

## ARTICLE VIII

### SIGNS

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#### Section 801 Scope of Regulations

The regulations herein set forth shall apply and govern in all districts. No sign shall be erected or maintained unless it is in compliance with the regulations of this Ordinance and Article and those of relevant state and federal authorities.

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#### Section 802 Purpose

In order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Glynn County, Georgia, this ordinance is enacted to ensure the compatibility of signs with surrounding land uses, to protect the public's use of streets and highways, and to establish standards for the location, size, illumination, number, construction, and maintenance of all signs in the unincorporated areas of Glynn County, Georgia.

#### Section 803 Definitions

**803.1 Banner:** Any sign intended to be hung either with or without frames, possessing characters, illustrations or ornamentations applied to paper, plastic or fabric of any kind.

**803.2 Building:** Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls intended for shelter, housing, or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

**803.3 Building signage:** Any sign defined by this ordinance as a wall, projecting or window sign.

**803.4 Building Official:** Building Official shall mean the Glynn County Building Official or his/her designee.

**803.5 Canopy/Awning:** An awning is a structure projecting from, and supported by, the exterior wall of a building constructed of rigid or non-rigid materials such as cloth, plastic, or metal which extends over a doorway or window as a shelter or beautification of the building.

A canopy is a non-retractable, permanent roof-like structure, other than an awning, made of cloth, metal, or other material, with frames attached to a building and/or carried by a frame supported by the ground and which extends over a vehicle access area. A flush canopy sign is one that is affixed to, imposed upon, or painted on a canopy in such a manner that a continuous plane with the canopy is formed. A hanging canopy sign is one suspended from beneath the canopy. (#O-2017-06)

**803.6 Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement shall mean the Glynn County Code Enforcement Division.

**803.7 Directional Signage:** Any sign containing directional information about public places owned or operated by state, federal or local governments or their agencies; publicly or privately owned natural phenomena, historic, cultural, scientific, educational and religious sites, and areas of natural scenic beauty or naturally suited for outdoor recreation, deemed to be in the interest of the traveling public. Directional signage includes the following types of signage:

**a. Offsite directional sign:** (Temporary) A sign advertising special community events that directs traffic to a site other than the site on which the sign is located. Offsite directional signs do not include real estate signs.

**b. Offsite directional sign (Permanent)** A sign that directs traffic to a site other than the site on which the sign is located and are limited to the following uses: churches, schools, hospitals, parks, libraries, scenic areas, historic areas, train stations, or airports. Offsite directional signs may be permitted within rights of way with approval from the appropriate controlling entity.

**c. Onsite directional sign:** A sign directing traffic to an activity on the same site as that on which the sign is located. Onsite directional signs do not include real estate signs.

**803.8 Double-Faced Sign (Back-to-Back):** A sign with two parallel or nearly parallel faces, back-to-back

**803.9 Electronic Variable Message Sign:** A sign illuminated by the use of light emitting diodes, back lighting, or any other light source that flashes, moves, rotates, scintillates, blinks, flickers, varies intensity or color, or uses illumination to create the optical illusion of motion or changing of copy. For purposes of this Ordinance, an electronic variable message sign is an illuminated sign.

**803.10 Flag:** A piece of cloth, fabric, or similar material of a distinctive design used to symbolize or represent a particular object, idea, political subdivision, etc.

**803.11 Flagpole:** A single pole used to attach and display a flag(s).

**803.12 Fighting Words:** Opprobrious or abusive words which by their very utterance tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace, that is to say, words which as a matter of common knowledge and under ordinary circumstances will, when used to or of another person in such other person's presence, naturally tend to provoke violent resentment.

**803.13 Fluttering Ribbons:** Any paper, plastic, or fabric object or device intended to be hung and is visibly affected by the movement of the wind, and intends to convey a commercial message or symbol.

**803.14 Free-Standing Sign Structure:** A free-standing sign structure may contain a sign or signs on one side only, or it may be a V-shaped structure, or one containing signs back-to-back. A free-standing sign structure is one sign. Freestanding signs include pylon and ground signs.

**803.15 Ground Sign:** A permanent free-standing sign which extends no more than six (6) feet above the ground, and whose bottom edge is either directly attached to the ground or no more than one (1) foot above the ground.

**803.15.1 Inflatable Sign:** Any sign that is expanded or inflated to its full dimensions or is supported internally by gases contained within the sign, or sign parts, at a pressure greater than atmospheric pressure. Without limiting the foregoing, balloons, inflatable figures, inflatable objects, or similar devices that meet the definition of signs and are inflated or supported internally at a pressure greater than atmospheric pressure shall be considered inflatable signs, but balloons or inflatable figures that are or can be filled with three (3) cubic feet or less of air or gas, are less than eighteen (18) inches in height, and typically hand-held shall not be subject to these regulations. (#O-2016-08)

**803.16 Illuminated Sign:** The use of artificial illumination techniques in any fashion on or in a sign is an illuminated sign.

**803.17 Instructional/Informational Sign:** A sign conveying instructions or information to the public, i.e. "Private Drive", "No Trespassing", "Security System", "Entrance", "Exit" etc.

**803.18 Miscellaneous site signs:** Signs accessory to the building and freestanding signage. Unless noted elsewhere in this Article these signs do not require a sign permit. The size of the sign shall be as permitted by the zoning district. This type of signage includes but is not limited to:

- a. Residential Districts

1. Civic, community, service or charitable organization or religious affiliations signs
  2. Home occupation sign
  3. Instructional/Informational Sign: A sign conveying instructions or information to the public, i.e. "Private Drive", "No Trespassing", "Security System", "Entrance", "Exit" etc.
- b. Commercial, Industrial or Office Districts
1. Signs attached to or immediately above fuel dispensers advertising items sold onsite.
  2. Civic, community service, or charitable organizations or religious affiliations signs.
  3. Instructional/Informational Sign: A sign conveying instructions or information to the public, i.e. "Private Drive", "No Trespassing", "Security System", "Entrance", "Exit" etc.
  4. Parking row designation signs in parking lots with two hundred (200) or more spaces typically affixed to light poles.
  5. Order board: A sign providing the menu for a drive-through restaurant that includes an intercom allowing customers to place an order.
  6. Preview Board A sign providing the menu for a drive-through restaurant that does not include an intercom allowing customers to place an order.

**803.19 Nonconforming sign:** A sign that at the time it was erected or affixed to a building received all required permits. Subsequent to the sign being installed either the zoning of the property was changed, the zoning lot was altered, or the zoning ordinance regulations as applied to signs was amended so as to make the sign no longer in accordance with the current requirements.

**803.20 Nonresidential community identification sign:** A freestanding sign that bears the name of the nonresidential community and may include the names of the tenants.

**803.21 Obscene:** Material is obscene if:

- (a) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it predominantly appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
- (b) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

- (c) The material depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined in subparagraphs (1) through (5) of this paragraph:
1. Acts of sexual intercourse, heterosexual or homosexual, normal or perverted, actual or simulated;
  2. Acts of masturbation;
  3. Acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals;
  4. Acts of bestiality or the fondling of sex organs of animals; or
  5. Sexual acts of flagellation, torture, or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

**803.22 Official Sign:** Any sign, symbol or device erected and maintained by the State of Georgia, Glynn County, or the Federal Government for the purpose of informing or guiding the public.

**803.23 Onsite directory sign:** A sign located internally to a nonresidential community for the purpose of identifying and providing directional information to the specific businesses or occupants within a nonresidential community. These signs may include logos and/or business names of individual businesses in the nonresidential community.

**803.24 Outdoor Advertising (Billboard):** A sign located adjacent to an interstate highway or a road designated as part of the primary highway system which is designed to inform or advertise to the traveling public of businesses, products, services, or establishments, not usually conducted, sold, or offered on the premises and/or property on which the sign is located.

**803.25 Permanent Sign:** Any sign attached to a building or freestanding constructed of materials and to a standard meant to last for a period in excess of one (1) year. .

**803.26 Permanent Window Sign:** Any sign with letters, words, or symbols, which are displayed on and permanently attached to the window glass.

**803.27 Political Sign:** A sign identifying and urging voter support for a particular election issue, political party, or candidate for public office. The provisions herein for political signs are in addition to any other permitted signage.

**803.28 Portable Sign:** A movable sign not permanently affixed to a building, structure or the ground; including but not limited to:

- (a) Signs designed to be transported by trailer or wheels;
- (b) Signs with wheels removed;

- (c) Signs with chassis or support constructed without wheels;
- (d) A-frame or T-frame signs;
- (e) Searchlight stands; and
- (f) Hot air, forced air, or gas filled balloons, or umbrellas used for advertising.

**803.29 Projecting Sign:** A sign which is attached perpendicular to a building and extends twelve (12) inches or more horizontally from the plane of the building wall but not more than five (5) feet.

**803.30 Pylon Sign:** A pylon sign is a sign erected on a single pole or multiple poles. Said sign shall not be classified as an outdoor advertising (billboard) sign.

**803.31 Real Estate Sign:** A non-permanent sign pertaining to the sale, rental or lease of real property.

**803.32 Roof Sign:** Any sign that is attached, or mounted permanently on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building for support and which may or may not project above the eave line of a building with a gambrel, gable, or hip roof, the deck line of a building with a mansard roof, or project above the building with a flat roof.

