

- b. The following activities and signs shall not require a sign permit:
- (1) the changing of advertising copy or message on signs, which are specifically designed for the use of replaceable copy;
 - (2) one general identification sign per building entrance such as a nameplate, street number, or occupant identification sign on common entrances, not to exceed six square feet;
 - (3) one on-site bulletin board or identification sign for public, charitable, educational or religious use not exceeding 32 square feet;
 - (4) symbolic flags or insignias limited to 50 total square feet in area;
 - (5) decorative flags, banners and bunting authorized by the city council for a citywide celebration, conventions or commemorations;
 - (6) memorial signs, tablets or cornerstones, names of buildings and date of erection when consisting of a cut masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other noncombustible materials;
 - (7) up to four incidental signs or symbols (e.g. entrance, exit, caution, slow, no trespassing) located on and pertaining to a parcel or property not to exceed two square feet in area per sign;
 - (8) identification signs at the entrance drive of residences, estates, farms, ranches, and plantations, which do not exceed two square feet in area;
 - (9) Political signs may be placed on private property after the qualifying deadline for the election. A candidate shall remove his/her political signs from private property within five (5) days following the first to occur of:
 - (i) said candidate not winning a primary election or prevailing to a run-off in a primary election;
 - (ii) said candidate not winning a primary run-off election;
 - (iii) said candidate not winning a general election or prevailing to a run-off in a general election; or
 - (iv) the general election (provided, that the foregoing use of the term "general election" shall include a run-off in a general election).
 - (a) In residential zoning districts: political signs are not to exceed 4 square feet
 - (b) In all other zoning districts: political signs are not to exceed 16 square feet
 - (10) Real Estate / For Sale signs; one non-illuminated, double-faced, temporary, real estate for sale sign per street frontage not exceeding in face area:
 - (a) In residential zoning districts six square feet where the property being advertised has a front lot line of less than 500 lineal feet, or 16 square feet where the property being advertised has a front lot line of 500 lineal feet or more.
 - (b) In all other districts, 16 square feet.
 - (11) One construction sign per street frontage located on property where construction is actually in progress under a current building permit. This shall be a ground sign not to exceed 16 square feet for residential structures and 32 square feet for non-residential structures. This sign shall be removed before a certificate of occupancy is issued;
 - (12) Temporary signs may be placed on private property for a period no longer than 30 days; one temporary sign allowed per street frontage; no larger than 4 square feet per sign.
 - (13) Window signs which identify or advertise activities, services, goods or products available within the building and which collectively cover 20% or less of the window glass surface area;
 - (14) Signs incorporated on machinery or equipment at the manufacturer's or distributor's level, which identify or advertise only the product or service dispensed by the machine or equipment, such as signs customarily affixed to vending machines, newspaper racks, telephone booths, and gasoline pumps and do not exceed two square feet per piece of equipment;
 - (15) Directional and regulatory signs erected by an agency of government or any lawfully constituted utility;
 - (16) One (1) under-canopy sign per business not to exceed three square feet, not lower than eight feet clear above the walkway surface and not illuminated;
- c. Signs with unusual structural features, or as deemed necessary by the Planning Director, shall be designed, signed and certified by an Alabama registered engineer, who shall submit sufficient data to enable the Planning Director to determine whether the sign complies with all applicable codes and ordinances:
- d. A sign permit shall become null and void if the sign for which the permit was issued has not been completed within a period of six months after the date of issuance.

4. Sign Standards

- a. *Permitted Signs for Residential Districts and Uses*
- (1) No building signs are allowed in residential districts or for residential uses unless they are exempt from permits according to Section 3.b.
 - (2) Two freestanding signs are permitted for each subdivision, neighborhood, or complex entrance subject to the following: