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Basic Sign Ordinance Regulations

The following signs are prohibited by the City of Grand Ledge Zoning Ordinance:

- Signs located within the public right-of-way, except for traffic control signs installed by the City of Grand Ledge or Michigan Department of Transportation. The right-of-way is generally the area between the sidewalk and the edge of the public street. Where sidewalk does not exist, the right-of-way is considered to extend for a distance of 15 feet from the edge of the street inward on the property.
- Inflatable signs, strings of flags/pennants, roof top signs and signs affixed to telephone poles, light poles or any other fixture within the public right-of-way.
- More than one temporary sign relating to the same business. One temporary sign, per business is permitted for a maximum of 15 days, twice in a calendar year.

The following signs are permitted in the Central Business District (downtown):

- One wall sign, up to 32 square feet in area
- One projecting sign, up to 16 square feet in area with a maximum projection of 4.5 feet from the wall of the building
- One ground sign with a maximum area of 25 square feet, a maximum height of 5 feet and a minimum setback of 5 feet from the road right-of-way line.
- One sandwich board sign, up to 8 square feet in area (2 feet wide, 4 feet high) per store is permitted on a sidewalk that is at least 8 feet wide

The following signs are permitted in the Office Service District:

- One 6 square foot nameplate sign for each exterior building entrance
- One ground sign with a maximum area of 40 square feet, a maximum height six feet and a minimum setback of 10 feet from the road right-of-way. Two ground signs may be permitted in certain instances.

The following signs are permitted in the "B-1" Highway Service District:

- One wall sign, up to 10% of the building wall area to which it is attached is permitted on each building facade with road frontage.
- One ground sign up to 6 feet in height, 60 square feet in area with a setback of at least 10 feet from the road right-of-way line. Two ground signs may be permitted in certain instances.
- A "business center" (more than one business on the same parcel of land) shall be permitted one ground sign, not exceeding 25 feet in height, 100 square feet in area with a setback of at least 10 feet from the road right-of-way line.

The following signs are permitted in the “I-1 and I-2 Industrial Districts:

- One wall sign, up to 5% of the building wall area to which it is attached is permitted on each building facade with road frontage.
- One ground sign with a maximum area of 64 square feet, a maximum height of 10 feet and a minimum setback of 10 feet from the road right-of-way line. Two ground signs may be permitted in certain instances.
- One ground sign up to 10 feet in height, 100 square feet in area with a setback of at least 20 feet from the road right-of-way line is permitted in an industrial park.

General Sign Ordinance Provisions:

- Nonresidential uses in residential zoning districts such as hospitals, churches and schools shall be allowed one ground sign, not exceeding 32 square feet in area, 8 feet in height with a setback of at least 10 feet from the road right-of-way line. In addition, such uses shall be allowed one, 50 square foot non-illuminated wall.
- Nonresidential real estate signs may not exceed 32 square feet in area, 10 feet in height, and must have a setback of at least 10 feet from the road right-of-way line.
- Residential real estate signs may not exceed 6 square feet in area, 42 inches in height and must be setback at least 5 from the road right-of-way line.
- Political signs may not exceed 6 square feet in area, 3½ feet in height and must be removed within 10 days after the election.
- Electronic message boards are be permitted in all nonresidential zoning districts. Such signs shall have automatic dimming capabilities that adjust the brightness to the ambient light at all times of day and night. The copy or message of an electronic message center must be static for a minimum duration of six (6) seconds. Video animation and phasing, rolling, scrolling, flashing, blending, and other transitions to messages are prohibited.

The information contained in this document is intended to provide a basic overview of the City of Grand Ledge Sign Ordinance regulations. The complete Sign Ordinance (Section 220-78 of the Zoning Ordinance) may be viewed on the City’s website at:

<http://www.cityofgrandledge.com/Government/DepartmentsDivisions/PlanningandZoning.aspx>

A sign permit is required prior to installation of a sign. In addition, an electrical permit is required for all illuminated signs. There is a \$35 fee for the sign permit and a \$95 fee for the electrical permit, if required.

If you have any questions about the requirements for signs, please contact Susan Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator at 517-622-7928 or by email at sstachowiak@grand-ledge.com

Examples of Illegal Signs



Inflatable Sign



Inflatable Sign - Rooftop Sign



Signs in the public right-of-way



Signs in the public right-of-way



Multiple temporary signs on the same lot



Pennants – strings of flags