**803.33 Scenic Area:** Any area of particular scenic beauty or historical significance, as determined by the state, federal, or local government having jurisdiction thereof.

**803.34 Sign:** Any object, device, display or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, belief, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images.

**803.35 Sign Base:** The footings and vertical posts supporting the sign frame and sign face.

**803.36 Special Event Sign:** A temporary sign announcing special activities, events, or shows. A Special Event Sign can only announce an annual or special event open to the public and sponsored by an eleemosynary or philanthropic institution or bonafide public or non-profit institution or organization. A minor special event shall have an anticipated attendance of less than two hundred (200) people. A major special event shall have an anticipated attendance of more than (200) people.

**803.37 Subdivision Sign:** A sign customarily used to identify a land subdivision development.

**803.38 Supporting Sign Frame:** The supporting structures, which encase or support the sign face, excluding the sign base.

**803.39 Temporary Sign:** A sign or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood, or other light, impermanent material and designed or intended to be displayed for a short period of time.

**803.40 Unlawful Sign:** A sign, which is not in accordance to the rules and regulations of this ordinance. Also referred to as an illegal sign.

**803.41 V-Shaped Sign:** A structure of two signs in the shape of the letter "V" when viewed from above having their faces oriented in different directions at an angle not greater than ninety (90) degrees.

**803.42 Wall Sign:** A sign painted or attached to a wall which is an integral part of the building, and which shall project not more than twelve (12) inches from the wall of the building.

**803.43 Window sign:** A sign attached to a door or window that is legible from the exterior of the building.

**803.44 Feather Sign:** A free standing temporary sign typically constructed with a plastic or metal shaft driven in the ground and an attached pennant typically in the shape of a feather, teardrop or rectangle that is vertically elongated and attached to a shaft. (#O-2016-07)

## **Section 804 Permit Required**

804.1 A sign permit is required before a sign, banner, or inflatable sign may be painted on, erected or attached to, suspended from or supported on a building or structure; and before an existing sign may be enlarged, relocated or materially improved, except for painting of the structure or sign frame or the replacement of lights or mechanical parts. (#O-2016-08)

804.2 The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the ordinary servicing, repainting of existing sign message, cleaning of a sign, nor to changing of advertising on a sign specifically designed for periodic change of message without change in structure, such as a billboard, or similar type of sign.

804.3 Unless specifically required elsewhere in this Ordinance, permits shall not be required for signs defined in Section 803 as official signs, real estate signs, construction signs, temporary subdivision signs, miscellaneous signs, temporary window signs, instructional/informational signs; official notices issued by any court, public agency or officer, or allowed home occupation signs under the regulations set forth in Article VI Section 608. Provided, however, all signs must comply with all applicable requirements in this Article.

804.4 A sign permit shall be issued by the Building Official when the plans specifications and intended use of the applied sign conforms in all respects to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance and in accordance with Article IX, and any other applicable law or ordinance.

804.5 No permit shall be issued until a complete application has been filed with and approved by the Building Official, including but not limited to the following information:

- (a) A completed application obtained from the Building Inspections Division;
- (b) Scaled drawings based on a survey plat showing the location of the sign(s) and the tax I.D. number for the property on which the sign will be located;
- (c) Plans showing the size, dimension and height of the sign(s) and the dimensions and square footage of the copy shown thereon;
- (d) Complete specifications of the method of mounting and/or anchoring the sign;
- (d) Information regarding other signs on the site demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this ordinance; and
- (e) The filing fee based upon the adopted fee schedule.

804.6 No permit shall be issued for signs to be located in excess of twenty (20) feet in height from ground level until the applicant provides signed and sealed engineering results certified by a Professional Engineer Registered in Georgia that such signs can withstand the wind load as required by Glynn County.

804.7 A permit fee shall be paid to Glynn County for each permit required by this Ordinance with the exception that non-profit organizations, with proof of Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) status, shall be exempt from the payment of any such permit fee for installation of banners. The fee shall be according to the rate schedule in the office of the Building Official.

804.8 A sign permit shall expire if the sign for which the permit was issued has not been completed within a period of six (6) months after the date of issuance. For purposes of this section, an outdoor advertising sign shall be completed if the sign base has been constructed. The Building Official may grant an extension of a sign permit for one additional period of six (6) months if the applicant submits a written request with the Building Official, along with the Sign Permit Extension fee contained in Section 2-5-24 of the Glynn County Code of Ordinances, before the expiration of the initial period. The Building Official may grant the extension only if the sign conforms to the regulations existing at the time of the request for an extension. The extension, if granted, shall run from the expiration of the initial period. (#O-2013-02)

804.9 Signs shall be maintained in good condition and not become dilapidated. Each application and sign permit shall contain an agreement to indemnify and hold the county harmless of all damages, demands or expenses of every character which may in any manner be caused by the sign or sign structure, either permanent, or temporary.

## **Section 805. Prohibited Signs**



805.1 The following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Signs or sign structures that obstruct any opening intended to provide light, air or ingress and egress for any building.
- (b) Signs that are structurally unsafe.
- (c) Signs that by reason of position, shape or color, interfere with, obstruct the view of, or cause confusion with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device.
- (d) Signs which include lighting that impairs the vision of any motor vehicle operator; obstructs firefighting or police surveillance; or causes any direct glare into or upon any property other than the property on which the sign is located.
- (e) Portable signs are considered temporary or special purpose signs, which because of their manner of construction, design and use create unique problems of safety, regulation and enforcement. Due to the aforementioned conditions, the use of portable signs is prohibited in all zoning districts except those permitted by Section 808.7(c).
- (f) Signs placed on utility poles or traffic control signs.
- (g) Sound-producing signs excluding order boards.
- (h) Moving signs intended to attract attention regardless of whether or not the sign has a written message or whether all or any part of it moves by any means, including but not limited to rotating, fluttering or being set in motion by movement of the atmosphere. This paragraph does not apply to the hands of a clock operating as such, or to computer controlled variable message electronic signs as permitted by this Ordinance.
- (i) No sign shall be erected (in any district) which if illuminated, contains, includes or is illuminated by any flashing, intermittent, or moving light or lights except those in compliance with this Ordinance.
- (j) No sign shall display intermittent lights resembling the flashing lights customarily used in traffic signals or police, fire, ambulance, or rescue vehicles nor shall any sign use the words "stop", "danger", or any other word, phrase, symbol, or character in a manner that might mislead or confuse an automobile or other vehicular driver or hide from view any traffic or street sign or signal.
- (k) Any sign placed on, mounted on, painted on or affixed to a stationary motor vehicle, trailer, or other conveyance when same are placed or parked in such a manner as to be viewed or intended to be viewed from the public right(s)-of-way for the purpose of serving the function of a portable sign; except that this prohibition shall not apply when:

(1) Such conveyance is actively being used to load, unload, or transport persons, goods, or services in the normal course of business; or

(2) Such conveyance is parked in an inconspicuous area such as but not limited to: a loading dock, to the side or rear of a building (away from the street), or in the operator's driveway.

(l) Signs within five hundred (500) feet to the nearest property line of any officially designated historical site or monument, except signs pertaining to that particular site or monument, are prohibited.

(m) Outdoor advertising signs (billboards) are prohibited in all districts of St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Little St. Simons Island, all scenic areas, and those areas designated in Section 809(f).

(n) Any sign on the exterior of the building that advertises with respect to the promotion of the sale of alcoholic beverages, malt beverages, or wine on any wholesale or retail outlet or elsewhere in the unincorporated area of Glynn County, except as may be authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia and regulations implemented by an agency having jurisdiction thereof.

(o) Any outdoor advertising sign erected within three hundred (300) feet in any direction of the property line of any public park, public playground, public recreation area, scenic area, cemetery, public school, historic site or district, church, or residence in a residentially zoned district or placed to obstruct the view of a marshland area or an area designated as having historic and scenic interest. Provided, however, that outdoor advertising signs may be located within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of a public park, public playground, public recreation area, scenic area, cemetery, public school, historic site or district, church, or residence in a residentially zoned district when the sign is separated by buildings or other obstructions so that the sign located within the three hundred (300) foot zone is not visible from the public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, scenic area, cemetery, church or residence in a residentially zoned district. Signs located along the Primary State Highway System or Major Arterial Local Roads, as designated in section 809(d)(2)(b), which do not conform to the space requirements, are exempt from the prohibitions of this section. (#O-2012-05; #O-2016-06)

(p) Fluttering ribbons, feather signs, and similar devices are prohibited in all districts of St. Simons Island, Sea Island, and Little St. Simons Island.

(q) Electronic variable message signs and signs utilizing lighting tubes or neon lighted tubes located on the exterior of a building on St. Simons Island, Sea Island and Little St. Simons Island.

(r) Roof signs. (#O-2018-05, 06/21/18)

## **Section 806 Nonconforming and Illegal signs**

806.1 The following signs are deemed nonconforming or illegal:

(a) A sign that is subject to a condition that was imposed or accepted as part of any land use decision made prior to November 1, 2007 shall continue to be subject to the condition. If there is a conflict between conditions and this ordinance, then the conditions shall apply. If there is no condition which addresses a specific requirement, then the requirement of this ordinance shall apply.

(b) Any sign lawfully existing prior to November 1, 2007, which does not comply with the requirements of this ordinance shall be deemed to be a nonconforming sign and may continue subject to the following conditions:

(1) The sign shall be properly maintained.

(2) If the sign is enlarged or altered structurally, the sign must come into compliance with all of this ordinance's requirements.

(3) If the sign is repaired or refurbished at a cost in excess of fifty (50) percent of the replacement cost of the total sign structure, the sign must be brought into compliance with these requirements. Costs associated with normal maintenance and refacing of outdoor advertising signs shall not be deemed to be repair or refurbishing costs.

(4) Nonconforming signs and their structures that are damaged to an extent where the estimated reconstruction cost is fifty (50) percent or more of their former appraised value shall not be rebuilt or repaired, unless brought into compliance with this ordinance.

(c) A nonconforming sign may be refaced without affecting its nonconforming status. However, signs that exceed the size or height requirements specified herein by one hundred (100) percent or more cannot be refaced.

(d) A sign erected without a permit that is required to have a permit is an illegal sign. Upon notice an application for said sign shall be submitted to the Building Official for determination if a permit may be issued. If the sign is not eligible for a permit, the sign shall be removed immediately or the owner shall be subject to enforcement action.

(e) Only one (1) banner shall be allowed per business or location. The maximum size of the banner shall be three and one half (3.5) feet by twenty (20) feet on the mainland and the maximum size shall be twenty-four (24) square feet on St. Simons Island unless the zoning district allows larger signs in which case the mainland size limits shall govern. Banners at a new commercial, industrial or office location shall be subject to the size restrictions in subsection (b) until a permanent sign has been approved and erected. (#O-2012-05)

(f) Any existing Interstate Highway Outdoor Advertising Signs (billboards) that was not conforming to the requirements of Article VII on January 1, 2002 and was not brought into conformance or received an exception from the Planning Commission prior to January 1, 2002 is an illegal sign.

## **Section 807 General Provisions**

The following regulations shall apply to all signs in the unincorporated portions of Glynn County.

### **807.1 Display Surface (Face) or Sign Area**

(a) For a sign, either free-standing or attached, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying design and symbols, together with the background, whether open or enclosed, (with or without trim), on which they are displayed, but not including any supporting framework and bracing which are incidental to the display itself;

(b) For a sign painted upon or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color of the building;

(c) Where the sign consists of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted upon a surface, building, awning, canopy, wall or window, the area shall be considered to be the total of the smallest rectangles or other geometric shapes which encompasses each of the letters or symbols; (#O-2017-06)

(d) The area of a projecting sign shall be calculated as the area of a rectangle which encompasses the extreme limits of each individual sign face, including all background visible from any direction at one time.

(e) Only one side of a free-standing sign or a projecting sign shall be counted in computing the total square footage of signs or a sign area.

### **807.2 Height and Setback Requirements**

(a) The height of a sign at its highest point above the level of the adjacent ground shall conform to the requirements of the zoning district in which the sign is located.

(b) No sign shall overhang any property line, obscure visibility at a driveway on the property or on an adjacent property, or an intersection. Setbacks for signs shall conform to distances specified in this ordinance.

### **807.3 Sign Illumination**

(a) Unless specified elsewhere in this Ordinance, any sign may be internally or externally illuminated.

(b) Illuminated signs giving off light resulting in glare, blinding, or any other such adverse effect on traffic shall not be erected or maintained nor shall the light be directed in such a way that adjacent properties are adversely affected and that no direct light shall be cast upon adjacent the properties.

(c) No illuminated signs shall be constructed or maintained within fifty (50) feet of any dwelling or a residential district except that any sign located adjacent to and visible from any Interstate Highway may be illuminated.

### **807.4 Content Restrictions**

No sign shall contain or depict any language, wording, or symbols, which would be considered obscene to the average person applying contemporary community standards. Nor shall any sign contain profane, lewd, or fighting words which injure or offend a particular audience and which tend to provoke a retaliatory response so as to disturb the order and peace within Glynn County.

## **Section 808 Requirements by Types of Signs**

The following regulations apply to the following specific types of signs:

### **808.1 Banners and Inflatable Signs** (#O-2016-08)

Under the following conditions set forth in this Section 808.1, Banners and inflatable signs may be allowed in those zoning districts that allow commercial, industrial and office uses and/or on those zoning lots within residential zoning districts that permit and are currently being entirely used for nonresidential purposes and uses (e.g. churches, schools, or parks):

(a) **Banners.**

(1) Except as provided for in subsection 801.1(a)(2), banners may be displayed a maximum of ninety (90) days within any twelve (12) month period, provided that no banner shall be displayed for more than thirty (30)

consecutive days. The twelve (12) month period shall commence on the date that a permit is obtained from the Community Development Department;

(2) A banner may be displayed at a new commercial, industrial or office location until a permanent sign has been approved and erected. The size of this type of banner shall not exceed the size of the allowable permanent sign. The banner may be displayed for a maximum of sixty (60) days, which days may be consecutive. The banner shall be removed when the permanent sign is erected;

(3) All four (4) sides must be tied down or secured;

(4) All setbacks must be met;

(5) Only one (1) banner shall be allowed per business or location. The maximum size of the banner shall be three and one half (3.5) feet by twenty (20) feet on the mainland and the maximum size shall be twenty-four (24) square feet on St. Simons Island unless the zoning district allows larger signs in which case the mainland size limits shall govern. Banners at a new commercial, industrial or office location shall be subject to the size restrictions in subsection (b) until a permanent sign has been approved and erected; and

(6) A permit must be obtained for the banner from the Community Development Department prior to erecting the banner.

(b) **Inflatable signs.**

(1) A permit to use an inflatable sign must be applied for and obtained from the Community Development Department prior to displaying an inflatable sign. A permit to use an inflatable sign shall entitle the use of such a sign for thirty (30) consecutive days, commencing on the date the permit is approved by the Community Development Department. An inflatable sign permit may not be issued for any location previously holding such a permit until thirty (30) days have elapsed from the expiration of the previous permit.

(2) Inflatable signs shall not exceed one thousand (1000) cubic feet in size. Inflatable signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) feet in height, as measured from the highest point of the inflatable sign above the level of the adjacent ground. The footprint area required shall not exceed two-hundred (200) square feet, including all tie-down and other support structures.

(3) An inflatable sign shall not be displayed or used in a manner that would violate or is prohibited for signs by any provision of this Article VIII, including Sections 805 or 807, nor shall inflatable signs contain or depict any language,

wording, or symbols that are prohibited or restricted for signs as set forth elsewhere in this Article VIII;

(4) Inflatable signs shall be placed outdoors and properly and securely anchored to a permanent structure or on the ground.

(5) Inflatable signs shall be setback from the public right-of-way and side yards a distance equal to the height of the inflatable sign or its tethered height, whichever is greater, to ensure that if the inflatable sign comes down, it comes down on the permittee's property;

(6) Inflatable signs shall not be located within any required parking area, and shall not be placed within any vehicular path or path of travel required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

(7) A maximum of one (1) inflatable sign shall be permitted at a location at any one time.

## **808.2 Building Signage**

Building signage shall be allowed in commercial, industrial, office and appropriate planned development districts subject to the following conditions and provisions contained in Sections 810 and 811:

(a) Wall Signs. Signs on the walls of a building (including signs attached flat against the wall and painted wall signs) shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The total area of signs on the exterior surface of a building shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the front surface of the building, so long as the figure does not exceed the total amount of sign area permitted within the zoning district where the sign or signs are to be located.

(2) The combined sign area on the front, side and rear surface of a building must not exceed the total sign area permitted within the zoning district where the sign or signs are to be located.

(b) Projecting Signs. Shall comply with the following conditions:

(1) Wall signs attached flat against a wall may not extend more than twelve (12) inches from the wall.

(2) Signs attached at an angle to a wall may extend outward from the wall of a building not more than five (5) feet and may be located no closer than eighteen (18) inches to the vertical plane of the street curb line. A projecting sign may not extend above roof line a distance greater than the height of the roof above the ground level.

(3) In no case shall signs project into setback areas or beyond property lines except that signs may project over public sidewalks, provided that the minimum height above grade or sidewalk level of such signs shall be no less than nine (9) feet.

(c) Under awning signs. Shall meet the following requirements:

(1) One under awning sign per establishment. (#O-2017-06)

(2) Signs area shall not exceed eight (8) square feet.

(3) Shall be located above the store's main entrance.

(4) The minimum height above sidewalk level shall be no less than nine (9) feet.

(5) Signs area shall not be deducted from the sign area permitted for the store.

(d) Window Signs: Signs attached to doors or windows that are legible from outside the building shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet.

### **808.3 Directional Signage**

(a) Offsite directional signs: (Temporary) shall be allowed in all districts subject to the following requirements:

(1) Signs must be for directing traffic to a temporary, special community event;

(2) A maximum of four (4) temporary directional signs are allowed per event;

(3) Size is limited to a maximum of eight (8) square feet in area;

(4) Only one sign (1) may be placed at a street intersection. Signs may not be erected in the right of way without obtaining approval pursuant to Section 809.1(a);

(5) Such signs shall not be erected more than ten calendar (10) days prior to the date of the advertised event and shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the advertised event;

(6) No sign shall be located more than three (3) miles from the location of the event advertised; and

(7) A temporary sign permit shall be obtained from the Building Official.

(b) Offsite directional signage (Permanent) shall be allowed in all districts and shall meet the following requirements:



(1) The sign shall direct traffic to the following uses: churches, schools, hospitals, parks, libraries, scenic areas, historic areas, train stations, airports, employment centers or other sites / areas of visitor interest;

(2) Offsite directional signs may be permitted within rights of way with approval from the appropriate controlling entity;

(3) Size limitation sixteen (16) square feet in area per individual sign panel and mounted with the base of the sign at least seven (7) feet above the ground surface or located as to not obstruct visibility. The sign height shall be as limited by the district height;

(4) No more than one (1) sign is allowed along any street intersection, except on arterial or collector highways constructed with four or more lanes, two (2) directional signs may be erected provided there is not more than one on each side of the road; and

(5) Signs may be illuminated.

(c) Onsite directional sign: Shall be allowed in all commercial, industrial and office districts subject to the following conditions:

(1) No more than two (2) per public road entrance and the signs shall be legible from the adjacent public road. Business names and/or logos are permitted on the sign. If directional signs are used adjacent to the roadway, at least one shall include the street address of the business it references;

(2) Businesses that are required to share an access are allowed to have one (1) directional sign along the shared access road, either onsite or offsite;

(3) Lighting of directional signs shall be by internal illumination only; and

(4) Signs shall not exceed five (5) square feet in area and five (5) feet in height and shall be located so as to not block visibility.

#### **808.4 Directory Signs**

(a) Onsite directory signs shall be in all commercial, industrial and office districts subject to the following conditions:

(1) More than one business shall be located on the parcel and shall not be readily identifiable from the street using building fascia signage.

(2) No more than one sign per vehicular entrance into the nonresidential community.

(3) Onsite directory signs shall not be included in calculating the number of freestanding signs permitted or in calculating the total aggregate permitted sign area. Such signs are limited to thirty-two (32) square feet in area and nine (9) feet in height.

### **808.5 Freestanding Signs**

One (1) freestanding sign per parcel shall be allowed in commercial, industrial, office and appropriate planned development districts subject to the following conditions and provisions contained in Subsections 810 and 811 unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance:

(a) Pylon Signs.

(1) Sign area shall be as limited by the zoning district

(2) Height shall not exceed thirty five (35) feet or as specified elsewhere in this Ordinance.

(3) Outermost limit of the sign shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way.

(b) Ground Signs.

(1) Sign area shall be as limited by the zoning district

(2) Height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet or as specified elsewhere in this Article.

(3) Outermost limit of the sign shall not be located closer than three (3) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way and shall not block visibility at an entrance or intersection.

(4) Shall have an integral sign base extending from the sign base to the ground surface.

### **808.6 Miscellaneous Signs**

Miscellaneous signs: Signs accessory to any allowed signage and that may not be required for the use of the property. Unless noted elsewhere in this Article, these signs require a sign permit.

(a) Residential Districts Miscellaneous signage shall be allowed in all residential and appropriate planned development districts subject to the following conditions and provisions contained in Subsections 810 and 811:

(1) Civic community service organization, charitable organization, religious affiliations signs and home/business award signs provided that they do not exceed eight (8) square feet in area and five (5) feet in height.

(2) Home occupation or home business sign displaying the professional or business nameplate not exceeding one (1) square foot in area mounted flat against the wall of a building in which there is conducted a permitted home occupation. The sign shall not be illuminated.

(3) Instructional/Informational sign conveying instructions or information to the public, i.e. prohibiting trespassers, hunting, fishing, solicitors or parking or announcing adoption of highways for litter control, posted property, crime watch areas or towing of unauthorized vehicles shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area and shall not be illuminated.

(4) Scoreboards. Scoreboards as well as signs advertising sponsor's goods, services or products shall be permitted within ball diamonds, ballfields, racetracks, stadiums, arenas or other facilities accommodating sporting events or activities. If a scoreboard is not visible from off the property, there shall be no size limitation and the height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet. If a scoreboard is visible from off the property, it shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet in area. In addition, signs advertising sponsor's goods, services or products shall be attached on the interior of a fence or wall enclosing the facility and shall not exceed the height of the fence or wall. However, where a scoreboard is visible from off the property, the scoreboard or sign shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet.

(5) Nonresidential use signs other than Home Occupation signs in Residential Districts. Nonresidential uses in residential districts shall be permitted one (1) sign supported by sign base sign per street frontage not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet which may be illuminated. The size of signs located on arterial or collector roads may not exceed fifty (50) square feet.

(b) Commercial, Industrial or Office Districts. Freestanding signage shall be allowed in commercial, industrial, office and appropriate planned development districts subject to the following conditions and provisions contained in Subsections 810 and 811:

(1) Fuel pump signage attached to or immediately above fuel dispensers advertising items sold onsite limited to four (4) square feet in area advertising items sold onsite. Such signs shall not be included in the total permitted sign area for the facility and shall not be internally illuminated.

(2) Civic community service organization, charitable organization, religious affiliations signs and home/business of the month signs provided that they do not exceed eight (8) square feet in area and five (5) feet in height.

(3) Instructional/Informational sign conveying instructions or information to the public, i.e. prohibiting trespassers, hunting, fishing, solicitors or parking or announcing adoption of highways for litter control, posted property, crime watch areas or towing of unauthorized vehicles shall not exceed three square feet in area and shall not be illuminated

(4) Parking row designation signs are permitted in parking lots with more than one hundred spaces, but are limited to four (4) square feet in area and fifteen (15) feet in height

(5) Order boards: One detached order board is permitted for each stacking lane for businesses with drive-through facilities or at each parking stall for facilities where the food is delivered to the vehicle. Order boards shall not be included in calculating the number of freestanding signs or in calculating the total aggregate sign area. Such signs must be located so that they are not legible from off the property. Order boards are limited to fifty (50) square feet in area and seven (7) feet in height for drive-through facilities and four (4) square feet for individual order stations. Order boards may be equipped with an intercom system.

(6) Preview Board: One detached preview board is permitted for each stacking lane for businesses with drive-through facilities. Preview boards shall not be included in calculating the number of freestanding signs or in calculating the total aggregate sign area. Such signs should be located so that they are not legible from off the property. Preview boards are limited to thirty (30) square feet in area and seven (7) feet in height. Preview boards shall not be equipped with an intercom system.

(7) Scoreboards. Scoreboards as well as signs advertising sponsor's goods, services or products shall be permitted within ball diamonds, ballfields, racetracks, stadiums, arenas or other facilities accommodating sporting events or activities. If a scoreboard is not visible from off the property, there shall be no size limitation and the height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet. If a scoreboard is visible from off the property, it shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet in area. In addition, signs advertising sponsor's goods, services or products shall be attached on the interior of a fence or wall enclosing the facility and shall not exceed the height of the fence or wall. However, where a scoreboard is visible from off the property, the scoreboard or sign shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet.

### **808.7 Temporary Signs**

Signs accessory to any allowed signage and that are not required for the use of the property. Unless noted elsewhere in this Article these signs require a sign permit.

(a) Onsite services sign: One board not to exceed four (4) square feet in area is allowed for each parking space or fueling location, provided such signs are attached to columns supporting a canopy, advertising special products or services may be provided if it is located so that it is not visible from adjacent residential districts or public rights-of-

way. These signs shall not be included in calculating the number of freestanding signs or in calculating the total aggregate sign area allowed for the site.

(b) Now Hiring Signs: One temporary onsite sign bearing the single message "now hiring" not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and limited to one (1) per business for each one hundred (100) feet of road frontage, may be displayed only during periods a business is accepting applications for employment.

(c) Temporary Vendor Signs:

(1) Temporary vendors selling Christmas trees or other seasonal items are permitted one sign, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and not exceeding ten (10) feet in height. Such signs may be displayed for a maximum of forty (40) days of each calendar year.

(2) Permanent vendors are permitted one menu, sandwich board, or sidewalk sign for each zoning lot or each business upon a zoning lot provided that the sign:

- i. shall not be located upon any public right-of-way;
- ii. shall not impede the flow of pedestrians upon any public sidewalk;
- iii. shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area;
- iv. shall be neither illuminated nor animated;
- v. shall not display any advertising or logos for alcoholic beverages; and
- vi. shall only be displayed during the operating hours of the business utilizing the sign.

(d) Yard Sale Signs: One (1) sign not exceeding four (4) square feet in area directing the way to the sale and one onsite sign. Yard sale signs may be installed no earlier than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the sale and must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the date of the sale.

(e) Window Signs: Signs attached to, or visible through, doors or windows that are legible from outside the building shall be allowable provided the total of permanent and temporary signage does not exceed the allowable fifteen (15) square feet.

(f) Signs For Work Under Construction. One (1) non-illuminated sign, not exceeding sixty-four (64) square feet in area shall be permitted on the site of the construction project. Such signs shall be placed no closer than ten (10) feet from any street right-of-way. Such signs shall include all information pertaining to the project such as but not limited to; project name, owner, financing entity, general contractor and subcontractors. Such sign shall not be an advertisement for employment. Such signs shall be removed from the site within five (5) days after the applicant's receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy from Glynn County.

(g) Special Event Signage.

