# CHAPTER 14. SIGNS AND GROUND SIGNS

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# Section 1400 - Purpose

**1400.01 Purpose, Generally.** It is the purpose of this chapter to create the legal language and mechanism for a comprehensive and balanced system of standards, regulations, and procedures governing the erection, use and display of all advertising street graphics and symbols used to facilitate visual communication of products and services in the City of Hermantown.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1400.02** Authorization of Devices. With this purpose in mind, it is the intention of this chapter to authorize all visual communicative devices which:

1400.02.1. Are compatible with their surroundings;

1400.02.2. Are appropriate to the type of activity to which they pertain;

1400.02.3. Are safely located with respect to vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

**1400.02.4.** Will preserve and promote the aesthetics of the location, area and community as a whole; and

1400.02.5. Will protect the value of land, buildings and landscapes.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

# Section 1405 – Definitions

**1405.01 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth herein in connection with the application of this chapter and as used elsewhere in these Zoning Regulations:

**1405.01.1.** "Abandoned sign" means a sign which becomes vacant or unoccupied for a period of six months or more, or a sign which pertains to an event, time or purpose which no longer applies, or a sign which no longer correctly directs a person or advertises a product or activity. A sign which applies to a business temporarily suspended because of a change of ownership or management of such business shall not be deemed to be an "abandoned sign" unless the property on which the sign is located remains vacant for a period of more than six months.

**1405.01.2.** "Address sign" means a sign identifying street address only, either written or numerical.

**1405.01.3.** "Area identification sign" means a freestanding on-premises sign which identifies a residential complex of five or more units, a shopping center or complex consisting of three or more separate business concerns, an industrial complex or park, or an office building consisting of three or more separate business concerns and located on the contiguous property.

**1405.01.4.** "Banners and pennants" means advertising or attention getting devices which resemble flags, or streamers and similar devices and are made of paper, cloth or plastic materials.

**1405.01.5.** "Business sign" means a sign which identifies a business, product, service or commodity sold or conducted on the premises where such sign is located.

**1405.01.6.** "Changeable Message Sign (CMS)." Any sign, display or device which changes the message or copy on the sign by means of electronic rotation or panels or slats.

**1405.01.7.** "Changing sign (automatic)" means a sign, including an electrically controlled public service information sign, message center or reader board, where different automatic messages of an informative or commercial nature of interest to the public are shown. The following are examples of this type of sign:

**1405.01.7.1.** "Message center sign" means any sign which contains a changing message within the copy area that remains on for a specified period of time and not on for a specified period of time.

**1405.01.7.2.** "Public service information sign" means any sign intended primarily to promote messages of general interest to the community such as time, temperature, date, events, news and the like.

**1405.01.7.3.** "Reader board sign" means any sign which contains a traveling message, usually in a horizontal manner. The characters of the message remain constant and do not change in hue or intensity, as they travel across the copy area of the sign.

**1405.01.8.** "Construction sign" means a sign used at a construction site for identification purposes.

**1405.01.9.** "Electronic Sign (ES)." A sign, display or device that changes the message copy on the sign by means of light emitting diodes (LED'S), fiber optics, light bulbs or other illumination devices with the display area.

**1405.01.10.** "Flashing sign" means any illuminated sign which, when operated, does not maintain a uniform light intensity or color at all times. A changing sign (automatic) shall not be considered a "flashing sign."

**1405.01.11.** "Freestanding sign" means a sign which is either attached directly to the ground or is on pylons, posts or walls and is completely independent of any building or other structures on the property upon which it is located.

**1405.01.12.** "Governmental sign" means a sign erected by a local or other unit of government which is used to identify a public building or area, or to direct traffic or to otherwise inform the public.

**1405.01.13.** "Illuminated sign" means any sign which depends upon any artificial light source either directed at the sign or as an integral component of the sign.

**1405.01.14.** "Informational/directional sign" means a sign which has the purpose of informing or directing visitors, employees or delivery vehicles on the premises of a business. Such signs shall not contain any advertising messages.

**1405.01.15.** "Non-conforming sign" means any advertising device or sign which was designed, converted or adopted for a use prior to the adoption of provisions prohibiting such advertising device or sign in such location.

**1405.01.16.** "On-premises sign" means any sign used to direct the attention to a business, service or commodity conducted upon the premises on which the sign is located and/or which refers to goods or services produced, offered for sale or obtained on such premises.

