

GARIBALDI ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 180

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SIGN SECTION OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE NO. 107, PROVISIONS RELATING TO SIGNS.

- The City of Garibaldi does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Amend Section 1.030 (57) Definitions is amended
to read as follows:

57. Sign or Sign Related Definitions:

- A. Abandoned Sign: A sign pertaining to a use or lot where the message of the sign no longer pertains to a use or activity occurring on the lot.
- B. Awning Sign: A sign that is placed on a temporary or moveable shelter supported entirely from the exterior wall of the building.
- C. Bench Sign: A sign painted on or attached to a bench.
- D. Incidental Sign: A sign, other than a temporary or lawn sign, which does not require a permit.
- E. Lawn Sign: A temporary freestanding sign made of rigid materials.
- F. Permanent Sign: A sign attached to a building, structure or the ground in some manner, having a sign face area of four square feet or more and made of materials intended for more than short term use.
- G. Projecting Sign: A sign attached to and projecting out from a building face or wall and generally at right angles to the building.
- H. Readerboard Sign: A sign which can accommodate changeable copy.
- I. Sandwich Board Sign: A sign not supported by a structure in the ground, nor attached to or erected against a structure, and capable of being moved.

- J. Sign: Any identification, description, illustration, symbol or device which is affixed upon a building, structure or land and whose primary purpose is to convey a message.
- K. Site Frontage: The length of the property line parallel to and along each public right-of-way.
- L. Temporary Sign: A sign not permanently attached to a building, structure or the ground.
- M. Undeveloped Site: A lot with no permanent structure which contains a use permitted by the zone in which it is located.
- N. Wall Sign or Wall Graphics: A sign attached to or erected against the wall of a building with the sign face in a parallel plane to the building wall, including a painting or other graphic art technique which is applied directly to the wall or the face of a building or structure.
- O. Window Sign: A sign permanently affixed to the window panes of a building.

Section 2. ~~Section 1.030 (58). Definitions, Sign, Off-Premise is deleted.~~

Section 3. ~~Section 4.050. Sign Requirements is amended to read as follows.~~

Section 4.050 - Sign Requirements

1. Purpose: This section regulates such factors as the size, number, location, illumination and construction of signs with the intent of safeguarding and enhancing the aesthetic character of Garibaldi.
2. Conformance: No sign may be erected unless it conforms with the regulations of this section. Sign permits, as required by Section 4.050 (5) must be approved prior to the placement of the sign.
3. Exempt Signs: The following signs are exempt from the provisions of this Section:
 - A. Signs within a building not intended to be visible from the exterior of a building.
 - B. Signs legally erected in a street right-of-way.
 - C. Three flags of national or state governments.

4. General Sign Regulations: The following general provisions shall govern all signs, in addition to all other applicable provisions pertaining to signs:

A. Sign Face Area.

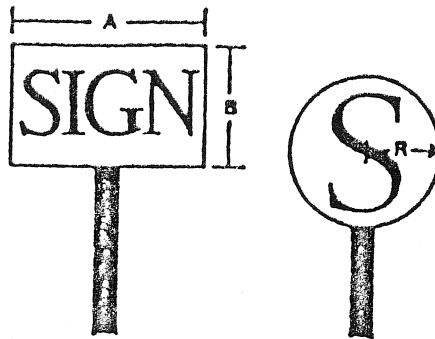
1. The area of sign faces enclosed in frames or cabinets is determined by the outer dimensions of the frame or cabinet surrounding the sign face (see Figure 1). Sign area does not include foundations, supports and other essential structures which do not serve as a backdrop or border to the sign. Only one side of a double-faced sign is counted in measuring the sign face area. (To be considered a double-faced sign, the sides of the sign must be flush.
2. When signs are constructed of individual pieces the sign area is determined by a perimeter drawn around all the individual pieces taken together (see Figure 2).
3. For sign structures containing multiple sign modules oriented in the same direction, the sum of the sign area of the individual sign modules are counted as one sign face (see Figure 3).
4. The area of a sign shall be determined according to the following:
 - a. Rectangle or square: length x width.
 - b. Triangle: length x width divided by two.
 - c. Circle: $3.14 \times R^2$, where R is the sign's radius.
 - d. Oval: the area contained within a rectangle whose length times width does not exceed 30 square feet.
 - e. The City shall measure other sign shapes, not listed above, according to the formula it determines to be most appropriate.

- B. Height of Signs. Signs shall conform to the height requirement of the zone in which they are located. The height of a sign or sign supporting structure is measured from the existing grade directly below the sign to the highest point of the sign or sign supporting structure (see Figure 4).