(1) Major Special Event Signage must receive a permit and may be placed along but not located upon the county rights-of-way on county owned properties, or privately owned properties zoned commercial or industrial with the owner's permission whereby the public will be informed about an upcoming event or directed to the location of an event. Said temporary permit shall require a cash bond in accordance with the adopted fee schedule and shall allow the signs to be posted no earlier than fourteen (14) days on private property or five (5) days on county property prior to the event and shall be removed no longer than two (2) days after the event, regardless of the property's ownership. Signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area. The location and size of any sign must be approved by the Building Official and Public Works Department before a permit is issued. Additionally the property owner may submit a request to allow additional onsite signage of types and sizes of signage excluding outdoor advertising signage defined elsewhere in this article to address such issues as traffic control and public information display. The Building Official shall review the request and permit signage reasonably in scale with the planned special event. Onsite special event signage shall be removed within five (5) days of the conclusion of the event. If any offsite temporary signs are not removed by the fifth (5th) day, the permittee of those signs requiring permits shall forfeit the bond. Upon forfeiture of the bond by the permittee, the Glynn County Code Enforcement Division shall be authorized to remove and dispose of the affected signs.

(2) Minor Special Event Signage. Signs containing religious, educational or charitable messages or which advertise events for nonprofit organizations provided that they do not exceed eight (8) square feet in area and five (5) feet in height. These signs do not require a permit and can be placed along but not located upon the rights-of-way, on county owned properties or offsite private property to inform the public about an upcoming event or directed to the location of an event. Signs may be posted no earlier than fourteen (14) days prior to the event and shall be removed no longer than two (2) days after the event,

(h) Political Signs. (Reserved)

(i) Feather Signs. Feather signs shall only be allowed in non-residential zoning districts. Zoning lots with one business are permitted one feather sign; provided, however that a maximum of two feather signs shall be permitted if the zoning lot has a street frontage of 150 linear feet or greater. Zoning lots with more than one business are permitted a maximum of one feather sign per business. Feather signs shall not exceed 25 square feet in area per sign and shall not exceed a height of 12 feet above grade. Feather signs shall only be displayed from dawn to dusk and stored inside the business when not displayed. (#O-2018-05, 06/21/18)

## 808.8 Subdivision Signs

(a) At each entrance way of a land subdivision development or multi-family dwelling as defined in Section 302 of this Ordinance, two (2) illuminated or non-illuminated signs or one (1) double-faced sign, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet on either side of the sign with an overall maximum height of six (6) feet, shall be permitted. Such signs shall not be located closer than three (3) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way. No sign capable of obstructing a driver's vision between the height of thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet above the finished street level shall be permitted on a lot within twenty-five (25) feet of the point formed by the intersection of the street right-of-way lines (or such lines extended in case of a rounded corner) which bound said lot. These signs may be located within the public right of way, if approved by Glynn County, and located within the median strip of the entrance.

Any land subdivision sign lawfully erected prior to the enactment of this ordinance, shall continue to be in existence. However, any alteration or replacement of more than fifty percent (50%) of the sign shall require compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

(b) Temporary Subdivision Entrance Signs. Temporary subdivision entrance signs not exceeding forty (40) square feet in area, spaced not less than three hundred (300) feet from any other temporary subdivision sign on each street frontage announcing a land subdivision development, are permitted within the limits of the subdivision. Such signs shall be setback not less than ten (10) feet from the right-of-way of any street or from any boundary line of the land subdivision. Such signs shall be removed within ten (10) calendar days after the permanent subdivision sign described in 808.8(a) is erected.

(c) Temporary Condominium Signs. Signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area, spaced not less than three hundred (300) feet apart on each street frontage announcing a condominium development, are permitted within the limits of the development. Such signs shall be setback not less than ten (10) feet from the right-of-way of any street or from any boundary line of the development. Such signs shall be removed ten calendar (10) days after the permanent identification sign is erected.

(d) Temporary Subdivision Directional Signs Each new subdivision may erect temporary directional signs to advertise the construction and/or sale of a new subdivision or lots in the new subdivision. These signs require a temporary sign permit and are allowed in all zoning districts subject to the following:

- (1) The sign may be located on property outside the boundaries of the development;
- (2) The sign may be placed within public right-of-way if approved as provided in Section 809(a);
- (3) Each sign may be up to thirty-two (32) square feet and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height above the elevation of the nearest right-of-way(s). In the event of multiple road frontages, the highest road elevation shall be used for measuring height;

- (4) All signs shall be mounted on one or more poles of sufficient strength to safely support the sign and shall be made of a durable and waterproof material, provided however, that the support posts shall not have a cross-sectional area greater than four inches by four inches unless engineered to breakaway if struck by a vehicle;
- (5) Signs shall not obstruct or impair the vision of any vehicle operator at the intersection of any public rights-of-way, at any entrance onto or exit from a public road, or any other location where such obstruction could create a hazard to life or property or obstruct the view of any authorized traffic sign, signal or device;
- (6) Signs, along with all supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in good repair;
- (7) Signs shall maintain horizontal and vertical clearance from all overhead utilities in accordance with the National Electrical Code. In no case may a sign be installed within five feet horizontally or vertically of an overhead utility line or utility guy wire; and
- (8) Signs shall be removed within thirty (30) calendar days of the closing date of the sale of the final lot, parcel, or tract in the subdivision by the developer.

The temporary subdivision real estate signs referred to in Section 808.9(b) must be affixed to the temporary subdivision directional signs described above. The temporary subdivision real estate signs shall be subject to the requirements listed herein and be considered in calculating the total square footage of the temporary subdivision directional sign.

### **808.9 Real Estate Signs**

(a) One (1) temporary non-illuminated real estate sign is allowed per street frontage advertising the sale or lease of the premises or property upon which said sign is located. The sign area for Real Estate Signs shall be according to the particular requirements set forth in each zoning district. Such signs shall be removed five (5) days after the premises are sold, leased or rented. For the sale of Real Estate, the closing date shall be the applicable date for the calculation of the removal of such signs.

Any Real Estate Sign located on street right-of-way, except as provided for in Section 808.8 (d), may be removed by the Building Official or Code Enforcement Division without notice to owner and destroyed or otherwise disposed of and the owner of the sign is subject to a fine pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) In addition to the real estate signs described in subsection (a), each new subdivision shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) temporary subdivision real estate signs affixed to a permitted temporary subdivision directional sign as described in Section 808.8. Each temporary subdivision real estate sign may be no more than eight (8) square feet in area.



(c) In addition to the signs described in subsections (a) and (b), a maximum of six (6) temporary signs associated with an open house may be placed on or off-site for up to four (4) hours before and up to two (2) hours after the open house. Such signs may be placed in the right of way.

## **Section 809 Special Provisions**

(a) **Signs Within Street Highway Rights-of-Way.** Except as herein provided, no sign whatsoever, whether temporary or permanent, except traffic signs and signals and information signs erected by a Georgia Department of Transportation or, Glynn County, their contracted representative or a property owner's contracted representative associated with required construction within the right of way is permitted within any street or highway rights-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners as being in the best interest of Glynn County. Subdivision signs may be receive a permit to be located within the public right of way, if approved by the Glynn County Public Works Department and are located within the median strip of the entrance. Such signs are deemed to be hazardous signs and shall be removed according to the provisions set forth in this Ordinance.

(b) **Fluttering Ribbons:** Fluttering ribbons and similar devices are only permitted in HC Highway Commercial District. Fluttering ribbons and similar devices shall not be permitted on St. Simons Island, Sea Island, and Little St. Simons Island.

(c) **Flags.** Three flags mounted on a single flagpole, are permitted in all zoning districts. The height of the flagpole shall be the allowable height in the zoning district in which it is located. Temporary flagpoles and additional flags shall be permitted on national holidays.

(d) **Outdoor Advertising Signs (Billboards)**

(1) **General Requirements:**

a. The erection, construction, or maintenance of Outdoor Advertising Signs shall be limited to HC Highway Commercial, FC Freeway Commercial, GC General Commercial, LI Limited Industrial, BI Basic Industrial, PD Planned Development, and GI General Industrial Zoning Districts.

b. All signs erected or maintained in areas adjacent to the rights of way of roads of the state highway system shall conform with the Outdoor Advertising Act, O.C.G.A. § 32-6-70 et seq., and shall meet any additional federal and state requirements necessary to obtain a permit.

c. All signs which have external illumination shall have time clocks or photo-electric cells for purposes of activation. No other lighting, including but not limited to neon, running lights, or animation, shall be permitted.

If the Glynn County Police Department advises the Code Enforcement Division that the illumination or effect therefrom causes glare or impairs the vision of the driver of a motor vehicle or to otherwise interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle, then, upon notification by Glynn County Code Enforcement Division, the owner of the sign shall promptly and within not more than forty-eight (48) hours eliminate the cause or reduce the effect to a level acceptable to the Glynn County Code Enforcement Division.

d. All signs which are capable of changeable messages or displays shall be illuminated by LED's or similar technology and remain fixed for not less than fifteen (15) seconds. The message transition shall occur in a period not to exceed two (2) seconds. The signs operation shall integrate an automatic dimmer.