**1405.01.17.** "Outdoor advertising sign" means a sign, including all supporting structures, poles and supports which directs the attention of the general public to a business, product, service or commodity which is conducted, sold or offered other than on the premises on which the sign is located.

**1405.01.18.** "Political campaign sign" means signs, posters or banners which pertain to an upcoming election of a candidate and/or political issue.

**1405.01.19.** "Portable sign" means a sign which is not affixed permanently to the premises on which it is located and is moveable on the premises or from one location to another.

**1405.01.20.** "Real estate sign" means a sign affixed to a business or lot which advertises the premises on which it is located for sale, lease or rental.

**1405.01.21.** "Roof sign" means any sign which is permanently attached to the roof of a building that extends above the roof of the building to which it is attached.

**1405.01.22.** "Sign" means the use of any letter, symbol, art, device or reading matter, either non-illuminated or illuminated, which is visible by the public, is located upon public or private property and is used to direct the public attention to any business, product, service, commodity or profession located either on or off the premises on which the sign is located.

**1405.01.23.** "Sign area" means the area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface or, in the case of letters, numerals or symbols attached to a building, the area is included in the smallest continuous perimeter enclosing the letters, numerals or symbols.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

# Section 1410 – General Provisions

#### 1410.01 Construction and Maintenance.

**1410.01.1.** All signs shall be constructed in a safe manner so that no sign shall endanger persons or property.

**1410.01.2.** All signs shall be maintained and repaired as necessary to prevent the sign from endangering persons or property.

**1410.01.3.** The City shall allow for replacement of structural members or footing(s) that have deteriorated to a point of affecting the safety and/or general appearance of the sign.

**1410.01.4.** Such repairs shall not alter the size or height of the existing sign and shall use similar materials whenever possible; provided, however, that the sign owner may request to improve the appearance of a sign or reduce its required maintenance by replacing specific components with other materials. An example of such improvement would be the replacement of a multi-pole sign base with a single column.

**1410.01.5.** Any such improvements would be limited by the height and size restrictions of this chapter.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1410.02** Construction Codes. All signs shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable building and electrical codes.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1410.03 Designation of Ownership.** Every freestanding sign shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the owner of such sign.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1410.04 Abandoned Signs.** The City shall have the remedies and shall follow the procedures set forth in M.S. Sections 463.15 *et seq.*, as it may be amended from time to time, with respect to any signs deemed abandoned under this chapter.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

# Section 1415 – Permits

**1415.01 Required.** Except as otherwise specifically authorized, no sign shall be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged or structurally altered within the City until a sign permit has been issued by the City of Hermantown. No sign permit shall be issued for a sign not in conformity with the regulations applicable to such sign; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to require a sign permit to change or alter advertising messages on any sign.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

1415.02 Exceptions. A sign permit shall not be required for the following classes of signs:

1415.02.1. Class A signs;

1415.02.2. Class B signs;

1415.02.3. One Class C sign that is not larger than six square feet and is not freestanding;

1415.02.4. Class E signs; and

1415.02.5. Class F signs.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1415.03 Application.** Application for a sign permit shall be made to the Zoning Officer. The application shall contain the following information: the proposed location of the sign to be

erected; its size expressed in terms of square feet of display area, using vertical and horizontal dimensions; the type of construction; the name and address of the owner of the sign and the person, firm or corporation that shall be responsible for the erection and maintenance thereof; and the name and address of the property owner of the land upon which it is to be erected. The Zoning Officer may prescribe such suitable regulations, consistent with the provisions of this code, concerning the form and contents of all applications as he or she may deem necessary or advisable. All applications for permits shall be accompanied by a diagram or plan and elevation, as may be requested by the Zoning Officer.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

#### 1415.04 Issuance of Permits by Zoning Officer.

**1415.04.1.** The Zoning Officer shall consider all applications for sign permits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

**1415.04.2.** Prior to issuing a sign permit for any sign, the Zoning Officer shall determine that the applicant shall have fully complied with the regulations of this chapter.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1415.05 Duration of Permit.** Any sign permit issued by the Zoning Officer under this chapter shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of issuance. If the construction of the sign is not completed within 12 months from the date of its issuance, the sign permit shall be void and the site for which the permit was sought shall be returned to the conditions it was in prior to the issuance of such sign permit.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1415.06 Fees.** An application for a sign permit shall be accompanied by the fee specified in the following schedule:

