



City of

OAKLAND PARK

F L O R I D A

SIGN GUIDE

ARTICLE XI

SIGNS

- (2) All new construction and substantial improvements of nonresidential buildings shall:
 - (a) Have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to one (1) foot above the depth number specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, in feet above the highest adjacent grade. If no depth number is specified, the lowest floor, including basement shall be elevated at least two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade, or;
 - (b) Together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be completely floodproofed to or above that level so that any space below that level is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effect of buoyancy.

(Ord. No. O-92-21, § 1, 11-4-92; Ord. No. O-93-3, §§ 2—8, 3-18-93; Ord. No. O-1999-011, § 11, 6-2-99)

Secs. 24-135—24-142. Reserved.

ARTICLE XI. SIGNS

Sec. 24-143. Generally.

(A) *Purpose.* The purpose of this article is to create a comprehensive system of street graphic controls, thereby facilitating clear communication, reduced traffic hazards and an enhanced aesthetic appearance of the city.

(B) *Definitions.*

- (1) *Aggregate frontage:* For the purpose of this section aggregate frontage shall be defined and determined as follows:

Interior lots. Actual lineal right-of-way frontage.

Through lots. Actual lineal right-of-way frontage along principal right-of-way or frontage.

Corner lots. The sum of the straight line lineal distances along the principle and secondary frontages extended beyond corner chords, radius and turn lanes to the point of intersection.

Interrupted corner parcels. The sum of the actual lineal principal and secondary right-of-way frontages exclusive of outparcel(s).

- (2) *Animated sign:* A sign which utilizes motion of any part by any means, or displays flashing, oscillating, sequential or intermittent lights other than time or temperature and shall include barber poles.

- (3) *Banner sign*: A sign having the characters, letters or illustrations applied to cloth, paper or fabric of any kind with only such material for backing.
- (4) *Bunting*: Any kind of pennant, streamer or other similar fabric decoration.
- (5) *Bench sign*: Any sign painted on or attached to a bench or to a shelter for persons awaiting public transportation.
- (6) *Building identification sign*: A sign that shows the name or address of a building.
- (7) *Cold air balloon sign*: Any sign of fabric type material, inflated by cold air to a point of semi-rigidity for the purpose of floating above the ground.
- (8) *Contractor sign*: A sign designating the name of the general contractor or subcontractor or both undertaking real property improvements, whether commercial or residential.
- (9) *Corner site*: For the purpose of this section a corner site shall be defined as a site having frontage on two (2) intersecting roads. Sites having frontage on two (2) intersecting roads which frontage is interrupted by one (1) or more outparcels shall be considered a corner site. However, any frontage associated with an outparcel shall not be included in the frontage calculation of the corner site.
- (10) *Development identification sign*: A sign that is permitted to be installed only around the perimeter of a development to identify the development.
- (11) *Directional sign*:
 - (a) A noncommercial sign permanently erected and maintained by the city, county or state, or any agency thereof, to denote the name of any thoroughfare, the route to any city, educational institution, public building, park, recreational facility or hospital; to direct and regulate traffic; to denote any transportation or transmission company for the direction or safety of the public.
 - (b) A noncommercial sign located on and relating to an activity on the premises upon which the sign is located, providing information to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, e.g. "entrance," "exit," "caution" and "no trespassing."
 - (c) A sign within a development, or at the entrance(s) thereto, showing the name(s) and directions to the location(s) of the subdivisions comprising the development, a sales office, etc.
- (12) *Directory sign*: An index consisting of the names of tenants of an office building, shopping center or other multitenant business complex.
- (13) *Facade*: The face of a building from the ground to the roof line.
- (14) *Grand opening sign*: A temporary sign announcing the first opening of a business not previously conducted in the city by the same person(s), at the particular location or the first sale of dwellings in a project. It may be wood, paper, cloth, bunting or banner pennants.
- (15) *Ground or monument sign*: Any freestanding solid monument structure containing a sign face which is supported solely by its own ground-mounted base and which is not attached or affixed in any way to a building or other structure.

- (16) *Illuminated sign*: Any sign having characters, letters, designs, logos or outlines illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes designed for that purpose, whether or not said lights or tubes are physically attached to the sign.
- (17) *Local roadway*: For the purpose of this section a local roadway shall mean any roadway other than those specified as a major roadway as defined in this section.
- (18) *Major roadway*: For the purpose of this section of the Land Development Code a major roadway shall mean U.S. 1 (North Federal Highway), North Dixie Highway, North Andrews Avenue, N.W. 9 Avenue (Powerline Road), N.W. 31 Avenue, N.E. 62 Street (Commercial Boulevard), Prospect Road (from North Dixie Highway to N.W. 10 Terrace) and Oakland Park Boulevard.
- (19) *Model sign*: A sign which designates a particular dwelling unit which is exhibited to depict other units of a similar design that are for sale.
- (20) *Multitenant center*: Any shopping center, office center, business center or industrial center in which two (2) or more occupancies abut each other or share common parking facilities or driveways or are otherwise related, including common ingress/egress drives.
- (21) *Off-premises sign*: Any sign advertising a commercial establishment, activity, product, service or entertainment, which is sold, produced, manufactured, available or furnished at a place other than on the property on which the sign is located.
- (22) *Outparcel*: A freestanding site or building consisting of a business or establishment unrelated to any other business or establishment located within or on the principal building or site.
- (23) *Pole-sign*: Any sign erected upon a pole, poles or a pylon, and which is wholly independent of any building and/or other structure for support.
- (24) *Political sign*: Any sign which indicates the name, cause or affiliation of anyone seeking public office or which indicates any issue for which a public election is scheduled to be held.
- (25) *Portable sign*: Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; skid-mounted signs; signs converted to A- or T-frames; menu and sandwich Board signs; balloons used as signs; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked to clearly provide advertising close to the public right-of-way, unless said vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business, the sign area is less than two (2) square feet per side, and there is no reasonable alternative storage space.
- (26) *Principal frontage*:
1. The greater of two (2) frontages of a corner site when both intersecting roads are major roadways or when both intersecting roads are local roadways.
 2. The frontage of a corner site on a major roadway when the second frontage is on a local roadway.

- (27) *Project sign*: A sign announcing a project under construction or an intended use of the premises in the immediate future.
- (28) *Projecting sign*: A sign directly attached to and extending from a building or other structure by more than fifteen (15) inches.
- (29) *Real estate sign*: A sign erected on-site by the owner or his agent, indicating property which is for rent, lease or sale, open for inspection, shown by appointment only or similar announcement.
- (30) *Roof sign*: A sign erected over, across or on the roof of any building, which is dependent on the roof, parapet or upper walls of a building for support.
- (31) *Sidewalk or sandwich sign*: A moveable sign not permanently secured or attached to the ground.
- (32) *Sign*: Any structure and all parts composing the same, together with the frame, background or support therefore, which is used for advertising or display purposes or any statutory, sculpture molding, casting or other objects used for advertising or display purposes, or any flags, bunting or material used for display or advertising purposes, or for the purpose of attracting the attention of the public.
- (33) *Sign area*:
- Pole sign: Area in square feet per sign face. (Two (2) faces only)
- Ground sign: Area in square feet per sign face. (Two (2) faces only).
- Wall sign: Area in square feet for a single sign face measured as a rectangle, greatest height by greatest length.
- (34) *Sign height*: Freestanding sign height shall be measured from the elevation of the sidewalk adjacent to the frontage to the top of the sign. In the event no sidewalk exists, height shall be measured from the crown of the road at its closest point to the sign location.
- (35) *Snipe sign*: A sign which is tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, walls, trash receptacles or fences, or to other objects, and the advertising matter appearing thereon is not applicable to the present use of the premises upon which such sign is located. Legal notices required by law are exempted.
- (36) *Temporary sign*: Any sign to be displayed for a limited period as specified in section 24-149, Table 3 shall be deemed a temporary sign. Such signs may be granted extensions by the board of adjustment for good cause.
- (37) *Wall sign*: A sign which is affixed to an exterior wall, fascia, cantilever, marquee, awning or mansard of any building which is parallel thereto and supported by said wall, fascia, cantilever, marquee, awning, mansard or building. No sign shall project higher than the top of said wall, fascia, mansard or building.
- (38) *Window*: For the purpose of this section a window shall be defined as that portion of a first or second floor facade consisting of a glass like material designed to provide

viewing of the interior from an adjacent exterior walkway and which shall be no less than seventy-five (75) percent transparent from the exterior during daylight hours. Window area is defined as contiguous window panels separated by dividers less than six (6) inches in width.

- (39) *Window sign*: A permanent sign painted on a store front window or door, or temporary signs attached thereto indicating the name of the business and/or main or accessory services or products or both.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 2, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-90-22, § 2, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 2, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-144. Prohibited signs.

(A) The following signs are prohibited anywhere in the city:

- (1) Animated signs except time and temperature and barber poles which shall be limited to two (2) feet in length.
- (2) Banner signs except as a temporary grand opening sign.
- (3) Buntings, cold air balloons and flags other than (a) temporary grand opening and authorized special event signs and (b) one (1) United States flag, one (1) State of Florida flag and one other noncommercial flag on poles not to exceed forty (40) feet in height, one (1) pole each per building.
- (4) Obscene signs.
- (5) Off-premises commercial signs except bus shelter or bench signs, temporary project sign (as provided for in section 24-149, Table 3), and billboards (as provided for in section 24-153).
- (6) Portable signs.
- (7) Roof signs.
- (8) Snipe sign.
- (9) Signs, other than signs placed by agencies of governments, shall not be erected on any public property. No sign shall be placed on any utility pole except for utility identification or similar purpose without the written consent of the owner and the prior approval of the city commission.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 3, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 3, 1-20-93; Ord. No. O-2001-007, § 1, 2-21-01)

Sec. 24-145. Required signs.

(A) The following signs must be placed where relevant:

- (1) Warning signs at gasoline stations as prescribed by the fire marshal.
- (2) Fire lane markings, no smoking, locked doors, blocked, apartment identification, not an exit and others as may be prescribed by the fire marshal.

(3) *Building identification:*

- (a) Residential building with four (4) dwelling units or less: Address numerals at least three (3) inches high which shall be required to be installed within one (1) year of the effective date of this article.
- (b) Residential building with more than four (4) dwelling units and nonresidential buildings: Address numerals at least ten (10) inches high which shall be required to be installed.
- (c) Nonresidential buildings in addition to (b) above: Address numerals at least three (3) inches high by rear doors, which shall be required to be installed within one (1) year of the effective date of this article.
- (d) As a condition for receiving a certificate of occupancy, occupational license or use permit address numerals shall be permanently placed on a building or store front pursuant to this section.

(4) Handicapped parking signs.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 4, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-90-22, § 3, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 4, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-146. Public interest and exempt signs.

(A) The following may be permitted on public or private land by resolution of city commission irrespective of other provisions of this article:

- (1) Benches carrying advertising matter placed upon the sidewalks by the Junior Chamber of Commerce or other civic organizations.
 - (2) Bus shelters, carrying advertising matter, constructed so as not to obstruct vision triangles at driveways and rights-of-way.
 - (a) Before consideration of an application to approve a bus stop shelter within the right-of-way of I-95, a permit shall be issued from the Florida Department of Transportation and presented to the city.
 - (b) Before approval by the city of any bus shelter on or extending over private property, acceptable evidence of the property owner's approval shall be ascertained.
 - (3) Signs announcing meeting places of various civic organizations at strategic points along the highways.
 - (4) Directional signs for churches, public schools or other like institutions.
 - (5) Directional sign desired by governmental units.
 - (6) Such similar signs of a public nature as the commission deems desirable.
 - (7) Signs installed under the direction or regulation of federal, state, county and/or municipal agencies including plaques placed by historical agencies shall be permitted.
- (Ord. No. O-90-13, § 5, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 5, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-147. Residential district permanent signs.

The following signs are authorized in all residential districts, including MH and RV:

TABLE 1

Development identification sign:

Number maximum	1 per street frontage except 2 where attached to symmetrical entrance feature
Area maximum	24 sq. ft.
Height maximum	6 ft.

Directional sign:

Area maximum	4 sq. ft.
Other restrictions	No advertising copy, the number can not exceed what is reasonably required to achieve clear direction

Model sign:

Number maximum	1 per model lot and per office lot
Area maximum	6 sq. ft.
Model arrow signs	3 per development not to exceed 4 sq. ft.
Flags	2 per model office lot, 1 per model lot
Time limit	Until 1 month after building permit is issued for last house in development

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 6, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90)

Sec. 24-148. Nonresidential district permanent signs.

Tables 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E authorize the following signs in NB, B-1, B-2, B-3, I-1, CF and PCC Districts; in the RO District, each structure shall not have more than one (1) sign, either wall or ground. Directional signs are also permitted as per section 24-147, Table 1, including BP and CP Districts.

TABLE 2A

<i>Site Descriptions</i>	<i>Signs Permitted</i>	<i>Freestanding Signs</i>		
		<i>Maximum Height</i>	<i>Maximum Area</i>	<i>Exceptions</i>
Frontage of less than 100 feet on a local roadway.	1 Pole sign	Pole: 12 feet	Pole: 32 sq. ft.	
Frontage of more than 100 feet on a local roadway.	1 Pole sign or 1 Ground sign	Pole: 15 feet Ground: 5 feet	Pole: 1 sq. ft. per 3 feet of frontage not to exceed 64 sq. ft.	
Frontage of less than 100 feet on a major roadway.	1 Pole sign or 1 Ground sign	Pole: 20 feet Ground: 5 feet	Pole: 32 sq. ft. Ground 48 sq. ft.	

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Frontage of more than 100 feet but less than 200 feet on a major roadway.	1 Pole sign or 1 Ground sign	Pole: 20 feet Ground: 5 feet	Pole: 1 sq. ft. per 3 feet of frontage Ground: 48 sq. ft.	For pole signs, if the setback from the right-of-way is 50 feet or more the maximum height may be 25 feet and the maximum area may be 1½ sq. ft. per 3 feet of frontage.
Frontage of more than 200 feet on a major roadway.	1 Pole sign or 1 Ground sign	Pole: 20 feet Ground: 5 feet	Pole: 1 sq. ft. per 3 feet of frontage not to exceed 100 sq. ft. Ground: 64 sq. ft.	For pole signs, if the setback from the right-of-way is 50 feet or more the maximum height may be 25 feet and the maximum area may be 1½ sq. ft. per 3 feet of frontage not to exceed 150 sq. ft.

Minimum setbacks for freestanding signs:

1. Five feet from the right-of-way and five (5) feet from the side property line except in zoning districts which permit a zero side setback the setback from the side property line may be zero.
2. If the sign is within an ultimate right-of-way as shown on the Broward County Trafficways Plan, the owner shall sign a hold harmless agreement to exempt the city from any relocation costs.
3. Pole signs located within ten (10) feet of a right-of-way or within an otherwise required clear vision triangle shall have a minimum clearance of nine (9) feet measured from finished grade of the property to the bottom of the sign.
4. Where setbacks or limited parking areas preclude the safe placement of a freestanding sign on frontage greater than one hundred (100) feet and additional wall sign may be permitted in accordance with Table 2B.

**TABLE 2B
WALL SIGNS**

Number permitted:

One per ground floor establishment having frontage on and directly visible from a public right-of-way, multitenant parking lot or internal circulation route.

- Location:* On the facade of the structure which faces the principal frontage or which contains the principal customer vehicle access or pedestrian entrance.
- Maximum area:* 15% of the facade of the establishment not to exceed 100 sq. ft. The maximum size may be increased by an additional 50 sq. ft. for each additional 100 feet of setback from the principal frontage in excess of 25 feet. However, no wall sign shall exceed 15% of the facade or 200 sq. ft. whichever is less.
- Maximum height:* No higher than 6 inches below the top of facade, wall, parapet or sign panel integral to the architecture of the structure. For multistory structures top of facade or wall shall be the floor level of the next higher floor.
- General requirements:*
1. In no instance shall the width of the front identification sign be wider than 75% of the width of the facade of the structure, bay(s) or signage panel independent of facade.
 2. Individual freestanding accessory buildings shall be permitted one functionally descriptive identifying wall sign describing a customer service provided within the structure i.e. carwash, drive-through teller etc. Said sign shall not exceed 12 sq. ft. in area or 10% of the facade whichever is less.
 3. In lieu of an otherwise permitted wall sign gasoline service stations may install a sign on a canopy providing that said sign does not exceed 15% of the canopy facia and parallel facing facade if any. Said canopy sign shall be installed a minimum of 4 inches below the top and 4 inches above the bottom of the canopy facade.
 4. In addition to the above permitted wall signs one name plate sign per business shall be permitted. Such name plate shall not be an advertisement. It shall not exceed 1½ sq. ft. in total area and shall be attached to a front wall, window, or door. It shall consist of individual letters not exceeding 6 inches in height and may include a logo not exceeding 9 inches in height.
 5. In addition each business shall be permitted one rear entry information related sign not to exceed 6 sq. ft. in area for the purposes of delivery or customer permit information. Said sign may be a wall or ground type sign.

**TABLE 2C
WINDOW SIGNS**

<i>Number permitted:</i>	Two per window in not more than two windows per ground floor establishment with frontage on, visible from and direct exterior pedestrian access to a public right-of-way, internal circulation route or common parking area. Second story establishments in a two-story building with frontage on and visible from a public right-of-way, internal circulation route or common parking area may be permitted one window sign per window in not more than two windows.
<i>Maximum area:</i>	Window signs may not exceed a total of 15% of the window in which they are located.
<i>General requirements:</i>	Window signs include any interior signs or advertising within five feet of the window excluding merchandise display.

**TABLE 2D
BUILDING IDENTIFICATION SIGNS**

<i>Number permitted:</i>	Two per building or one per site roadway frontage up to four per building on buildings three (3) floors or more in height.
<i>Location:</i>	On the upper third of the building elevation or facade.
<i>Maximum area:</i>	5% of the elevation or facade on which the sign is located not to exceed 100 sq. ft. The maximum size may be increased by an additional 50 sq. ft. for each additional 100 feet of setback in excess of 25 feet from the frontage which the sign will face. However, no building identification sign shall exceed 5% of the elevation or facade on which it is located or 100 sq. ft. whichever is less.
<i>Maximum area exception:</i>	Where two (2) or more building identification signs are permitted on a building and the setbacks from the frontages vary or areas of the facades on which the signs will be placed vary or both, the allowable area for each sign may be the average of the maximum sign area permitted for each facade or elevation.
<i>Maximum height:</i>	No higher than 12 inches below the top of facade, wall, parapet, or sign panel integral to the architecture of the building.
<i>General requirements:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In no instance shall the width of the front identification sign be wider than 75% of the width of the facade or elevation on which it is placed. 2. All building identification signs permitted for a building shall contain the same copy or content, shall advertise the name of the building, complex or one anchor tenant only, and shall not contain any product, service or price advertising.

TABLE 2E

A. Multitenant Office and Retail Properties

Multitenant office and retail properties are those properties, sites or developments which are occupied by one or more structures and any combination of more than one retail business, service business or office, served by a common access and parking area and may be owned or managed by one or more entities. The following provisions apply to multitenant office and retail properties.

1. The site shall be permitted freestanding signs in accordance with Table 2A.
2. In lieu of a permitted freestanding sign pursuant to Table 2A the site may erect one freestanding site identification/tenant directory sign not to exceed the following standards.

<i>Maximum height:</i>	15 feet.
<i>Maximum area:</i>	In accordance with permitted pole signs in Table 2A.
<i>Permitted content:</i>	No less than 20% of the permitted sign area shall be devoted to the identification of the site, project or center. The balance of the sign area shall be devoted to a tenant directory. No tenant or occupant may occupy more space on the sign than any other tenant or occupant. All directory lettering shall be of like size, typeface and coloring. Only the name and logo of the tenant may occupy directory signage. No product, service, price or phone number advertising will be permitted. No changeable copy signage will be permitted.

3. Each ground floor establishment shall be permitted wall signage in accordance with Table 2B.
4. Ground floor establishments with double store front or corner bays are permitted two signs. One sign on the primary store front and one sign facing the street or internal circulation route. Outparcel building signage is regulated by this provision. The area of the secondary sign shall be no more than 75% of the sign area of the primary sign. Provided, however, that the maximum allowable area for each sign may be the average of the permitted area of both.
5. One canopy identification sign per ground floor establishment is permitted not to exceed 3 sq. ft. in area. The sign must be positioned 90 degrees to facade and located in close proximity to the primary pedestrian entrance to the establishment.
6. Second story establishments with frontage on and direct exterior pedestrian access to a public right-of-way, internal circulation route, or common parking area shall be permitted wall signage in accordance with Table 2B except the sign area shall be limited to 30% of the sign area permitted.
7. Establishments above the second story shall not be permitted any individual exterior signage.

B. Multiple Tenant and Mixed Use Signage Plan

In lieu of complying with the prescriptive limits of this Sign Code a multitenant property, site or development, whether under single ownership or multiple ownership may submit a coordinated signage plan for the entire property, site or project. Such sign plan shall provide:

1. That all signs conform to the extent possible to this Code.
2. Plans and elevations showing the size and location of all signs proposed, including but not limited to:

Ground signs

Pole signs

Identification/tenant directory signs

Wall signage; window signage

Canopy signage

Rear identification signage

Directional signage

Informational signage

Address signs

Outparcel signage

Signage specifications including: size, color, style, and lighting.

All multitenant/mixed use signage plans shall be reviewed for compliance with this Code, uniformity and reasonableness by the development review committee and if determined generally consistent with the Code permitted by the community development department. (Ord. No. O-90-13, § 7, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-90-22, § 4, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 6, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-149. Temporary signs.

TABLE 3

	<i>Residential district</i>	<i>Nonresidential district</i>
<i>Grand opening sign:</i>		
Number per project	1 per project within 60 days of first opening	1 per establishment plus flags, bunting, & one cold air balloon
Area maximum	8 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Length of display	30 days	30 days
<i>Political sign (see also supplemental regulations):</i>		
Length of display	60 days prior to election; 7 days after	60 days prior to election; 7 days after

	<i>Residential district</i>	<i>Nonresidential district</i>
Number (ground or window)	1 per candidate per lot not to exceed 6 except in the case of multifamily, 1 per candidate per building	1 per candidate per building or lot
Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Height maximum above grade	36 in.	6 ft.
Setback minimum	10 ft. from R of W	10 ft. from R of W
<i>Real estate signs:</i>		
Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	24 sq. ft.
Number maximum	1 per street frontage (plus 1 on canal or golf course)	1 per street frontage
<i>Contractor sign:</i>		
Number maximum	1	1
Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	6 sq. ft.
Length of display	During remodeling	During remodeling
<i>Project sign:</i>		
Number per project	1 per street frontage ⁽¹⁾	1 per street frontage
Area maximum	8 sq. ft. projects in excess of 10 units 32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Height maximum		10 ft.
Length of display	After site plan approval, & up to issuance of certificate of occupancy or 18 months, whichever is less	After site plan approval, & up to issuance of certificate of occupancy or 18 months, whichever is less
⁽¹⁾ May also have one (1) sign off-premises in nonresidential district if sign announces a residential project located within the city limits of Oakland Park and sign conforms to nonresidential district project sign standards.		

TABLE 3B

<i>Special Events Signs:</i>	<i>Nonresidential</i>
Length of display	3 days
Number per freestanding establishment	3 per calendar year
Number per establishment within a multitenant center	No more than 3 special events per calendar year shall take place within a multitenant center.
Number/type of display	Pennants, banners, flags, bunting, merchandise and one cold air balloon.
Location/setback within site	Permitted signage and merchandise display shall be placed within the site and shall not be attached, in any fashion to public facilities.

*Special Events Signs:**Nonresidential*

Merchandise displays shall be limited to on site private walkways and courtyards and no more than 10% of required parking. Signs and merchandise shall not interfere in any fashion with interior circulation aisles, fire lanes, load zones and pedestrian circulation.

Permit requirement

A special event permit shall be required per event.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 8, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-90-22, § 5, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 7, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-150. Supplemental regulations.

(A) *Design.* All signs shall conform to South Florida Building Code, including Chapter 23 relative to wind pressure standards.

(B) *Electric signs.* In addition, all illuminated signs shall meet the National Electric Code.

(C) *Maintenance.*

(1) All signs must be kept in good condition, neat appearance and good state of repair.

(2) Weeds shall be kept out within a radius of fifty (50) feet of any sign and no rubbish or debris shall be permitted so near thereto, that the same shall constitute a fire hazard.

