

18.115.120 Temporary signs.

A. *General Criteria for Temporary Signs.* General Criteria and Limitations are by Zoning District.

B. Signs must be maintained in a safe condition and not cause blighting.

C. *A-Frame, T-Frame and Banner Signs.* A-Frame, T-Frame and Banner Signs are unlawful if they do not meet the criteria and limitation set forth in the following Tables 18.115.120.B and 18.115.120.C.

1. A-Frame, T-Frame and Banner Signs are permitted in all zoning districts but may be placed in single-family residential zoning districts only in conjunction with nonresidential uses.
2. Unless otherwise specifically allowed herein, A-Frame, T-Frame and Banner Signs must be located on the parcel of organization advertised thereon, supported by a base of sufficient weight and durability to withstand wind gusts, constructed of durable material (i.e. no paper, cardboard or similar material) and maintained in a professional manner free from fading, tearing, and tattering.
3. A-Frame, T-Frame and Banner Signs shall not be placed in raised or painted medians, with stakes fastened to or driven into concrete, on equestrian or multi-use trails, ~~and must be placed at grade level.~~
4. A-Frame and T-Frame signs must be placed and displayed at grade level.
- 5. Offsite temporary signs must have the responsible person or owner name and contact number displayed on the sign.

56. *Authority to Remove Unauthorized Signs.* The city's code enforcement officer may remove unauthorized signs. Unauthorized signs so removed shall be disposed of after the city provides notice to the organization, responsible person, or establishment identified by the sign. A notice shall be sent within five days of the removal notifying the organization, responsible person, or establishment to claim the unauthorized sign at a location specified in the notice within a specified time period. If unclaimed after the time period lapses, the city may dispose of the sign. If an organization, responsible person or establishment is not identified by the sign, the sign may be disposed of no sooner than five days after removal.

Table 18.115.120.A Temporary Signs: Criteria and Limitations Residential use in Residential zones

Temporary Sign Type Residential	General Criteria
Maximum Number of Signs Per Parcel	Maximum of one temporary sign within a five to ten feet setback of the Right-of-Way (ROW), on private property and up to four signs within five feet of the primary structure, on private property.
Maximum Combined Sign Area	6 square feet
Maximum Sign Height, Freestanding	4 feet
Minimum Setback from street edge (must also be on private property)	10 5 feet
Minimum Spacing From Any Other Sign (Temporary or Permanent)	20 10 feet
Permit Required	No
Permission of Owner Required	Yes
Allowed Within Sight Visibility Triangle	No
Movement Allowed	No
Allowed on Roof	No

Table 18.115.120.B Temporary Signs: Criteria and Limitations **Non-Residential use in Residential zone**

Temporary Sign Type Residential- non-residential use	General Criteria	A-Frame and T-Frame Signs	Banner Signs	Flying Banner Signs
Maximum Number of Signs Per Parcel ¹	1	Up to 10 * ¹	1	1
Maximum Sign Area	6 square feet	6 square feet	32 square feet	12 square feet
Maximum Sign Height, Freestanding ²	4 feet	4 feet	4 feet	15 feet
Maximum Sign Height, Wall Sign	4 feet	NA	8 feet	NA
Minimum Setback from street edge ³	10 feet 20 feet if located on State Route	10 feet 20 feet if located on State Route	10 feet	20 feet
Minimum Spacing From Any Other Sign (Temporary or Permanent) ²	5 feet	5 feet	30 feet	30 feet
Permit Required	No	No	Yes	Yes
Permission of Owner Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allowed Within Sight Visibility Triangle	No	No	No	No
Movement Allowed	No	No	No	Yes
Allowed on Roof	No	No	No	No
Duration	Up to one two hours prior to event and one 2 hours after the event had concluded.		Signs and displays shall not be displayed for longer than 30 days for signs requiring a permit. A minimum of 14 days shall pass between each such display.	

1 In residential zoning districts, each single-family residential lot with at least one principal structure may place **up to ten** off-site temporary signs for the purpose of directing the public to a non residential use activity (e.g., **real estate open house, garage/yard sale, estate sale**). **No more than one sign per turning movement within one (1) mile from event shall be displayed.** Signs shall be constructed of durable material, not exceed six square feet in area per sign and shall be maintained in good repair.

2 Not applicable to flags displayed on flagpoles.

3 Minimum sign setbacks are measured from back of curb or, in the event there is no curb, the edge of pavement.

Table 18.115.120.C Temporary Signs: Criteria and Limitations for Nonresidential zones

Temporary Sign Type Nonresidential	General Criteria	A-Frame and T-Frame Signs	Banner Signs	Flying Banner Signs
Maximum Number of Signs Per Parcel ¹	1	1	1 ^{2,3}	1
Maximum Sign Area	6 square feet	6 square feet	32 square feet	12 square feet
Maximum Sign Height, Freestanding	4 feet	4 feet	8 Feet	15 Feet
Minimum Setback from street edge (must also be on private property) ⁴	10 feet	5 feet	10 feet	10 feet
Minimum Spacing From Any Other Sign (Temporary or Permanent)	20 feet	20 feet	30 feet	30 feet
Permit Required	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Permission of Owner Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Allowed Within Sight Visibility Triangle	No	No	No	No
Allowed on Public Sidewalk	Only A-frames and no more than 1/3 of the width of a public sidewalks may be obstructed and must provide at least 5 feet of sidewalk clearance			
Movement Allowed	No	No	No	Yes
Allowed on Roof	No	No	No	No
Duration	Sun up to sun down during hours when organization is open for inspection		Signs and displays shall not be displayed for longer than 30 days for signs requiring a permit. A minimum of 14 days shall pass between each such display.	