Class A:	No fee required	No fee required	
Class B:	No fee required	No fee required	
Class C (freestanding):	Up to 50 sq. ft.	\$110	
	Over 50 sq. ft.	\$110	
Other Class C:	Up to 25 sq. ft.	\$60	
	Over 25 sq. ft.	\$110	
Class D:	Up to 100 sq. ft.	\$110	
	Over 100 sq. ft.	\$110	
Class E:	No fee required	No fee required	

Class F:	No fee required	
Class G: (temporary)		\$25

**1415.06.1.** No application will be considered unless and until the required fee has been paid by the applicant to the City Clerk.

**1415.06.2.** Any fee paid to the City Clerk shall be refunded if the applicant withdraws his or her application prior to the consideration of it by the Zoning Officer.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1415.07 Building Permit.** In addition to the sign permit required by this chapter, a building permit must be obtained from the Building Official of the City of Hermantown prior to the construction of any sign when the construction activity is of such a nature that a building permit is required under the Hermantown Building Code.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

### Section 1420 – Prohibited Characteristics of Signs

**1420.01 Imitation of Other Devices.** No sign shall resemble, imitate or approximate the shape, size, form or color of railroad or traffic signs, signals or devices.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.02** Visibility of Official Signs. No sign shall be so located so as to interfere with the visibility or effectiveness of any official traffic sign or signal, or with driver vision at any access point or intersection.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.03 Obstruction of Exit Routes.** No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window or fire escape, and no sign shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

1420.04 Moving Parts. No sign shall contain any rotating or moving parts.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

1420.05 Morality of Material. No sign shall display any obscene, indecent or immoral matter.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.06 Danger to Traffic.** No sign shall display any material which may cause danger to traffic. Included are signs which contain the words "stop," "go slow," "caution," "danger," "warning" or similar words.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.07** Flashing Lights. No sign shall be erected which contains, includes or is illuminated by any flashing light or lights, except those giving public service information.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.08 Shielding Required.** No sign shall be erected or maintained which is not effectively shielded so as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled way of any highway or street of such intensity or brilliance so as to cause glare or impair the vision of the operator of any motor vehicle. Further, all signs shall be constructed so as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of a building or residence.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.09 Height Limitations.** No sign shall exceed the lesser of (1) maximum height limitation for the zone district in which it is located; or (2) the maximum height limitation set forth in Section <u>1425</u> of this chapter. The measurement for either height limitation shall be made from the site of the support structure or at the nearest roadway, whichever is higher.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975; Am. Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.10 Rotation and movement.** No sign shall be erected which involves rapid rotation of the structure or any part thereof, with the exception of Class C and Class D signs that are CMS and ES signs as defined in Section 1405.

(Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

**1420.11 Prohibitions for Class C and Class D signs.** The following prohibitions are applicable to Class C and Class D signs that are CMS and ES signs as defined in Section 1405:

**1420.11.1.** The sign must be separated from other changeable message signs and electronic signs by at least 100 feet;

**1420.11.2.** Orientation. In all districts, the sign must be oriented so that no portion of the sign face is visible from a park that is over one acre in area and contains improvements for recreational use, which park is within 150 feet of the sign, or no portion of the sign face is visible from a school which is within 150 feet of the sign;

**1420.11.3.** All CMS and ES signs must have an automatic dimmer control which produces a distinct illumination change from a higher allowed illumination level to a lower allowed level for the time period between one half hour before sunset and one half hour after sunset. The

applicant must demonstrate the automatic dimming capability of the sign before the permit for the sign may be issued to applicant;

**1420.11.4.** Duration. Any image or message or portion thereof displayed on a Class D sign shall have a minimum duration of eight seconds and shall be static display. Transition time must be no longer than two seconds. Any image or message or portion thereof displayed on a Class C sign shall have a minimum duration of one second and shall be static display. Transition time must be no longer than two seconds;

**1420.11.5.** Default mechanism. CMS and ES shall contain a default design that will freeze the design in one position if a malfunction occurs;

1420.11.6. Audio or pyrotechnics. Audio speakers or any form of pyrotechnics are prohibited.

(Ord. 2008-01, passed 3-17-2008)

## Section 1425 – Classification of Signs

1425.01 Class A Signs. Class A signs are subject to the following conditions.

**1425.01.1.** Location. Class A signs shall be allowed in any zone district in the City of Hermantown as required by the governing body having jurisdiction, including but not limited to the City of Hermantown, St. Louis County Highway Department and State of Minnesota Highway Department.