(D) *Landscaping of ground and pole sign.* If a new ground sign is not placed in an area of required landscaping as contained in article X, then a planting bed at least two (2) feet in depth shall surround the sign. This bed shall contain shrubs and supplemental ground cover, and shall be shown on the site plan, and meet the relevant requirements of article VIII.

(E) *Rear of signs.* Where the rear or side of any sign is visible from any street or from any adjoining residential district, said side of rear shall be finished in such a way as to conceal the structural member of the sign.

(F) *Nuisance.*

(1) *Illumination:* No illuminated signs shall face a residential district in such a way as to be a nuisance to the residential district at night. Lighting to be designed to prevent light spillage from face. Sign lighting to be shielded and landscaped.

(2) *Signs extending over public right-of-way:* No sign of any kind shall be permitted to be erected upon private property and extend into or above, or be anchored or placed, in any portion of the right-of-way of a city street or public sidewalk.

(G) *Permitted freestanding and wall signs shall:*

(1) Advertise only one (1) business establishment per sign except for permitted site identification/tenant directory signs on multitenant properties.

- (2) Shall dedicate no more than thirty (30) percent of any sign face area to product advertising, service advertising, price advertising, changeable copy or any combination thereof except that:
- (a) Gasoline service stations may dedicate up to seventy-five (75) percent of a permitted sign face to changeable copy price advertising.
 - (b) Theaters may dedicate up to seventy-five (75) percent of a permitted sign face to changeable copy to advertise current presentations.
- (H) *Freestanding signs on corner sites.*
- (a) Corner sites having an aggregate frontage of less than six hundred (600) feet shall be permitted a freestanding sign on the primary frontage having a sign area as determined in Table 2A. In addition said site may utilize a ground sign as determined in Table 2A, if permitted, on the secondary frontage or may utilize an additional wall sign facing the secondary frontage. The size of the additional wall sign shall be as determined in Table 2B.
 - (b) Corner sites having an aggregate frontage of six hundred (600) feet or more shall be permitted, as determined in Table 2A, a sign on each frontage.
- (I) *Outside display of merchandise shall be prohibited except under the following conditions:*
- (1) New and used automobile, boat, motorcycle, trailer and recreation vehicle sales in appropriate zoning districts.
 - (2) All merchandise display must be located on private property adjacent to and with direct access from a public roadway or parking lot. Normal and emergency traffic circulation, required parking and pedestrian circulation shall not be obstructed.
 - (3) With the exception of vehicle sales all merchandise shall be exhibited or displayed outside only during hours when the business is open and operating.
 - (4) No bulk storage of merchandise or material will be permitted, i.e. pallets of construction or landscaping material, tire racks in excess of one (1), etc.
 - (5) Merchandise displayed outside must represent a sample of the merchandise regularly offered for sale inside the establishment. Deep discount and clearance merchandise shall not be displayed outside except under a special event permit.
 - (6) No additional signage shall be permitted with the outdoor display of merchandise.
 - (7) With the exception of vehicle sales outside display of merchandise permitted pursuant to this section shall be a privilege authorized through a revocable annual permit the application for which shall be reviewed by the Community Development Director or his/her designee.
 - (a) An annual application shall contain a site plan which shall clearly designate the display area.
 - (b) Revocation of said permit shall be at the discretion of the development review committee upon its determination that provisions of this section have been violated.

(c) Permit fee specified in fee schedule.

(J) *Political sign procedures.*

- (1) *Bond:* As a prerequisite to the posting of political signs, the candidate shall file with the Code Enforcement Department of the City of Oakland Park a cash bond in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to secure the removal of the political signs within seven (7) days after the election or the immediate removal of any signs erected which are contrary to any provision of the Code of Ordinances.
 - (2) *Written permission:* In the case of vacant land, a nonresidential tract or a residential tract, lot or parcel, the candidate shall provide a written statement of permission for the erection of political signs upon any lands not owned by the candidate, said statement to specifically provide for permission for the city to enter upon the property in order to remove a sign in the event that removal becomes necessary under the provisions of this article.
 - (3) *Forfeiture:* If any political signs posted in compliance with this section remain seven (7) days after termination of the general or special election, and/or are found to be posted in noncompliance with any provision of this section, the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) cash bond shall be forfeited to the City of Oakland Park to pay for the cost of removal of said sign(s) by the city. Should all signs posted pursuant to this section be removed within the seven-day period, the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) cash bond posted with the code enforcement department shall be returned to the candidate.
 - (4) *Personal responsibility:* Each candidate shall personally be responsible for the filing of the bond required in this section, whether the signs displayed in his behalf are personally posted by said candidate or someone in said candidate's behalf. In the event a multi-candidate sign is posted, each candidate whose name appears on said sign shall be required to file for a bond and shall do so prior to the posting of said signs. Each candidate whose name appears on a multi-candidate sign shall be equally responsible for compliance to provisions of this section.
- (K) *Adjustment procedure.* The development review committee (DRC) or a subcommittee thereof shall be authorized to adjust provisions of this article relating to size, height, location and number of permitted signs when conflicts arise between the provisions of this article and other required development regulations or public service provisions of the Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 9, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 8, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-151. Administration and enforcement.