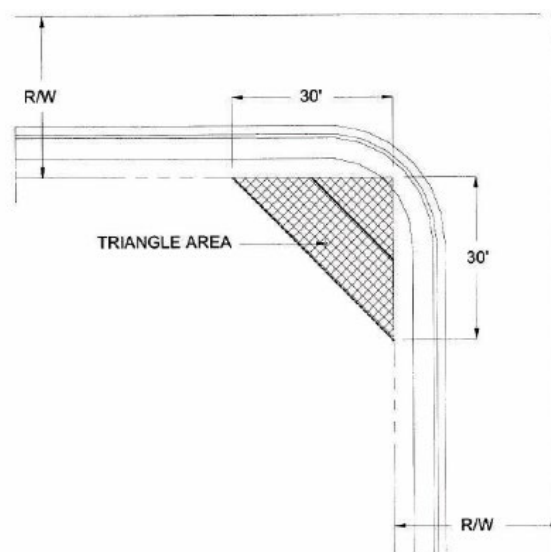
1 The combined total number of signs (including flying banner signs, A-frame signs, and T-frame signs) shall not exceed four per organization.

2. One per public street frontage

3. Construction sites with an active building permit shall be allowed to display one banner sign per contractor until completion of the building or when a certificate of occupancy is issued. Setbacks do not apply to wall signs or signs affixed to a temporary construction fence.

4. Minimum sign setbacks are measured from back of curb or, in the event there is no curb, the edge of pavement.

Sight visibility Triangle



E. Special Event Signage.

1. *Off-Site Event/Directional Signs.*

a. A sign plan shall be required in conjunction with the special event permit. Said sign plan shall show the proposed location, placement, and size of all off-site event/directional signs.

b. Directional signs shall be no greater than four square feet and event signs shall be no greater than 32 square feet. Said signs may be permitted within the city right-of-way, excluding medians, in accordance with the approved sign plan for an approved special event permit and an approved right-of-way permit.

c. Directional signs may be placed 24 hours prior to event and event signs may be placed five days prior to the event or as specified in the approved special event permit request and shall be removed within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event.

F. *Political Signs.*

1. Political signs are permitted in all districts.
2. All other requirements shall adhere to A.R.S. § [16-1019](#), as may be amended from time to time.

~~3. *Authority to Remove Unauthorized Signs.* The city's code enforcement officer may remove unauthorized portable signs. Unauthorized signs so removed shall be disposed of after the city provides notice to the organization, responsible person, or establishment identified by the sign. A notice shall be sent within five days of the removal notifying the organization, responsible person, or establishment to claim the unauthorized sign at a location specified in the notice within a specified time period. If unclaimed after the time period lapses, the city may dispose of the unauthorized sign. If an organization, responsible person or establishment is not identified by the sign, the sign may be disposed of no sooner than five days after removal.~~

G. *Builder Sign Plan.* A builder sign plan shall be approved by zoning permit and is required for each model home complex prior to any certificate of occupancy being issued for a temporary use permit for sales trailer/model home complex. The following shall apply for the builder's sign plan:

1. A zoning permit for a builder sign plan is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A builder sign plan may be renewed annually upon formal application to the city.
2. All signs permitted per the builder sign plan shall be removed upon the expiration of the temporary use permit.
3. On-site signage shall mean the lot(s) for the specific temporary use permit. A maximum of 240 square feet total of on-site signage is permitted for each builder in a recorded subdivision plat. Sign area includes items such as builder/real estate signs, model home complex signs, banners, awnings, and flags. All signs less than 32 square feet shall be set

back a minimum of 10 feet from the front yard lot line and shall not encroach upon sight visibility triangle. The height of any sign shall be a maximum of 12 feet.

4. No more than two builder signs shall be allowed and no larger than 96 square feet of sign area. Builder signs shall be limited to 12 feet in height and shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the right-of-way.

5. Flags are permitted, not to exceed 15 feet in height. Flags shall be spaced a minimum of 40 feet apart and shall be set back a minimum of five feet behind the right-of-way. Maximum of three flagpoles allowed per lot in the temporary use permit. Each flag shall have a maximum area of 12 square feet, may contain lettering or logo, and may not be higher than 15 feet above grade.

6. No more than one flagpole may be placed per temporary use permit. Flagpoles shall be limited to 50 feet in height.

7. No builder signage shall be allowed to be placed outside the recorded subdivision in which the builder is located.

H. *Sign Walkers.*

1. Sign walkers shall be located 30 feet from a street or driveway intersection measured from the back of the curb or edge of pavement if no curb exists.

2. Once 30 feet from the street or driveway intersection, the sign walker must stand at least five feet back from the roadway, measured from the back of curb or edge of pavement if no curb exists.

3. Sign walkers must maintain a minimum distance of 20 feet from any other sign walker.

4. Signs held by sign walkers must be held, worn, or balanced at all times. At no time is a sign walker allowed to toss or throw their sign.

5. Sign walkers shall allow a minimum distance of four feet for pedestrian passage on all sidewalks and walkways.

6. The following elements are prohibited for use on the signs held by sign walkers.

a. Any form of illumination, including flashing, blinking, or rotating lights.

- b. Animation on the sign itself.
- c. Mirrors or other reflective materials.
- d. Attachments including but not limited to balloons, ribbons and speakers. [Res. 22-12; Ord. 22-03 § 2; Ord. 21-18 § 1; Ord. 14-12 § 1; Res. 14-36 § 409.12.]

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