

SIGNS

Section 1317.01 Purpose

The purpose of these regulations is to prevent signs from becoming a distraction or obstruction to the safe and efficient flow of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, to prevent signs from having an adverse impact on adjacent properties or uses, to encourage the development of signage system that promote an active economic and business environment, and thereby protection of the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lancaster.

Section 1317.02 Definitions

As used in this Article, the following words or phrases shall have the meaning herein:

(a) "Sign" means any device for visual communication which is designed, intended, or used to convey a message, advertise, inform or otherwise direct attention to a person, institution, organization, activity, business, place, object or product.

(b) Other Definitions

(1) "Animation" The presentation of pictorials and graphics on signs displayed in a progression of frames which give the illusion of motion, including but not limited to the illusion of moving objects, moving patterns or bands of light, or expanding or contracting shapes.

(2) "Awning" A shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building constructed of nonrigid materials on a supporting framework. An 'awning sign' is a sign that is attached to or a part of such structure.

(3) "Banner" means a nonrigid cloth, plastic or canvas sign with no enclosing framework typically related to a special event or promotion. For the purposes of this Article, the term "banner" shall not include official flags of public entities, or civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations.

(4) "Billboard" means an off-premises sign more than 200 square feet in area, which is owned by a person, corporation or other entity that engages in the business of selling the advertising space on that sign.

- (5) "Canopy" means a structure separate from, but associated by use with a principal building. Such structure is supported independently by posts or columns, is open on all sides, and is intended only for shelter or ornamentation. A 'canopy sign' is a sign that is attached to or a part of the roof of such a structure.
- (6) "Changeable copy sign" means a sign which, in whole or in part, provides for periodic changes in the material or message composing the sign. This definition includes both electronically and manually changeable signs.
- (7) "Character" Any letter of the alphabet or numeral
- (8) "Curb Level" The mean level of the established curb at the frontage of a lot. Where no curb has been established, the City Engineer shall establish such curb level or its equivalent for the purposes of this Code.
- (9) "Directional sign" means any sign which indicates the direction of the specific location of an institution, organization or business, which does not include advertising or any information regarding product lines or services offered.
- (10) "Flashing Illumination" A light source or other image which in whole or in part physically changes in light intensity or gives the appearance of such change.
- (11) "Freestanding sign" means a sign which is mounted to the ground and is wholly independent of any building for support.
- (12) "Ground sign" means a freestanding detached sign whose support structure is embedded in the ground in such a manner that the sign appears to be resting directly on the ground.
- (13) "Height, Sign" The vertical distance measured from the curb level to the highest point of the sign.

- (14) "Marquee" means a multisided overhead structure or architectural projections supported by attachments to a building on one or more sides and either cantilevered from such building or also supported by columns at additional points. 'Marquee sign' means a sign that is attached, mounted to, or made a part of a marquee.
- (15) "Menu board" means a freestanding sign not more than forty (40) square feet in area, which is located so as to be primarily visible by persons in vehicles within the internal circulation driveway or parking area on the site.
- (16) "Movement" Physical movement or revolution of a sign or portion of a sign up or down, around or sideways.
- (17) "Mural" means a large picture or graphic illustration that is painted or mounted directly to the surface of an existing building, and covers more than 30% of the building face on which it is displayed.
- (18) "Nameplate" A sign, attached flush against a building identifying the name of the building or the name of an occupant thereof.
- (19) "Off-premises sign" means any sign that identifies or provides information related to a good, service or event that is not located on the property where such sign is located.
- (20) "Pennant" means a triangular shaped banner displaying no image or words.
- (21) "Permanent sign" means a sign intended to be erected or used, or in fact which is used for a time period in excess of sixty (60) days.
- (22) "Portable sign" means a sign designed or constructed in such a manner that it can be moved or relocated without involving any structural or support changes and shall include trailer and A-frame signs.
- (23) "Projecting sign" means a sign which extends outward perpendicular to the building face.

- (24) "Public sign post" means a post, pole, or other structure on which a public safety sign or traffic control device is located.
- (25) "Roof sign" means a sign mounted on, and supported by, the main roof portion of a building, or above the uppermost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such a building.
- (26) "Sign" Any object, device, structure or part thereof used to advertise, identify, display or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images.