(A) *Application.* Every sign shall require a sign permit to be issued by the community development department after an application is submitted on forms to be provided by the department. Application and permit fees are as specified from time to time by the city commission in the sign permit fee schedule. Submittal as part of the site plan is encouraged.

(B) *Minimum plan requirements.* The applicant shall show plans and specifications of the sign, method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground. These drawings shall be to scale showing the square foot area and dimensions of the sign structure as well as the sign face, copy to appear on sign, height of letters, colors, materials, lighting equipment, if any, and the position of the proposed sign(s) relative to buildings, property lines, and/or other wall signs, as appropriate, by survey or drawn plot plan with measurements.

(C) *Issuance of sign permit.* If the sign or neon lighting, as indicated in the drawings and descriptions, shall be in accordance with all the provisions of the South Florida Building Code, and this article, then a permit shall be issued for the erection of any such sign or neon lighting upon payment of the prescribed fee as set forth in the Oakland Park Code of Ordinances provided that:

- (1) The sign company has secured a certificate of competency and satisfies the city's insurance requirements, and
- (2) The establishment that is receiving the sign has a valid occupational license.

(D) *Improperly installed or dilapidated signs.*

- (1) *Unsafe, insecure or improperly constructed:* Upon inspection by the building inspector, if any sign is found to be unsafe, insecure, or not properly constructed according to the requirements of this article, the owner, agent, or person having beneficial use of the building shall be required to make it safe, secure, and of proper construction if defective or remove such sign if erected contrary to the provisions and requirements of this article. If notice of need for correction or removal is not complied with within one (1) week, the building inspector shall direct the code enforcement department to cause such sign to be removed at the expense of the owner.
- (2) *Destroyed, dilapidated or dangerous:* Any sign at least fifty (50) percent destroyed must be immediately removed at the owner's expense and a new permit secured before the sign or advertising display is replaced. If not repaired within a reasonable time, the sign shall constitute a public nuisance, and shall be removed at the owner's expense. Any sign deemed dangerous to the general welfare shall be immediately removed by the code enforcement department at the expense of the owner thereof. The city reserves the right to remove any sign at the owner's expense which shows neglect or which becomes dilapidated, or where the premises wherein it is situated are not properly maintained.
- (3) *Neon and electric violations:* Any neon lighting or electric sign installed at any location that does not conform with the National Electric Code or that violates the ordinances of the city shall, upon notice by the chief electrical inspector, be discontinued immediately from service by the owner until made to conform with this article and is subsequently approved by the electrical and/or building inspectors. Upon failure to so discontinue service until conformation with this article, the city shall have the power, authority and duty to discontinue and disconnect the unlawful or nonconforming installation, at the owner's expense.

- (4) *Removal of illegal signs:* All illegal (as opposed to nonconforming) signs in the city shall be removed at the expense of the owner, agent or lessee of the real estate on which such signs are located or at the expense of the owner of such signs. The city reserves the right to remove any such sign, if the owner thereof fails to comply with this requirement for removal, forty-eight (48) hours after the owner has been notified by the code enforcement officer.

(E) *Enforcement.*

- (1) *Sign contrary to provisions:* No sign shall be permitted to be erected or in the city contrary to the provisions of this article.
 - (2) *Authorization to remove:* The community development director or designee and the chief code enforcement officer of the city shall enforce the provisions of this article, and further, the building official and chief code enforcement officer are hereby authorized and directed to remove all signs which are contrary to the provisions of this article in accordance with (D) above.
 - (3) In the event the city cannot locate the owner, then a notice shall be mailed to the last known address of said owner and a copy of said notice shall be attached to the sign in violation of this article. If the sign is removed by the city, the city is hereby vested with the authority to appropriate the materials obtained from such sign and to credit the value thereof to the owner against the cost of such removal.
 - (4) If such expense is not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice of such city expense for removal of said sign, the city shall have the right to impress a lien upon the real property upon which such sign is located. The city shall have the continuing right to foreclose such lien, in accordance with general law in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (Ord. No. O-90-13, § 10, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 9, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-152. Nonconforming signs.

(A) Any sign, having an original cost in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and is nonconforming as to permitted sign area or any other reason which would necessitate the complete removal and/or total replacement of the sign, must be removed at the earliest of the following:

- (1) The business use corresponding with the nonconforming sign(s) simultaneously changes ownership and business name.
- (2) Change in business use as defined in section 24-80(A)(5).
- (3) The damage and/or destruction of an existing nonconforming sign beyond fifty (50) percent of the current replacement value excluding foundations/footings.