If the Glynn County Police Department advises the Code Enforcement Division that it finds an electronic display screen or effect thereon to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of a motor vehicle or to otherwise interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle; then, upon notification by Glynn County Code Enforcement Division, the owner of the sign shall promptly and within not more than forty-eight (48) hours after notification reduce the intensity of the sign to a level acceptable to the Glynn County Code Enforcement Division.

e. All signs may have an apron directly beneath the face of the signs, which shall only be permitted to display the agency holding the permit and the permit number.

f. All signs (display areas) shall be setback ten (10) feet from the right-of-way line of any street or highway. Signs on the Interstate Highway System shall be setback (10) feet from the right-of-way line or the minimum yard requirement for the zoning district, whichever is greater. The sign shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet in height above the highest point of pavement of the road or street, measuring from the lower portion of the sign face. Two (2) signs in the same location, whether back-to-back or in a V formation, shall be the same height above the surface of the road or street.

g. Any sign which advertises an activity, business, or product or service no longer produced or conducted shall have the sign copy or message removed within three (3) months of the date of the discontinuance and the sign structure itself removed within six (6) months from the date of discontinuance unless an approval is granted by the Building Official for an extension. The Building Official is authorized to issue only one (1) six (6)

month extension. If said sign has not been removed after the effective date, it shall be declared a public nuisance and shall be removed and disposed of by the Glynn County forces at the owner's expense.

h. No extrusion outside the face of the sign, except for the apron, shall be allowed.

i. No outdoor advertising sign shall be erected within three hundred (300) feet in any direction of the property line of any public park, public playground, public recreation area, scenic area, cemetery, public school, historic site or district, church or residence in a residentially zoned district or placed to obstruct the view of a marshland area or an area designated as having historic and scenic interest. Provided, however, that outdoor advertising signs may be located within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of a public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, scenic area, cemetery, public school, historic site or district, church, or residence in a residentially zoned district when the sign is separated by buildings or other obstructions so that the sign located within the three hundred (300) foot zone is not visible from the public park, public playground, public recreation area, scenic area, cemetery, church or residence in a residentially zoned district. Signs located along the Primary State Highway System or Major Arterial Local Roads, as designated in section 809(d)(2)(b), which do not conform to the spacing requirements are exempt from the prohibitions of this section.. (#O-2012-05; #O-2016-06)

(2) Size, Height and Linear Spacing

a. Interstate Highway System/I-95 All outdoor advertising signs located on sites abutting the Federal Interstate Highway/I-95 right-of-way shall meet the following requirements:

i. All signs erected adjacent to an interstate highway shall be uniform in size. The outside measurements (display area) shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height and fifty (50) feet in length, with or without trim.

ii. Outdoor advertising signs shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height above the pavement of the interstate.

Exceptions: Glynn County discourages exceptions to height requirements for interstate signs and supports reasonable pruning and landscaping to make the signs appear attractive. The Glynn County Mainland Planning Commission may, upon submittal of an application stating the reasons an exception to these requirements is required, allow an exception to the height limitations for outdoor advertising signs on the Interstate Highway System. The following information shall be submitted:

(a) A sketch plan detailing the location of the proposed sign including property dimensions, existing zoning, adjacent property zoning, heights of existing vegetation, and proximity to residential structures;

(b) A sign detail (elevation plan) including dimensions (height and width), overall height, lighting characteristics (intensity and direction), setbacks from rights-of-way, style of sign, and signed and sealed engineering results certified by a Professional Engineer registered in the Georgia that such signs can comply with wind load requirements as established by Glynn County;

(c) Upon receipt of a complete application the Planning and Zoning Division shall notify all property owners within two hundred (200) feet of the proposed request;

(d) The Planning Commission shall determine if a substantial adverse impact is created on adjoining properties.

1. Billboards shall not be less than five hundred (500) feet apart from any other billboard in any direction, on either side of the same right-of-way or along another right-of-way, measuring from the two closest points.

2. A maximum of four (4) sign locations shall be allowed per quadrant where spacing requirements can be met.

3. Signs adjacent to an interstate highway shall only be permitted in areas which are zoned for approved commercial or industrial uses and signs erected after March 17, 2016, and may be located within three hundred (300) feet of another sign on the same side of the highway; unless such sign may be located within three hundred (300) feet of another sign when the signs are separated by buildings or other obstructions so that only one sign face located within the three hundred (300) foot zone is visible from the interstate highway at any time.

The foregoing three hundred (300) foot zone shall be measured long the interstate highway from the point at which the pavement commences or ceases to widen at exits from or entrances to the main traveled way. In circumstances where both the exit and entrance ramps on one side of an interchange constitute continuous lanes of travel to the exit

and entrance ramps of the adjacent interchange, this side of the interchange shall be treated as if no ramps exist and the foregoing three hundred (300) foot zone on this side of the interchange shall be measured from the survey centerline of the main traveled way and crossroad forming the interchange or intersecting road. In all circumstances where this section conflicts with any agreement between the United States Secretary of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation pursuant to Code Section 32-6-87, said agreement shall be deemed to control for purposes of this section. (#O-2016-06)

4. No more than one (1) sign face shall be viewed in any one direction.

b. Primary State Highway System and Major Arterial Local Roads. All outdoor advertising signs located on sites which abut state highway rights-of-way (consisting of Highways 341, 82, 17, 303, 32, 99 and Spur 25) or located on sites which abut major arterial local roads (consisting of Altama Avenue) shall meet the following requirements: (#O-2016-05)

1. Size and Height: A sign's display area shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height and a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet in width or ten and one-half (10-1/2) feet in height and a maximum of thirty-six (36) feet in width, with no sign area to exceed three hundred seventy eight (378) square feet, with or without trim. Overall sign height shall not exceed the building height of the district in which they are located or thirty-five (35) feet in height above the adjacent roadbed.

2. Linear Spacing: No outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted to be erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest point of another outdoor advertising sign structure in any direction, on either side of the same right-of-way or along another right-of-way.

3. Sign Face: No more than one (1) sign face shall be viewed in any one (1) direction. The sign face shall contain no more than two (2) separate advertisements.

c. Local Road System. No outdoor advertising signs shall be located on any roads local roads, other than major arterial local roads, within the unincorporated area of Glynn County. (#O-2016-05)

d. Electronic Variable Message Signs. Non-mechanical electronic multiple message signs that are illuminated entirely by the use of light

emitting diodes or similar technology shall be permitted under the following circumstances: (#O-2016-05)

(1) General Requirements

a. The message displayed by all electronic variable message signs shall remain fixed for a period of not less than fifteen (15) seconds.

b. Each transitional change shall occur within two (2) seconds.

c. Any such sign shall contain a default design that will freeze the sign in one position or display if a malfunction occurs.

d. If the Glynn County Police Department advises the Code Enforcement Division that it finds an electronic display screen or effect thereon to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of a motor vehicle or to otherwise interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle. Then, upon notification by Glynn County Code Enforcement Division, the owner of the sign shall promptly and within not more than forty-eight (48) hours after notification reduce the intensity of the sign to a level acceptable to the Glynn County Code Enforcement Division.

e. Only one (1) electronic variable message sign shall be allowed on each individual zoning lot.

(2) Size, Height, Linear Spacing and Location Restrictions

a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the erection, construction, or maintenance of electronic variable message signs shall be limited to Local Commercial, General Commercial, Highway Commercial, Freeway Commercial, Shopping Center, Planned Commercial, Limited Industrial, Basic Industrial, and General Industrial Zoning Districts unless such a sign is approved as a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 904.

b. No electronic variable message signs shall be constructed or maintained within fifty (50) feet of any dwelling or residential Zoning District unless approved as a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 904.

c. Electronic variable message signs shall only be permitted on sites which are (1) adjacent to or visible from state highway rights-of-way, consisting of Highways 341, 82, 17, 303, 32,

99 and Spur 25, or (2) adjacent to Altama Avenue or located on arterial or collector streets on the county thoroughfare plan except as approved as a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 904.

d. Electronic signs may be incorporated into building signs or freestanding signs and shall comply with the height and sign area for the Zoning District where the sign is located.

e. Electronic variable message signs shall be prohibited in those instances where this Ordinance also prohibits illuminated signs.

f. **Areas of Scenic Views and Historic Resources**  
Regardless of the zoning district, the noted sites, marshlands and areas of scenic views paralleling the following roads within the unincorporated portions of Glynn County are hereby subject to the requirements in this Subsection in addition to the underlying zoning district regulations:

US 17

East Beach Causeway

Avenue of Oaks

I-95 at river and marsh crossings

Frederica Road

Demere Road at Bloody Marsh curve

Torras Causeway

Sea Island Road

Kings Way

Saint Simons Lighthouse

(1) Signage in any area listed above or on a building listed on the Georgia or Federal Register of Historic Places must be in accordance with the provisions below:

a. **Approval Requirements.** In addition to the information required in Section 804, all sign applications subject to this Subsection shall provide information such as, but not limited to, material, construction, color, and face type, to assist in assessing its potential impact. Signs that are not determined to comply with provision will be rejected.

Signs will be evaluated for their:

1. Impact on the visual, historical or architectural value of the area or building and its setting.

2. The compatibility of the proposed design, arrangement, texture, and materials with existing buildings and the surrounding area.