1425.01.2. Type. Class A signs shall be limited to governmental signs.

1425.01.3. Size. As required.

1425.01.4. Height. As required.

1425.01.5. Spacing. As required.

1425.01.6. Specifications. None.

1425.01.7. Lighting. No requirements.

1425.01.8. Setback. No requirements.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1425.02** Class B Signs. Class B signs are signs which are used to inform the general public in a non-advertising message, except for real estate signs advertising the sale or lease of property. Class B signs are subject to the following conditions:

**1425.02.1.** Location. Class B signs shall be allowed in all zone districts of the City of Hermantown.

**1425.02.2.** Type. Class B signs shall be limited to informational/directional signs, address signs, warning signs and similar signs.

1425.02.3. Size. All Class B signs shall be not greater than six square feet in sign area.

1425.02.4. Height. Not greater than ten feet.

1425.02.5. Spacing. No requirement.

1425.02.6. Specifications. None.

1425.02.7. Lighting. No requirements.

1425.02.8. Setback. No requirement.

**1425.02.9. Hiring Signs.** Signs indicating that opportunities are available for employment ("hiring signs") at the property upon which the signs are located are Class B signs. Hiring signs are subject to the following limitations and requirements:

1425.02.9.1. Size. Hiring signs shall not be larger than 64 square feet.

1425.02.9.2. Height. Hiring signs shall not be more than ten feet in height.

**1425.02.9.3. Time Limitation.** Hiring signs shall not be placed on the property for more than 90 days during any consecutive 180 calendar days.

**1425.02.9.4.** Other Class B Restrictions Apply. Except as modified by this <u>1425.02.9</u>, all of the requirements for Class B signs shall be applicable to hiring signs.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

**1425.03** Class C Signs. Class C signs are signs that advertise a business, product, service, commodity or profession located on the same premises as the sign. Class C signs are subject to the following conditions:

**1425.03.1.** Location. Class C signs shall be allowed only on property that is zoned Commercial (C), Office/Light Industrial (C-1), Adult Use (C-1A), and Industrial (M-1) or (M-2). Class C signs advertising the business, product, service, commodity or profession shall be located only on the frontage of the project site. No Class C sign shall be allowed within 50 feet of a Class D sign.

**1425.03.2. Type.** Class C signs shall be limited to area identification signs, business signs, changing signs (automatic), freestanding signs, illuminated signs, informational/directional signs, on-premises signs and roof signs.

#### 1425.03.3. Size.

**1425.03.3.1.** One Class C freestanding sign with a maximum square footage sign area of 100 square feet shall be allowed on all project sites having 200 feet of road frontage or less.

**1425.03.3.2.** One Class C freestanding sign with a maximum square footage sign area of 200 square feet or two Class C freestanding signs with a maximum square footage sign area of 100 square feet shall be allowed on all project sites having frontage of greater than 200 feet and less than 500 feet of road frontage.

**1425.03.3.3.** One Class C freestanding sign with a maximum square footage sign area of 300 square feet or three Class C freestanding signs with a maximum square footage sign area of 100 square feet shall be allowed on all project sites having 500 feet of road frontage or more.

**1425.03.3.4.** All square footage surface area requirements shall include border and exclude structural supports. All other on-premises signs on the frontage of the site upon which the business, product, service, commodity or profession is located, shall be limited to signs attached to the walls, fascia or painted on the surface of the building.

**1425.03.3.5.** The maximum sign area of such signs shall be two square feet for every one lineal front foot of the principal building on such premises. No attached sign shall project more than three feet beyond a building when attached thereto or be higher than the top roofline. For purposes of calculating the area of a freestanding sign, back-to-back or "V" type construction sign, only one face of such sign shall be considered.

**1425.03.3.6.** The road frontage shall be determined by the roadway immediately bordering the project site. Where the project site is bordered by two or more roadways the roadway with the greatest frontage shall be utilized.

**1425.03.4. Height.** The maximum height of any Class C freestanding sign shall not exceed 35 feet.

**1425.03.5. Spacing.** No Class C freestanding sign shall be closer than 50 feet to any other Class C freestanding sign.