(4) Any sign, having an original cost in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and which is nonconforming at to permitted sign area or any other reason which would necessitate the complete removal and/or total replacement of the sign, may be maintained for the longer of the following two (2) periods:

- (a) Until August 20, 1994;
- (b) A period of from three (3) to seven (7) years from the installation date or most recent renovation date which preceded the effective date of this Code; provided, however, that, if the date of the most recent renovation is chosen as the starting date for the period of amortization, then such period of amortization shall be calculated according to the cost of the renovation and not according to the original cost of the sign. The term of years to be determined by the cost of the sign or of such renovation, including installation cost, shall be as follows:

<i>Sign Cost or Renovation Cost</i>	<i>Permitted Years from Installation or Renovation Date</i>
\$101—\$1,000	3
\$1,001—\$3,000	4
\$3,001—\$10,000	5
Over \$10,000	7

Providing, however, that one (1) nonconforming sign per establishment may be maintained by property owner until the business use corresponding with the nonconforming sign changes or ownership of said business changes.

(B) Any owner of a sign who desires to rely upon an amortization period longer than three (3) years shall file with the building official, by August 20, 1993, an application which must show valid proof of the sign's initial cost and date (or most recent renovation) and a written agreement to remove or bring into conformance such nonconforming sign at or prior to the expiration of the amortization period applicable to that sign.

(C) All previously permitted nonconforming multitenant signs permitted to remain pursuant to section (A) above may be utilized by new and existing tenants provided that there is no increase in existing nonconformities.

(D) Existing nonconforming signs shall be counted towards the maximum number of permitted signs (by type and location) until such time as they are removed pursuant to this article.

(E) Off-premises commercial signs facing I-95 (the Federal primary system) shall be exempt from this section due to Federal regulations.

(F) Approval of a new occupational license or the transfer of an existing license shall be conditioned on, in addition to other regulations, the repair and/or maintenance of the appearance of those signs permitted to remain and be utilized. Repair and maintenance shall include but not limited to the following:

- (1) Structural and/or electrical repairs of said signs not to exceed fifty (50) percent of the current replacement value of said sign exclusive of foundation/footings.

- (2) Repainting of sign structure if necessary.
- (3) Cleaning and/or repainting of existing sign faces.
- (4) Cleaning of immediate area surrounding the sign of litter, trash, debris, weeds and overgrowth.

(Ord. No. O-90-13, § 11, 8-1-90; Ord. No. O-90-21, § 10, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-90-22, § 6, 10-17-90; Ord. No. O-93-1, § 10, 1-20-93)

Sec. 24-153. Billboards.

(A) Following the submittal and review of a sign permit by the zoning division, billboards may be permitted as a special exception at site specific locations along I-95 after consideration by the city commission at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

(B) The following procedure shall be used to apply for and make a determination under a special exception application:

- (1) The application shall be in a form as provided by the community development department and submitted with a special exception application fee as required by the community development department's fee schedule, as amended from time to time.
- (2) The special exception shall be heard by the city commission at a public hearing as a quasi-judicial matter.
- (3) In reviewing the application for special exception, the city commission shall review for compliance with the criteria set forth in this section. In addition, the city commission may impose conditions upon the property granted the special exception in order to mitigate the impacts upon the public health, safety, comfort, order, appearance, convenience, and general welfare.

(C) Revocable license agreement.

- (1) Upon the granting of a special exception by the city commission, a revocable license agreement will be entered into by the property owner and the city. The term of this agreement shall be for a twenty-year period with an option to renew for a similar period of time upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- (2) It is agreed that for each billboard installed, a payment of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) will be given annually, in four (4) one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) increments, to a city commission designated charity.
- (3) If at any time during the duration of the license for the special exception, the billboard is determined not to comply with the requirements of this section, the city shall give written notice of the non-compliance, and allow sixty (60) days in which the property owner shall bring the billboard into compliance.
- (4) A fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year shall be paid to the city to cover expenses associated with enforcement of this section.

(D) Location of billboards.

- (1) No billboard is permitted on a parcel of land located:
 - (a) Within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of any other permitted billboard facing I-95 on the same side of the highway;
 - (b) Within five hundred (500) feet of a public school or residentially zoned district.
- (2) For purposes of this section, distance shall be by airline measurement from the location of the base of the billboard pole to the closest property line of the public school site or residentially zoned district.
- (3) Where a billboard is located in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, the subsequent locating of a school within five hundred (500) feet of such existing billboard shall not be construed to cause the billboard to be in violation of this chapter.

(E) Size and design of billboards.

- (1) The top of any billboard shall not be higher than forty-five (45) feet above the crown of the road along the property frontage which the sign serves.
 - (2) No billboard shall exceed fifty (50) feet in overall length and six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet per side.
 - (3) A maximum of two (2) sign faces may be erected on one (1) sign structure. The sign structural elements exposed at the open "V" shaped sign shall be screened from view in a manner acceptable to the city commission. The area of such signs at a single location shall not exceed six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet per side.
 - (4) Billboards shall be illuminated only by means of shielded spotlights. The use of strip lighting is prohibited. On each double-faced billboard, computer digital lighted animation is prohibited. ~~The use of Trivision panels or single-faced only will be allowed.~~
 - (5) The name of the owner of the billboard shall be attached to each sign structure and shall be legible from the nearest right-of-way.
 - (6) Billboards shall be designed to allow for collocation of telecommunications antennas in accordance with Article XIX of this chapter.
- (Ord. No. O-2001-007, § 2, 2-21-01)

Secs. 24-154—24-162. Reserved.