3. The general size and scale of new construction in relationship to the existing surroundings, including consideration of such factors as the building's overall height,

width, street frontage, setbacks, number of stories, roof type, facade, windows, doorways, and architectural details.

b. Signs may be illuminated as long as none of the following illuminating methods are used:

- (1) moving, flashing, scintillating or blinding signs;
- (2) painted iridescent signs;
- (3) da-lite or da-glo fluorescent signs; or
- (4) signs utilizing lighting tubes or neon lighted tubes exposed to view.
- (5) signs utilizing electronic message boards as any portion of the signage.

c. Excluding any state or federal designation identification signage, only one (1) freestanding ground sign whose base shall be the same or similar quality, color and texture as the primary material used in the exterior finishes of the historic property shall be allowed for each historic property. The setback shall not be less than the standard below. The area of the sign, including sign base shall not exceed ten (10) square feet with a height not exceeding six (6) feet.

d. Unless otherwise restricted elsewhere in this Ordinance, there shall be no more than two (2) signs attached to the exterior of any historic building and their total area together shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the building front wall area. Signs attached to buildings shall be individually painted, cut, and mounted letters or raised letters or panels with painted, routed or sand blasted lettering. There shall be no signs painted on any exterior finishes of a building. Internally illuminated signs with plastic or similar faces are inappropriate signs.

Painted sign area shall be no closer than six (6) feet from the end of the building on which the sign is located. Special signs such as but not limited to, "open", "sale", "special promotion", etc. which are not considered permanent signs can be located on the property if the sign does not exceed four (4) square feet in overall size. Only one (1) sign shall be allowed per business establishment. No banners, decorative flags or temporary signs in excess of four (4) square feet will be allowed.

## **Section 810 Signs Permitted on the Mainland**

### **Section 810.1. Signs Permitted in Residential Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in R-6, R-9, R-12, R-20, M-6, M-9, M-12, M-20, Mh-6, Mh-9, Mh-12, and Mh-20 One-Family Residential Districts, RE Residential Estates, GR General Residential, MR Medium Residential, and HR High Residential Districts.

- (a) Miscellaneous signs per Section 808.6 (a) 1-5.



- (b) Subdivision sign per Section 808.8
- (c) Temporary signage per Section 808.7 (d, g and h)
- (d) Temporary political signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and under the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.7 (h).
- (e) Real Estate Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

## **Section 810.2. Signs Permitted in Certain Commercial and Industrial Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in NC Neighborhood Commercial, LC Local Commercial, GC General Commercial, HC Highway Commercial, OC Office Commercial, AC Adult Commercial, LI Limited Industrial, GI General Industrial and BI Basic Industrial districts: (#O-2012-05)

- (a) On any occupied zoning lot in a commercial or industrial district, no more than three (3) signs requiring a permit by this Ordinance for any one (1) business including signage on any freestanding sign having a maximum area as permitted by 808.2 with a total area on the parcel of not more than five hundred (500) square feet shall be permitted. Only one (1) freestanding sign shall be permitted on a zoning lot per street frontage upon which access may be obtained.
- (b) Commercial or industrial uses excluding dealerships with more than one franchise may include as part of their total permitted sign area one (1) freestanding sign in accordance with Subsection 808.4 The allowable area of the freestanding sign shall be calculated as one square foot of sign area for each foot of building frontage up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet. Multi dealerships with more than one franchise shall comply with requirements of Section 810.2 (e)
- (c) Miscellaneous signs per Subsection 808.6 (b)
- (d) Temporary signs per Subsection 808.7
- (e) Zoning lots with more than one franchise where the owner/lessee of the business does not own the free standing signs shall be permitted one freestanding sign for each recognized franchise with the total allowable area of the pylons calculated as one square foot of sign area for each foot of property frontage up to a maximum of five hundred (500) square feet but no single sign larger than one hundred (100) square feet. One additional sign indicating used car sales not exceeding sixty (60) square feet shall be permitted. Signs shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. (#O-2017-06)

- (f) No outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted in commercial or industrial zoning districts except as permitted under the terms of Subsection 809 (d).
- (g) Signs in any commercial or industrial district may be illuminated.
- (h) Political Signs not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.7 (h).
- (i) Real Estate Signs not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9. (#O-2017-06)
- (j) Flush canopy signs are allowed. Each side of a canopy that contains a sign shall be included in calculating the maximum allowed sign area for the zoning lot. Provided, however, that the signs on each side of a canopy shall be counted as one sign, rather than separate signs, when only the branding, name and/or logo of the business is displayed on the sides of a canopy. Such flush canopy signs shall not occupy more than 30 percent of the length of each canopy fascia. (#O-2017-06)
- (k) Wall signs are allowed. Wall signs not exceeding ten square feet in area and which are permanently integrated into the structure of a building shall require a sign permit and shall be included in calculating the maximum allowed sign area for the zoning lot but shall not be included in calculating the number of signs allowed on the zoning lot. (#O-2017-06)

### **Section 810.3 Signs Permitted in Freeway Commercial Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in the Freeway Commercial district:

- (a) No more than three (3) signs, including a freestanding sign, shall be allowed for any one (1) business. The maximum area of each sign shall be in accordance with Section 808.2, provided that the total area of all signs on the lot shall not exceed five hundred (500) square feet.
- (b) Commercial uses are permitted one (1) freestanding sign in accordance with Subsection 808.5. The allowable area of the freestanding sign shall be calculated as one square foot of sign area for each foot of building frontage up to a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) square feet. If the freestanding sign is a pylon sign; said sign shall not exceed one hundred forty (140) feet in height and must be approved by the Airport Manager as not interfering with any airport zones. Zoning lots with more than one franchise shall comply with requirements of Subsection 810.2(e).
- (c) Miscellaneous signs. Miscellaneous signs in accordance with Subsection 808.6(b)
- (d) No outdoor advertising sign shall be permitted except as permitted under the terms of Subsection 809(d).

(e) Political Signs not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.7 (h).

(f) Real Estate Signs not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

(g) Flush canopy signs are allowed. Each side of a canopy that contains a sign shall be included in calculating the maximum allowed sign area for the zoning lot. Provided, however, that the signs on each side of a canopy shall be counted as one sign, rather than separate signs, when only the branding, name and/or logo of the business is displayed on the sides of a canopy. Such flush canopy signs shall not occupy more than 30 percent of the length of each canopy fascia.

(h) Wall signs are allowed. Wall signs not exceeding ten square feet in area and which are permanently integrated into the structure of a building shall require a sign permit and shall be included in calculating the maximum allowed sign area for the zoning lot but shall not be included in calculating the number of signs allowed on the zoning lot. (#O-2018-01, 04/05/18)

#### **Section 810.4 Signs Permitted in Conservation Preservation Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in CP Conservation Preservation Districts:

(a) One (1) non-illuminated sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area may be erected in Conservation Preservation Districts.

(b) Other Directional, Temporary and Historical Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet.

#### **Section 810.5 Signs Permitted in Planned Development Districts**

Only those signs incorporated in the development statement for Planned Development are permitted

#### **Section 810.6 Signs Permitted in Mobile Home Park Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in MH Mobile Home Park Districts:

(a) Miscellaneous signs in accordance with Subsection 808.7 (a)

(b) One (1) sign or double-faced sign, illuminated or non-illuminated, not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet with an overall maximum height of six (6) feet per mobile home park. Such signs outermost limits shall not be located closer than three (3) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way.

(c) Political Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsections 808.7 (h).

- (d) Real Estate Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

### **Section 810.7 Signs Permitted in Forest Agricultural Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in FA Forest Agricultural Districts:

- (a) Miscellaneous signs in accordance with Subsection 808.6 (a).
- (b) Subdivision signs under the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.
- (c) Temporary signs in accordance with Subsections 808.7 (d, g and h).
- (d) Political signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.7 (h).
- (e) Real Estate Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area for residential sites and not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area for nonresidential sites and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

### **Section 810.8 Signs Permitted in Public Districts**

The following type signs are permitted in P Public District:

- (a) Those signs which are considered essential by the responsible government agency to the operation of the overall installation or facility and which are deemed to be necessary in the best interests of the general public welfare.
- (b) On any occupied zoning lot in a governmental district, no more than three (3) building signs of any type having a maximum area as permitted by Subsection 803 (a) 1. with a total area on the lot not more than five hundred (500) square feet shall be permitted.
- (c) Governmental uses may include as part of their total permitted sign area one (1) freestanding sign in accordance with Subsection 808.4 The allowable area of the freestanding sign shall be calculated as one square foot of sign area for each foot of building frontage up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet provided that they do not obstruct visibility at an entrance to the facility or adjacent property.

### **Section 811 St. Simons Island, Sea Island and Little St. Simons Island**

St. Simons Island, Sea Island and Little St. Simons Island are areas of scenic beauty and historic interest whereby to aid in the preservation and protection of

these areas, all signs on said Islands shall meet all the requirements the following provisions, where applicable:

### **Section 811.1. Signs Permitted in Residential Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in the R6, R9, R12, R20, RE, RR, VR Residential Districts.

- (a) Real Estate Signs. In accordance with Subsection 808.7 (i) and not exceeding six (6) square feet.
- (b) Subdivision Signs. In accordance with Subsection 808.9 and not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet.
- (c) Political Signs. In accordance with Subsection 808.7 (h) and not exceeding six (6) square feet.
- (d) Temporary Signs. In accordance with Subsections 808.7 (d, and g).
- (e) Signs permitted in a Resort Residential District not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet.
- (f) Miscellaneous Signs. In accordance with Subsection 808.6 except that all signs are limited to twenty-four (24) square feet.

