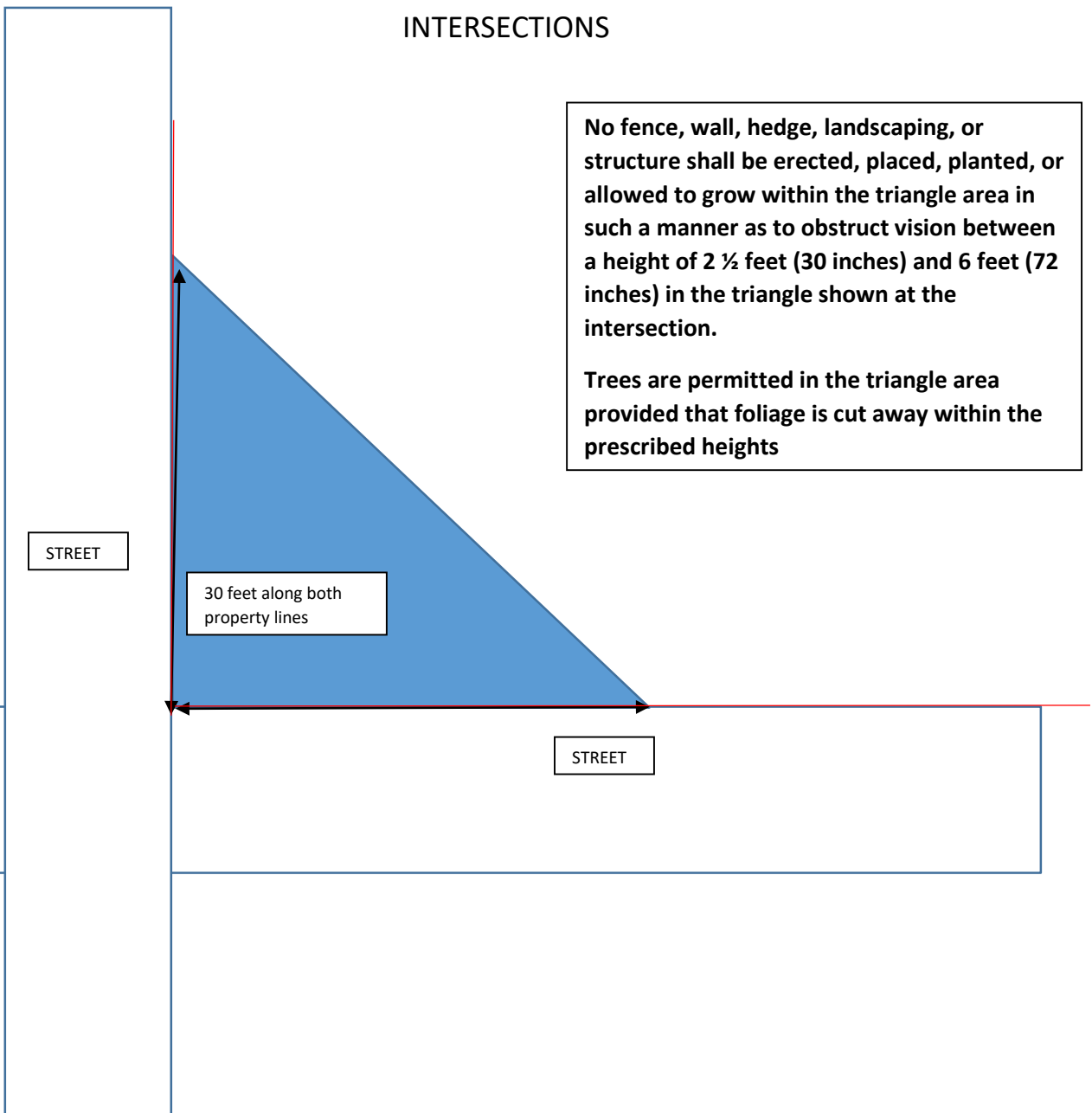
(c) Banner permit fees will be waived for city sponsored or co-sponsored events, including, but not limited to, Olustee Festival, downtown action corporation events co-sponsored by the city, city recreation events, or other events sponsored or co-sponsored by the city.

Sec. 78-48. - Hold harmless.

Any applicant granted a banner permit shall agree in writing to indemnify and hold harmless the city, its council members, officers, employees and agents from all suits, actions, damages or claims to which the city may be subjected of any kind or nature whatsoever resulting from, caused by, arising out of, or as a consequence of such banner and the activities in connection therewith. Prior to any banner being erected, the person or organization to whom the permit has been issued shall provide the city with general public liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$300,000.00 with the city as a named insured.

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