

Sec. 9-386. - Freestanding signs.

- (a) All freestanding signs shall have a surface or facing of noncombustible material; provided, however, that combustible structural trim may be used thereon. All letters, figures, characters or representations in cutout or irregular form maintained in conjunction with, attached to or superimposed upon any sign shall be safely and securely built or attached to the sign.
- (b) It is unlawful to erect any freestanding sign whose total height is greater than twenty (20) feet above the level of the street upon which the sign faces or above the adjoining ground level if such ground level is above the street level except that, upon application to the city council for which there shall be a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00), the height requirement may be waived under the following conditions:
  - (1) For signs to be located within one hundred (100) feet of the Interstate 40 right-of-way, there is no limitation on the height waiver the city council may grant, except that the sign height, as measured from ground level, at the base of or below the sign, to the highest edge of the sign, cannot exceed the airport zoning ordinance height limitations.
  - (2) For all other signs the height requirement may be waived by the city council to allow signs of greater height if the request is based on a national or state-wide sign policy or if the topography is such that the increased height would not be unduly prejudicial to the adjoining establishments. No waiver of this subsection shall be permitted if the height of the sign would exceed the limits contained in this subsection by more than ten (10) percent.
- (c) No freestanding sign shall be nearer than two (2) feet to any building or other structure. Only one (1) freestanding sign shall be allowed per frontage unless the frontage is in excess of six hundred (600) feet, in which case one (1) sign shall be allowed for the first six hundred (600) feet and an additional sign shall be allowed for each additional six hundred (600) feet or less of frontage.
- (d) No freestanding sign shall be nearer the street than the right-of-way line of the parcel.
- (e) All freestanding signs shall conform to the provisions of this article.
- (f) All freestanding signs shall be securely built, constructed and erected upon posts and standards sunk at least three (3) feet below the natural surface of the ground; and, if supported and braced by timbers or metal rods, the timbers or metal rods must extend from the top of the sign to a point in the ground at least a distance equal to one-half the height of the sign, measured along the ground, from the posts or standards upon which the sign is erected.
- (g) All posts, anchors and bracing made of wood shall be treated to protect them from moisture by creosoting or other approved methods when they rest upon or enter into the ground.
- (h) Freestanding signs with more than two hundred (200) square feet of display surface area shall be prohibited. Freestanding signs may be double-faced.
- (i) No off-premises freestanding sign shall be nearer than one hundred (100) feet to a side or rear lot line of the parcel on which the sign is erected. Such signs shall be spaced a minimum of one hundred (100) feet apart. Off-premises freestanding signs shall not be located nearer than two (2) feet to any buildings or structures. These signs may be double-faced.
- (j) All permanent freestanding signs must have one (1) or more pole covers as appropriate which must be constructed of noncombustible material and must be maintained. Owners of freestanding signs that have not yet been constructed who have applied for a waiver to the height requirements as noted in subsection (b) of this section may also apply for a waiver to the requirement for a pole cover. An owner may file such an application for a waiver to the pole cover requirement for no additional fee and such application may be heard by the council at the same time the requested waiver to the height limitation is heard. If such application is filed after the sign has been erected, the owner must pay a sixty dollar (\$60.00) fee to file an application for a waiver to the requirement for a pole cover.

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