### **Section 811.2. Signs Permitted in Commercial Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in the NC, HC, LC, OC, and VMU commercial districts.

- (a) Building Signs. Signs attached to or painted on the exterior walls of a building shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet or ten percent (10%) of the wall surface whichever is less. No wall sign shall extend more than twelve (12) inches from the wall.
- (b) Projecting Signs. Projecting signs fastened to or suspended from buildings, shall not extend outward from the building more than five (5) feet and shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
- (c) Freestanding Sign. One (1) freestanding sign per zoning lot except as restricted elsewhere in this ordinance and complying with the following requirements: (#O-2012-05)
  - 1. Pylon Sign. A pylon sign not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet including the trim, no more than twenty (20) feet in height and the outermost edge shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way.

2. Ground Signs. Signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet with the base structure area not exceeding three quarters (3/4) of the sign area, not exceeding an overall height of six (6) feet; and whose outermost edge shall not be located closer than three (3) feet to the vertical plane of the right-of-way.

(d) Real Estate Signs. Real Estate Signs under the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9 and not exceeding six (6) square feet.

(e) Subdivision Signs. Subdivision Signs under the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.8 except that said signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.

(f) Political Signs. Political Signs under the provisions set forth in Subsections 808.7 (h) and not exceeding six (6) square feet.

(g) Temporary Signs. In accordance with Subsection 808.7

### **Section 811.3 Signs Permitted in Conservation Preservation Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in CP Conservation Preservation Districts:

(a) One (1) non-illuminated sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area may be erected in Conservation Preservation Districts.

(b) Other Directional, Temporary and Historical Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet.

### **Section 811.4 Signs Permitted in Planned Development Districts**

Only those signs incorporated in the development statement for Planned Development are permitted.

### **Section 811.5 Signs Permitted in Forest Agricultural Districts**

The following types of signs are permitted in FA Forest Agricultural Districts:

(a) Miscellaneous signs in accordance with Subsection 808.6 (a).

(b) Subdivision signs under the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

(c) Temporary signs in accordance with Subsections 808.7 (d, g and h).

(d) Political signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.7 (h).

(e) Real Estate Signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area for residential sites and not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area for nonresidential sites and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Subsection 808.9.

### **Section 811.6 Signs Permitted in Public Districts**

The following type signs are permitted in P Public District:

(a) Those signs which are considered essential by the responsible government agency to the operation of the overall installation or facility and which are deemed to be necessary in the best interests of the general public welfare.

b) On any occupied zoning lot in a governmental district, no more than three (3) building signs of any type having a maximum area as permitted by Subsection 803 (a) 1. with a total area on the lot not more than five hundred (500) square feet shall be permitted.

(c) Governmental uses may include as part of their total permitted sign area one (1) freestanding sign in accordance with Subsection 808.4 The allowable area of the freestanding sign shall be calculated as one square foot of sign area for each foot of building frontage up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet provided that they do not obstruct visibility at an entrance to the facility or adjacent property.

### **Section 811.7 Signs in a St. Simons Island Overlay District**

The following regulations shall apply to all signs in an Overlay District in addition to the requirements of this Ordinance.

(a) Approval Requirements. All permanent signs in excess of six (6) square feet are subject to the prior approval of the Planning Commission with regard to material, size, construction, color, face type, location and setback

(b) Method of Approval of Proposed Sign. Signs shall be reviewed and approved per requirements of Section 709.

(c) General Provisions.

1. Illumination. Unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance, signs may be illuminated as long as none of the following illuminating methods are used:

- a. moving, flashing, scintillating or blinding signs;
- b. painted iridescent signs;
- c. da-lite or da-glo fluorescent signs; or

d. electronic variable message type signage as defined in this ordinance.

(d) Building Signs. There shall be no signs painted on any exterior finishes of a building except in the Village Mixed Use District, when the exterior front dimension exceeds thirty (30) feet. All other signs attached to improvements shall be individually painted, cut, and mounted letters or raised letters or panels with painted, routed or sand blasted lettering. No sign attached to the improvement shall exceed ten percent (10%) of the building front wall area.

There shall be no more than three (3) signs attached to the exterior of any one (1) business establishment. In the Village Mixed Use District, buildings with front dimensions of thirty (30) feet or greater may have signs painted on the exterior of the building so long as such signs do not have letters in excess of eighteen (18) inches on one-story buildings and twenty-four (24) inches on more than one story. Painted sign area shall be no closer than six (6) feet from the end of the building on which the sign is located. No banners, decorative flags or temporary signs in excess of four (4) square feet will be allowed. (#O-2012-05)

(e) Freestanding Signs. Only One (1) Freestanding Sign shall be allowed on each zoning lot. The setback shall not be less than the standard below. Furthermore, the area and height of the Freestanding Sign shall not exceed the following:

	Area	Height	Setback
Resort Residential	10 sq. ft.	4 ft.	10 ft.
All Others	as per the sign ordinance		

Freestanding signs in the Village Mixed Use and Resort Residential Districts shall be erected on the base monument, which shall be the same or similar quality, color and texture as the primary material used in the exterior finishes of the improvement of the property.

(f) Real Estate Signs. Signs cannot be freestanding in the Village Mixed Use District unless property is vacant of structures. All signs must be ten (10) feet from street right-of-way unless attached to the front wall of a building. No freestanding sign shall exceed nine (9) square feet or six (6) square feet for signs attached to improvements.

(g) Neon Signs. Signs utilizing lighting tubes or neon lighted tubes (a/k/a neon signs) shall only be allowed in non-residential zoning districts. Signs utilizing lighting tubes or neon lighted tubes shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area per sign and shall only be located on the interior of a building. Zoning lots with one business are permitted one neon sign. Zoning lots with more than one business are permitted a maximum of one neon sign per business. (#O-2018-05, 06/21/18)



## **Section 812 Enforcement**

Sign regulations, as set forth in this Ordinance, shall be administered subject to the following, as well as the provisions of Article IX, Section 906.

(a) Notice of Violations. If any sign is erected or installed without obtaining a permit, is deemed hazardous, or is maintained in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, Community Development Department staff shall give the property lessee or property owner one written notice of the nature of such violation, including the section of this Ordinance violated. Said notice shall also include a brief statement of the particulars in which such violation is to be remedied. Only one notice of violation shall be issued to an offender for each violation of a section of this Ordinance before a citation is issued pursuant to 812(b).

If a sign has been permitted by the Building Official or the Community Development Department, written notice shall be to the permit holder or the person or firm receiving the permit. If a sign has not been permitted and the owner of the sign can be determined and located, the notice of violation shall be served to the owner of the sign in lieu of the property owner. If a sign has not been permitted and the owner of the sign cannot be determined or located after reasonable attempt to do so, the notice of violation shall be served to the property owner. Nonresident property owners may be noticed of the violation by mail or by email which shall be deemed sufficient notice of violation.

If the Building Official determines that any sign is structurally unsafe, a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or abandonment, capable of causing electrical shocks to members of the public, or is placed in the right-of-way without a permit, the Building Official or Code Enforcement shall immediately attempt to notice the owner and require the sign to be removed or rendered safe within twenty-four (24) hours but failing to do so, shall remove such signs at the expense of the owner.

After the sign is removed, Code Enforcement shall again attempt to locate the owner of the sign. If the owner of said removed sign is determined, written notice shall be provided to the owner regarding the removal of said sign and advising that if such sign is not retrieved from the Building Official or Code Enforcement within twenty-four (24) hours notice of the removal said sign, the Building Official or Code Enforcement may destroy or otherwise dispose of the same without incurring any liability to the owner thereof. Notice shall also be provided regarding costs incurred by the County to remove said sign. Failure of the owner upon demand to reimburse the county for the cost to remove said signs shall be sufficient cause to lien the property and subject the property to sale for failure to pay said lien.

Each additional day said condition remains uncorrected shall constitute a separate offense, and each offense shall be punishable by a fine in the amount provided for by the fine schedule adopted by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners.

(b) Time for Compliance. The Building Official or Code Enforcement shall issue a citation for an ordinance violation for all violations not remedied within five (5) business days after written notice is provided. If a court finds the sign is in violation of this Ordinance, the Owner shall remove the sign or cure the violation within seven (7) calendar days of such finding. (#O-2012-05)

(c) Violations and Penalties. Each offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). If a sign has not been removed after seven (7) calendar days as provided in 812(b), the Building Official or Code Enforcement Division may cause any such sign to be removed following written notice of two (2) calendar days to the owner, at the expense of the owner thereof, and to destroy or otherwise dispose of the same. Notice shall be deemed to have been given effect on the date of receipt when hand delivered or, if mailed, two (2) calendar days after deposited. Failure of the owner upon demand to reimburse the county for the cost to remove said signs shall be sufficient cause to lien the property and subject the property to sale for failure to pay said lien. (#O-2012-05)

(d) Owner of Property with Unauthorized Sign. Nothing herein shall prohibit the owner of any property or the owner's designee from immediately removing any sign placed thereon without authority of such owner.