Signs as defined herein do not include the flag or emblem of any nation, organization of nations, state, city or any fraternal, religious or civic organizations; one corporate flag; works of art which in no way identify a product; temporary holiday decorations; or landscape features which display no words or symbols.

- (27) "Sign, Business" Any sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted on the premises.
- (28) "Sign, Construction" A temporary sign erected during the period of construction advertising the construction of improvements on the property.
- (29) "Sign Illuminated" Any sign which is directly lighted by any electrical light source, internal or external, except light sources specifically and clearly operated for the purpose of lighting the general area in which the sign is located rather than the sign itself.
- (30) "Sign, Real Estate" A temporary sign advertising the sale, rental, or lease of the lot or portion thereof on which the sign is located.
- (31) "Sign, Revolving or Rotating" A sign or sign part which rotates or revolves.

- (32) "Streamer" means a ribbon or cord-like rope, which may have multiple pennants or ribbons attached, which is stretched between two (2) supports.
- (33) "Temporary sign" means a sign intended to be used, or in place used, for a time period of sixty (60) days or less.
- (34) "Wall sign" means a sign attached to a building face, with the exposed face in a plane parallel to the plane of the wall. Wall signs including painted murals, messages, graphics and other designs painted along with any letters or numerals mounted directly on buildings.
- (35) "Wind Device" Any flag, banner, pennant, streamer or similar device that moves freely in the wind.
- (36) "Window sign" means a sign, graphic, poster, symbol or other identification which is physically affixed to or painted on the glass or other structural component of the window.

Section 1317.03 Prohibited Signs

Signs that are not specifically permitted in the Article shall be considered as prohibited. Without restricting or limiting the generality of the foregoing provision the following signs are specifically prohibited:

- (a) Flashing or high intensity lights mounted on a sign.
- (b) Any sign that obstructs any part of or direct access to a doorway, exit or fire escape.
- (c) Any sign that resembles or is intended to resemble a traffic control device, or is located in such a manner so as to obscure or impact the effectiveness of such traffic control device or signal, pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4522.26 and Chapter 313.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster.
- (d) Any permanent or temporary sign located on a utility pole, public sign post or otherwise displayed within the public right-of-way, pursuant to Chapter 541.09 of the Codified Ordinances, except as may be specifically controlled herein.
- (e) Any sign located so as to obscure the clear vision within thirty feet (30') from the curb face of any street and/or alley intersection.
- (f) Portable or temporary signs that are not anchored or secured so as to prevent collapse or unintended movement.
- (g) Roof signs

Section 1317.04 Signs Excluded from Regulations

The following signs are excluded from the regulations and requirements of this Article:

- (a) Signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area that are customarily associated with residential use, including address and/or name of occupants of the structure, signs on mailboxes or newspaper tubes, signs posted on property related to private parking, signs denoting security systems being used on the site, and signs warning against trespassing or danger from animals. Signs associated with home occupations and/or any non-residential use of the property shall not be excluded from these regulations.
- (b) Signs erected by a governmental entity for a recognized public purpose and duly authorized by any law, statute or ordinance. Such signs including legal notices and traffic control or safety devices, provided such signs carry no supplementary advertising.
- (c) Signs located on the inside of a structure or building, that are not designed or located so as to be typically visible from outside the building.
- (d) Signs which are in the nature of cornerstones, commemorative tables and historic designation, provided such signs are less than twelve (12) square feet in size and not illuminated.
- (e) Signs clearly in the nature of decorations customarily associated with a national, local or religious holiday. Such signs shall be of any illumination or animation provided that a safety and/or visibility hazard is not clearly created.
- (f) Flags or insignias of any governmental entity when not displayed as an advertising device or in connection with any commercial promotion.

Section 1317.05 Sign Permits and Administration

(a) Permit Required

No sign, except as exempted in Section 1317.04 or 1317.06 shall hereafter be erected, constructed or maintained within the City of Lancaster unless a permit for the same has been issued by the Zoning Inspector. Application for a permit to construct or erect a sign shall be made by the owner of sign or the property upon which the sign is proposed, or his/her agent. An application for a permit to erect a sign shall contain, at a minimum and drawn to scale;

- (1) The dimensions and weight of the sign, and where applicable, the dimension of the wall surface of the building to which it is to be attached.
- (2) The dimension and weight of the sign's supporting members.
- (3) The maximum and minimum height of the sign.
- (4) The proposed location of the sign in relation to the face of the building, in front of or above which it is to be erected.
- (5) Where the sign is to be attached to an existing building, a diagram of the face of the building to which the sign is to be attached.