**1425.03.6.** Lighting. Class C signs may be illuminated. Illumination of signs shall not be of a flashing, moving or intermittent type. Changing signs (automatic) are permitted.

1425.03.7. Specifications. None.

**1425.03.8.** Setback. Class C freestanding signs shall maintain a side yard setback equal to the height of the sign structure.

#### 1425.03.9. Tenant Signs.

**1425.03.9.1.** A sign program shall be required for all new commercial, office and industrial centers consisting of three or more tenant spaces. The program shall be filed with the project application to construct the center and shall be processed concurrently with the project application. The purpose of the program shall be to integrate signs with building and landscaping design to form a unified architectural statement.

1425.03.9.2. This shall be achieved by:

**1425.03.9.2.1.** Using the same type of cabinet supports or method of mounting for signs and the same type of construction material for components, such as sign copy, cabinets, returns and supports;

1425.03.9.2.2. Using the same form of illumination of the signs; and/or

**1425.03.9.2.3.** For wall signs, specifying uniform sign positioning for both anchor tenants and minor tenants.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

#### 1425.04 Class D Signs.

**1425.04.1.** Class D signs are signs which direct the attention of the general public to a business, product, service or commodity which is conducted, sold or offered other than on the premises on which the sign is located.

1425.04.2. Class D signs are subject to the following conditions:

**1425.04.2.1.** Location. Class D signs shall be allowed only on property which is zoned Commercial (C), Office/Light Industrial (C-1), Adult Use (C-1A), or Industrial (M-1) and (M-2).

1425.04.2. 2. Type. Class D signs shall be limited to outdoor advertising signs.

**1425.04.2.3. Size.** The maximum sign area for any one face of a Class D sign shall not exceed 390 square feet, excluding border, trim, structural supports and extensions. Such maximum size limitation shall apply to each face of a sign structure. Class D signs may be placed back-to-back or in a "V" type construction (not to exceed 45 degrees) but not more than one display is allowed on each face of a sign structure. For purposes of calculating the area of a back-to-back or "V" type construction sign, however, only one face of such sign shall be considered.

1425.04.2.4. Height. The maximum height of any Class D sign shall not exceed 35 feet.

**1425.04.2.5. Spacing.** No Class D sign may be closer than 5,000 feet to any other Class D sign. This provision does not prohibit back-to-back or "V" type construction of Class D signs.

The actual distance between Class D signs, measured in a straight line, shall be utilized in determining compliance with this requirement.

**1425.04.2.6. Specifications.** The Class D sign structure shall be metal only. Display panels and borders may, however, be constructed or finished in wood. All Class D signs shall be constructed on a single freestanding, self-supporting pole.

**1425.04.2.7.** Lighting. Class D signs may be illuminated. Illumination of signs shall not be of a flashing, moving or intermittent type. Changing signs (automatic) are permitted.

**1425.04.2.8.** Setback. All Class D signs must be set back from the edge of the right-of-way bordering the front of the parcel of property upon which such sign is proposed to be located at least a distance equal to the height of such Class D sign. All Class D signs must be set back from the property lines other than the property line bordering the right-of-way described in the preceding sentence (sides and rear) of the parcel of property upon which such sign is proposed to be located at least a distance of 100 feet.

**1425.04.2.9. Prohibited on Property with Other Uses.** No Class D sign shall be allowed on a parcel of property on which there is an existing use.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

#### 1425.05 Class E Signs.

**1425.05.1.** Class E signs are signs which are erected by a business or individual which are not intended to be permanent.

**1425.05.2.** Class E signs are subject to the following conditions:

**1425.05.2.1.** Location. Class E signs shall be allowed in all zone districts of the City of Hermantown.

**1425.05.2.2.** Type. Class E signs shall be limited to construction signs and real estate signs.

**1425.05.2.3. Size.** The maximum square footage for Class E signs shall be limited to 100 square feet of sign area.

**1425.05.2.4.** Height. The maximum height for all Class E signs not attached to buildings shall not exceed 10 feet.

1425.05.2.5. Time Limitation. Class E signs shall be permitted for the following time periods:

1425.05.2.5.1. Construction signs - until substantial completion of building; and

1425.05.2.5.2. Real estate signs - until the sale or lease or rental of the property.

1425.05.2.6. Specifications. None.

1425.05.2.7. Spacing. No requirements.

1425.05.2.8. Lighting. No requirements.

1425.05.2.9. Setback. No requirement.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

#### 1425.06 Class F Signs.

**1425.06.1.** Class F signs are signs, posters or banners which pertain to an upcoming election of a candidate and/or political issue. Class F signs shall not include outdoor advertising signs rented by political candidates or in connection with a political issue.