SIGN FACE MEASUREMENT

FIGURE 1:

SIGN FACE AREA =
(A)(B)



SIGN FACE AREA =
 πR^2

FIGURE 2:

SIGN FACE MEASUREMENTS

SIGN FACE AREA =
(A)(B)

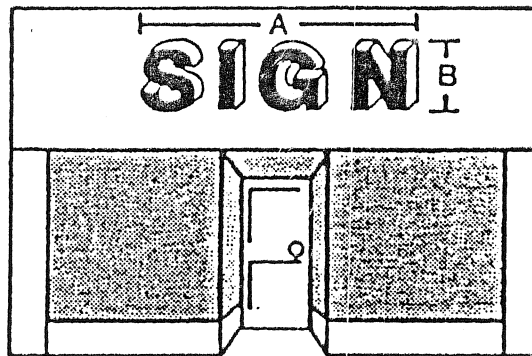


FIGURE 3:

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SIGN FACE AREA =
(D)(E) + (F)(G) + (I)(H)

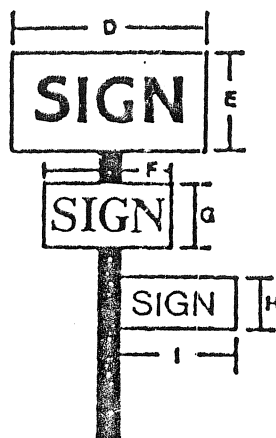


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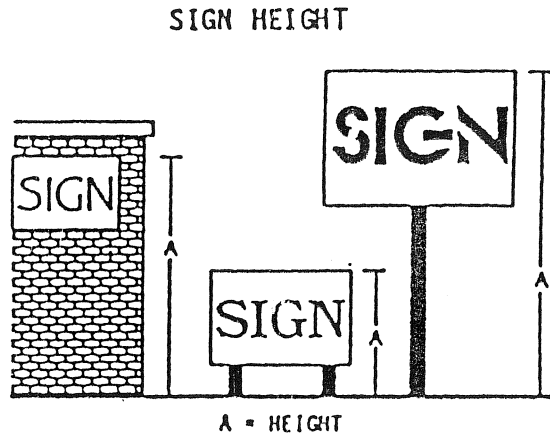
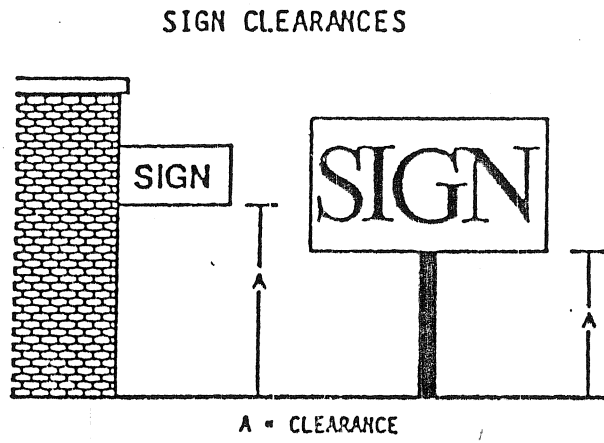


FIGURE 5:



C. Clearances. Clearances are measured from the existing grade directly below the sign to the bottom of the sign structure enclosing the sign face (see Figure 5).

D. Sign Placement.

1. Placement. All signs and sign structures shall be erected and attached totally within the site except where permitted to extend into a street right-of-way.
2. Frontages. Signs allowed based on the length of one site frontage may be placed on another site frontage.
3. Vision Clearance Areas. No sign may be located within a vision clearance area as defined in Section 4.020.
4. Vehicle Area Clearances. When a sign extends over a private area where vehicles travel or are parked, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least 14 feet above the ground. Vehicle areas include driveways, parking lots, and loading and maneuvering areas.
5. Pedestrian Area Clearances. When a sign extends over sidewalks, walkways or other spaces accessible to pedestrians, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least 8 feet above the grade.
6. Projecting Signs. Signs shall not project into a public right-of-way, except over a sidewalk. Where a sign projects over a sidewalk, it may project within two feet of the outside edge of the sidewalk.

E. Signs Not to Constitute a Traffic Hazard. Signs or sign supporting structures shall not be located so as to detract from a motorist's view of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or a traffic sign.

F. Glare. All signs shall be so designed and located so as to prevent the casting of glare or direct light from artificial illumination upon adjacent publicly dedicated streets and surrounding public or private property.

G. Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited:

1. Signs that contain flashing elements.
2. Signs that contain moving, rotating or otherwise animated parts.

H. Maintenance. All signs, together with their supporting structures, shall be kept in good repair and maintenance. Signs shall be kept free from corrosion, peeling paint or other surface deterioration. The display surfaces of all signs shall be kept in a neat appearance.