- (6) The name and address of the user, or owner of the sign and the location of the sign.
- (7) The name and address of the sign installer.

In addition, if the proposed sign requires an installation permit from the State of Ohio, a copy of such permit shall be provided prior to erection of the sign.

(b) Action on Sign Permit

The Zoning Inspector shall issue a sign permit upon submittal of a completed application and payment of applicable fees if he/she determines that the provisions of this Ordinance have been met. If the application for a sign permit is denied, the applicant shall be given written notice of such denial, along with the reasons therefore.

(c) Appeals

Any decision made by the Zoning Inspector under the terms of this Article may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals in the manner set forth in Chapter 1157 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 1317.06 Signs Which Do Not Require a Permit

The following signs may be erected without a permit. Such signs, however, shall be subject to all other provisions of this Article:

- (a) Any temporary sign, as defined in Section 1317.02(b)(33), except for those temporary signs that exceed the standards cited in the Sections below.
- (b) Signs or posters concerning candidates for elective office, public issues and similar matter to be decided by public election, to be removed no later than one (1) week after such election, subject to penalty. Such signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in area, shall not be illuminated, and shall not be located within a public right-of-way nor be affixed to any public utility pole or street tree. In addition, such sign shall not be located in any manner so as to create a safety or visibility hazard. Signs that exceed the standard of this Section shall require a sign permit.
- (c) Signs that indicate the sale, development, rental or lease of a particular structure or land area, provided such sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet in area. One such sign shall be allowed per street front. Such signs shall not be located in a public right-of-way.
- (d) Credit card decals, store hour specifications, "open" or "closed" signs, or similar signs that do not display any advertising message, and do not exceed an aggregate area of eight (8) square feet.

- (e) Signs, which do not exceed eight (8) square feet in size and mounted or attached flat or parallel onto a building face of an administrative, business or professional office building where more than one tenant is located and which has individual and separate entities.
- (f) A sign which advertises the sale of personal property, such as a garage sale, yard, porch or moving sale sign, provided such sign is displayed for a time period not greater than three (3) consecutive days, and is not to be located in a public right-of-way or affixed to any public utility pole or street tree. Such signs shall not be located in such a manner so as to create a safety or visibility hazard.
- (g) Temporary construction signs which display the identification of the construction project, including identification of the contractors, architects and other construction principals. Such construction signs shall be limited to one (1) per construction site, shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall be removed upon completion of construction or the commencement of occupancy, whichever event occurs first. Such signs shall not be located within the public right-of-way.
- (h) Signs promoting community events and programs which last for a time period of fourteen (14) days or less and which are sponsored by nonprofit, public, educational, religious and charitable organizations. All such signs shall be removed not later than three (3) days after the scheduled activity.
- (i) Signs erected in parks or play fields, denoting sponsorship or support for youth sports or similar activities.
- (j) Signs determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals to be similar to those specified in (a)-(i) herein.

Section 1317.07 General Requirements-Temporary Signs

Temporary signs shall be subject to the following general requirements:

- (a) Not more than two (2) temporary signs, not including signs as specified in Section 1317.04 and 1317.06 herein, shall be permitted on any individual property at one time. One (1) additional temporary sign may be erected on a property that has frontage on more than one (1) street.
- (b) Temporary signs shall be constructed of such material that will allow the sign to be maintained in good repair for the period it is to be displayed. Generally, the use of unprotected cardboard or paper products as sign material shall be prohibited, unless it is demonstrated that this standard is met.

- (c) Banners less than (40) square feet in area are permitted as temporary signs, provided such banners are secured to prevent movement which would allow any portion of the banner to extend into the street right-of-way. Pennants and/or streamers are permitted only as temporary signs.
- (d) Temporary freestanding changeable copy signs and portable signs shall be considered as Special Exception in nonresidential districts only, and shall require the specific approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Such signs shall not be displayed for more than two (2) time period(s) of sixty (60) days each during any calendar year and shall comply with other requirements of this Ordinance.
- (e) Folding portable A-frame signs, shall be permitted as temporary signs in the CN, CG, CH and CBD Districts, provided such signs are secured and/or anchored so as to prevent accidental collapse or unintended movement.
- (f) Temporary signs proposed in the Lancaster Historic District as designated by City Council shall be subject to additional standards as applicable.