**1425.06.2.** Class F signs are subject to the following conditions:

**1425.06.1.** Location. Class F signs shall be allowed in all zone districts within the City of Hermantown.

**1425.06.2.** Type. Class F signs shall be limited to political campaign signs.

1425.06.3. Size. The maximum square footage of Class F signs shall be as follows:

Zone	Area
Residential and Suburban Zones	10 square feet
All other zones	25 square feet

1425.06.4. Height. The maximum height of a Class F sign shall be 10 feet.

1425.06.5. Setback. None required.

#### 1425.06.6. Special Regulations.

**1425.06.6.1.** Class F signs may not be placed upon any right-of-way or on any publicly owned property, any public utility pole or on any private property without the consent of the owner or occupant of such property.

**1425.06.6.2.** Class F signs may not be placed so as to constitute a hazard to any person or property.

**1425.06.6.3.** Class F signs may not be placed in any location earlier than 30 days prior to an election and they shall not be allowed to remain in location more than ten days after the election at which the political issue advertised is decided or candidacy advertised is determined.

**1425.06.6.4.** If any Class F sign is found, placed, attached or allowed to remain in violation of any section of this chapter and the identity of the person who placed or attached such sign cannot be determined, the person, corporation or other legal entity represented by the sign shall be held prima facie responsible for such violation.

1425.06.7. Specifications. None.

1425.06.8. Spacing. No requirements.

1425.06.9. Lighting. No requirements.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

#### 1425.07 Class G Signs.

**1425.07.1.** Class G signs are signs which are erected and maintained by a business or individual and not permanently affixed to the premises which it is located.

**1425.07.2.** Class G signs are subject to the following performance standards:

**1425.07.2.1.** Location. Class G signs shall be allowed in all districts which are zoned Commercial (C), Office/Light Industrial (C-1), Adult Use (C-1A), and Industrial (M-1) or (M-2).

**1425.07.2.2. Type.** Class G signs shall be limited to banners and pennants and portable signs. Temporary signs may not be any fluorescent color on a black background.

**1425.07.2.3.** Size. The maximum total square footage for Class G signs shall be 150 square feet.

**1425.07.2.4. Height.** The maximum height for all Class G signs not attached to buildings shall not exceed 15 feet.

**1425.07.2.5. Time Limitation.** Class G signs shall be allowed by permit for a period of time not to exceed 30 consecutive days in any 180-day period.

1425.07.2.6. Specifications. None.

1425.07.2.7. Spacing. No requirements.

1425.07.2.8. Lighting. No requirements.

1425.07.2.9. Setback. No requirements.

**1425.07.2.10.** Fee. No fee required, except for approved deviations from performance standards. Fee for permit application form is \$20.

#### 1425.07.2.11. Special Regulations.

**1425.07.2.11.1** Signs shall not be painted on fences, rocks or similar structures or features, nor shall paper or similar signs be attached directly to a building wall or utility pole by an adhesive or mechanical fastener or otherwise.

**1425.07.2.11.2.** Garage sale signs, family event signs, open house signs and auction signs are permitted, provided such signs are placed no more than one day prior to and one day after said event. Such signs must comply with all other applicable rules, ordinances and regulations.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

### Section 1430 – Non-Conforming Signs

**1430.01** Non-Conforming Signs. The provision of <u>Chapter 9</u> hereof shall be applicable to non-conforming signs, subject to applicable state law.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

# Section 1435 – Setbacks

**1435.01 Setbacks.** The setback requirements for structures established by <u>Chapter 5</u> of this code shall not be applicable to signs. The setbacks set forth in this chapter shall be applicable to signs.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)

### Section 1440 – Floodplain, Wetland and Shoreland Regulations

**1440.01 Floodplain, Wetland and Shoreland Regulations**. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this <u>Chapter 14</u>, the regulations established by <u>Chapter 15</u> hereof for Shoreland, Wetland and Floodplain Districts shall be applicable to signs.

(Ord. 76-01, passed 12-31-1975)