I. Removal of Abandoned Sign. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove any abandoned sign within 30 days of the cessation of its use.

J. Permanent Signs. Permanent signs are not allowed on undeveloped sites.

5. Base Zone Sign Regulations.

A. Commercial (C-1), General Industrial (I-1), Water Dependent Development (WD1), Waterfront Development Support Zone (WD2) Sign Requirements.

For all lots in the C-1, I-1, WD-1, or WD-2 Zone the following sizes and types of signs are allowed. All allowed signs must also be in conformance with the regulations in Section 4.050 (3).

1. Total Sign Square Footage Permitted.

- a. The total square footage of all signage, except temporary and lawn signs, associated with a lot shall not exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) square feet of sign face area per lineal foot of site frontage. (Example: a business located on a site with 50 foot of frontage on a street is permitted 75 square feet of sign area).
- b. The total square footage of all temporary signs shall not exceed 100 square feet in total area.

2. Individual Signs.

- a. The maximum sign face area for an individual sign shall be no more than 100 square feet.

b. Sandwich board or reader board sign shall not be placed on a sidewalk or in a public right-of-way.

3. Types of signs. The following types of signs are permitted: permanent, freestanding, wall, projecting, window, awning, bench, sandwich board, reader board, temporary, incidental, and lawn signs.

B. Medium Density Residential (R-1), and Resource Open Space (R-0) Sign Requirements. For all lots in the R-1 and R-0 zones, the following number, sizes, and types of signs are allowed. All allowed signs must also be in conformance with the regulations of Section 4.050 (3).

1. Total Sign Square Footage Permitted.

The total square footage of signage associated with a lot shall not exceed 10 square feet.

2. Individual Signs.

a. The maximum sign face area for an individual sign shall be no more than 6 square feet.

3. Types of Signs Permitted.

a. The following types of signs are permitted: permanent, incidental, freestanding, wall, projecting, window, temporary, and lawn signs.

C. Estuarine Zones (EN), (EC1), (EC2), and (ED Sign Requirements.

Signs shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission to determine the applicable site frontage to be used. After the site frontage determination, the standards of Section 4.050 (4) (A) shall be applied.

6. Sign Permits:

A. Sign Permit Required. A sign permit is required for the placement of any new permanent sign with a sign face area of four square feet or more or the alteration of the structure of an existing permanent sign in the C-1, I-1, WD-1, WD-2, ED, EC1 or EC2 zones.

B. Required Information for a Sign Permit. For purposes of review by the City, a scale drawing of the proposed sign shall be submitted. The drawing shall indicate the dimensions of the sign, location of the sign, any structural elements of the proposed sign, the size and dimensions of any other sign(s) located on the applicant's building or property, and the material of which the sign is to be constructed.

C. Sign Permit Fee. The fee for a sign permit shall be \$20.00.

7. Variances: Variances to the sign requirements of this section may be approved by the Planning Commission following the procedures of Article 11 where the Planning Commission finds that the variance meets the following criteria:

A. The variance would permit the placement of a sign with an exceptional design, or there are exceptional circumstance applicable to the lot.

B. The granting of the variance would not be detrimental to abutting properties.

C. The granting of the variance would not create a traffic or safety hazard.

8. Nonconforming Signs: For the purpose of this section, a nonconforming sign shall be defined as a sign existing at the effective date of this section which could not be erected under the terms of this section. The following requirements shall apply to nonconforming signs (the requirements of Article 7 are not applicable):

A. A nonconforming sign may continue to be used.

B. No nonconforming sign may be enlarged in any manner.

C. A nonconforming sign which is damaged or destroyed by any means other than the action of the owner of the sign may be replaced with a new sign provided that the new sign conforms to the dimensions of the previous sign.

9. Abandoned Signs or Signs in Disrepair: The city shall notify the owner of the real property, where a sign has been abandoned or allowed to fall into disrepair, and shall require reasonable repair, replacement, or removal within 30 days. If compliance does not occur, the city shall cause removal or repair of such signs, pursuant to the city's nuisance ordinance. Expenses incurred in the

enforcement of the provision shall be paid by the owner of the real property from which it was removed.

10. Administration and Enforcement:

- A. The City shall provide each business license applicant with a current copy of its sign requirements.
- B. A business license must be obtained before any sign for a business may be erected.
- C. Signs may be transferable if the ownership of a business is changed.

This Ordinance shall become effective on October 9, 1991.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the MAYOR this 9th day of September, 1991.


DENNIS A. WELCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SAUNDRA JONES, CITY RECORDER