Section 1317.08 Permanent Signs

Permanent signs shall be subject to the following requirements:

(a) Wall Signs

Wall signs may be erected on any building wall or extension of a building wall which faces a street, parking lot or service drive. Wall signs shall be attached parallel to the building face and may extend outward perpendicular from the building face a maximum of fifteen (15) inches; however, an internally illuminated wall sign may be erected not more than twenty-four (24) inches from the wall surface, provided such distance is required for enclosure of the necessary electrical components. The other requirements for wall signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09.

(b) Canopy, Marquee and/or Awning Signs

Canopy and/or awning signs may be painted on an awning area or attached to a canopy or roof which projects beyond the building, provided that no part of such sign may extend above the eave of the roof. Canopy, awning or marquee signs shall be a minimum of nine (9) feet above ground level. The other requirements for canopy, marquee or awning signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09

(c) Projecting Signs

Projecting signs shall be placed not less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk or ground level, and project not more than eight (8) feet outward from the building face. The other requirements for projecting signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09

(d) Freestanding Signs

No portion of any freestanding sign shall be erected over the street right-of-way. Not more than one (1) freestanding or ground sign shall be erected on any single lot, per 100 feet of lot frontage or fraction thereof and shall meet all other district setbacks. The other requirements for freestanding signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09.

(e) Ground Signs

The requirements for ground signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09.

(f) Permanent Window Signs

Permanent window signs shall be limited to signs denoting the identification of the occupant, the address of the premises, and not more than one (1) logo sign for each product or each service offered. The total of all permanent window signs shall be as cited in the SIGN MATRIX in Section 1317.09.

(g) Off-Premises Signs

Off-premises signs as defined in Section 1317.02 (b)(19), not including billboards, shall be considered as an accessory use in the zoning districts as identified in the SIGN MATRIX. The location of such sign(s) shall be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Not more than one (1) off-premises sign with a maximum sign face area as specified in the SIGN MATRIX is permitted on a single lot.

(h) Billboards

Billboards as defined in Section 1317.02(b)(4), shall be considered as a permitted and accessory use in the districts as specified in the SIGN MATRIX. Billboards shall also be allowed within the PUD District, if included in the approved development plan, subject to the approval of the Planning Commission. The erection of billboards shall comply with all federal and state requirements, as well as the following.

- (1) Height- Any billboard shall maintain a maximum height of forty-five feet (45') and not less than ten feet (10') above ground level of the surface

directly below the sign. Notwithstanding the above, if the elevation of the roadway from which the billboard is intended to be viewed (as measured at the centerline of the roadway at the point in closest proximity to the billboard) is more than fifteen feet (15') different from the elevation of the ground level directly below the sign, then such roadway elevation shall be used for measuring the permitted height of the billboard.

- (2) Area- The maximum display area for any one face of any billboard shall not exceed 400 square feet. Billboards may be back to back, double faced, "V" type and/or multiple faced with not more than two faces facing the same direction, and such structure shall be considered as one billboard, provided that the area of all faces toward one direction shall not exceed 600 square feet. In areas not adjacent to roadways on the Federal Aid Primary Highway System, billboards shall not have more than one face per structure toward each direction.
- (3) Spacing- A minimum distance of 500 feet shall be maintained between billboards.
- (4) Changes/Alterations- Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall prohibit the changing or alteration of the display surface of any billboard using mechanical, electronic or other available technology.

(i) General Requirements for Permanent Signs

(1) Illumination

Illumination for signs shall be from a concealed or indirect light source and shall not flash, blink, fluctuate in intensity, travel, move or in any manner fail to provide constant illumination, and shall not create a hazard or visibility problem or interfere with or impair vehicular traffic. The level of illumination emitted from a sign shall not be of an intensity to constitute a safety hazard to vehicular movement on any street. Illuminated signs shall be constructed and maintained so that the source of illumination is shielded or otherwise prevented from beaming directly onto adjacent properties or streets.

(2) Construction

All signs and parts thereof, including any electrical wiring, shall be erected, constructed, and maintained so as to not constitute a safety hazard. The construction and installation of all signs shall be subject to inspection by the City and/or State of Ohio.

(3) Location in Right-of-Way Prohibited

No part of any sign shall be placed in, over, or extended onto any public right-of-way, except as specified in Section 1317.08.(i)(10) herein.

(4) Pennants and/or Streamers

No permanent sign shall contain or consist of banners, streamers, pennants, ribbons, balloons or similar devices.

(5) Changeable Copy Signs

Changeable copy signs, as defined in Section 1317.02(b)(6) above, shall be permitted in the districts as specified in the SIGN MATRIX. The number, height and area of changeable copy signs shall be determined by the structural type of the sign, i.e., freestanding, wall, projecting, etc. The light and/or perceived movement from such sign shall not be of such intensity to constitute a safety hazard to vehicular traffic.

(6) Permanent Subdivision Identification Signs

Such signs shall be limited to wall mounted or freestanding signs only, with placement on walls, columns or similar architectural or landscaped entrance features used to denote the entrance to the subdivision. Such sign shall be not more than six (6) feet in height and shall set back at least five (5) feet from the right-of-way of both streets.

(7) Joint Identification Signs

Joint identification signs shall be limited to wall or freestanding signs, and to premises where there are two (2) or more uses located on one (1) or more public street(s). If the property fronts on one (1) public street, only one (1) joint identification sign is permitted. If the property fronts on two (2) public streets, two (2) joint identification signs shall be permitted. Each joint identification sign shall not exceed the requirements of the zoning district in the SIGN MATRIX.

(8) Murals

Murals, as defined in Section 1317.02(b)(17) herein shall be allowed as a Special Exception in the districts as specified in the SIGN MATRIX, subject to approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals. In addition, if such mural(s) is located within the designated Historic District, such mural(s) shall be approved by the Historic Lancaster Commission.

(9) Maintenance and Copy Change

Signs shall be maintained in good repair. Such maintenance and repair including, changes of copy, shall be permitted provided the size and structural shape of the sign is not be changed or altered.

(10) Signs In CBD Central Business District

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1317.03 (d) herein, a proposed sign within the CBD may extend into the right-of-way, provided the applicant demonstrates that, due to the location of the building or other physical characteristics of the lot, the erection of an alternate sign outside the right-of-way is not feasible. In addition, such applicant shall obtain a Right-Of-Way Permit from the City of Lancaster, and shall certify that such sign shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense, if so subsequently required by the City.

(11) PUD District

Signs in the PUD District shall reflect the standards for similar uses in other districts. The applicant shall submit a total signage plan for the proposed non-residential portions of the development as part of the required site plan for the development.

Section 1317.09 Sign Matrix

The area, height and setback requirements for signs within the various districts shall be as specified in the following SIGN MATRIX which is hereby made a part of this Chapter or as approved in a final development plan. The area requirements for particular sign types shall be based on permitted square feet per linear foot (sf/lf) of building wall or total square footage as listed.

Section 1317.10 Measurement of Signs

For the purposes of this Chapter, the measurement of sign area shall comply with the following standards:

- (a) Sign area shall include the face of all the display area of the sign not including bracing, framing and structural supports of the sign, unless such support members are made part of the message or face of the design.
- (b) The display surface area of a ground, freestanding, projecting, off-premise directional, changeable copy, joint identification, directory, temporary or similar signs shall mean the area enclosed by the minimum imaginary rectangles which fully contains all extremities of the sign, exclusive of its supports. This rectangle

is to be calculated from an orthographic projection of the sign viewed horizontally. A view point for this projection is to be taken which gives the largest rectangle of that kind as the viewpoint is rotated horizontally around the sign. If elements of the sign are movable or flexible, the measurement shall be taken when the elements are fully extended and parallel to the plane of view.

- (c) The display surface area of a wall, awning, marquee, canopy or similar sign shall be measured as the sum of the areas of the minimum imaginary rectangles enclosing each work attached to any particular façade.
- (d) The display surface area for window signs shall mean the sum of the areas of the minimum imaginary rectangles enclosing each word, figure, design and symbol if the window or other transparent material forms the background, or the entire area of the background material when such material is translucent or opaque.
- (e) The display surface area for permanent subdivision or similar signs shall mean the area of the minimum imaginary rectangle enclosing the sign including the support except when the support a wall, building or other architectural feature. In those cases, the sign shall be measured as a wall sign.
- (f) Where a sign has two or more display faces, the area of all faces of the sign shall be included in determining the area of the sign, unless two (2) display faces join back to back and parallel to each other. Back to back sign faces shall be located not more than twenty-four inches (24") apart. For purposes of these regulations, a V-shaped sign with an angle of separation not exceeding 30 degrees shall be considered a back-to-back sign. Billboards shall be exempt from this requirement, but shall comply with the requirements of Section 1317.08 (h)(2)
- (g) For spherical signs, the sphere shall be bisected by an imaginary line through the center of the sphere, and the surface area of the half sphere shall be counted as the sign face. For cubical signs, the area of all display faces shall be included in determining the area of the sign.
- (h) The area of the letters, numbers or emblems mounted directly on a building wall or wall extension shall be computed by enclosing the entire word or words formed by such letters, numbers or emblems with the smallest single continuous perimeter consisting of rectangular or series of rectangles, and determining the area within such perimeter.

Section 1317.11 Nonconforming Signs

(a) Abandonment

An existing sign which was lawfully existing at the time of enactment of this Ordinance, but does not meet the regulations and requirements of this Article, shall be deemed a nonconforming sign. The continuance of such nonconforming sign shall terminate by abandonment when any of the following conditions exist:

- (1) When the sign is associated with an abandoned use.
- (2) When the sign remains after the termination of a business. A business is considered terminated if it has ceased operations and/or if it is closed to the public for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. Seasonal businesses are exempt from this requirement.
- (3) When the sign is not maintained or does not conform to the following:
 - A. All signs, together with all supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in a proper state of repair.
 - B. Every sign and the immediate surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner, or his agent, in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, free from all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.
- (4) When the sign is damaged or partially destroyed to the extent of more than 50% of its current replacement cost at the time of damage.

Upon finding that the sign is abandoned, the right to maintain and use such sign shall terminate immediately.

(b) Relocation or Replacement

A nonconforming sign shall not be structurally relocated or replaced unless it is brought into compliance with the provisions of this Section. Should any replacement or relocation occur without being brought into compliance, the sign shall be subject to removal.

(c) Maintenance

A nonconforming sign shall be maintained or repaired, provided the size and structural shape of the sign is not be changed or altered.

(d) Inspection and Removal

If any sign is found, upon inspection by the Zoning Inspector, to constitute a hazard to public safety, such sign shall be subject to immediate removal by order of the Zoning Inspector.

Section 1317.11 Variances

Variances to this Chapter may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to the procedures and policies set forth for area variances in Chapter 1157.09 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 1317.12 Registration

No person or company shall install a sign requiring a permit unless a sign installer registration is obtained from the Mayor. The Mayor may revoke a registration for failure to conform to all parts of this chapter.

Section 1317.13 Registration Fee

A registration fee shall be required of persons or companies installing a sign that requires a permit.

Section 1317.14 Enforcement

Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the Zoning Inspector after serving notice. The Zoning Inspector shall give to the owner or person in charge of the sign written notice specifying the violation, ordering the cessation thereof and requiring either the removal of the sign or the carrying out of remedial work in the time and in the manner that the notice shall specify. Such notice shall be posted by registered mail, return receipt requested.

In the event of failure to comply after thirty days from receipt of such notice, the Zoning Inspector may remove or cause such remedial work to be done and the costs thereof shall be recoverable by the Municipality by summary process at law in any court of competent jurisdiction. In the event of default of payment of such assessed costs, then a charge shall be placed upon the property and such costs, when certified by the Treasurer, shall be entered in the Collector's Roll and collected in the same manner as taxes shown thereon.

If a sign which has been removed is not reclaimed and fines paid within ninety days of its removal, such sign may be sold or otherwise disposed of by the City. If a sign is found to be an immediate and serious danger to the public because of its unsafe condition, it may be removed without notice and written notice of removal and the reasons for such shall be served as soon as possible. The Mayor shall revoke the

registration of any person or company erecting a nonconforming sign. The registration shall be revoked for a period of one year from the date of such violation.

1317.99 Penalty

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)