

CHAPTER XI SIGNS*

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11.00.00 Purpose and Intent.

Lake County has become a recognized tourist and economic growth center in Florida. With rolling hills, lakes, state parks and rural landscapes, Lake County has much to offer visitors, new residents and businesses. Sign regulation is needed to encourage a visually pleasing environment in order to attract residential construction, tourist activity, business and industrial development. Lake County also views sign regulation as a method of protecting the public investment, insuring pedestrian and traffic safety, promoting the effectiveness of advertising, discouraging over-concentration, unsuitable location, and excessive height, bulk and area.

It is the intent of this chapter to provide regulations to preserve scenic, economic and aesthetic values including the special character and attractiveness of Lake County communities. This ordinance regulates signs of commercial character and cites the standards for the number, size, placement and physical characteristics of such signs. This ordinance shall not regulate building design; content of signs; incidental signs; the use of corporate colors; official government signs; window displays; flags of any nation; religious symbols; commemorative plaques; monuments; or political messages.
(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04)

11.01.00 General Provisions.

11.01.01 Permits Required. Unless otherwise provided by this Chapter, all signs shall require permits and payment of fees as adopted by the Lake County Board of County Commissioners. The issuance of sign permits shall be governed by Chapter XIV, Land Development Regulations.

11.01.02 Relationship to Building and Electrical Codes. These sign regulations are intended to complement the requirements of the building and electrical codes adopted by Lake County. Wherever there is an inconsistency between these regulations and the building or electrical code, the more stringent requirement shall apply.

11.01.03 Prohibited Signs. The following types of signs are prohibited in all zoning districts within Lake

County:

1. Abandoned Signs.
2. Signs erected on public property including public right-of-way by a private entity.
3. Beacons or flashing lights.
4. Any series of two (2) or more signs placed in a line parallel to a right-of-way that conveys a single cumulative message.
5. Pole signs.
6. Unsafe signs.
7. Snipe signs.
8. Portable signs except for use as agricultural signs and special event signs.
9. Any sign which obstructs visibility at an intersection according to the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways, State of Florida, 1993, and as determined by the County Department of Public Works.
10. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.
11. Roof signs.
12. Advertising flags.
13. Signs placed on vehicles or trailers, which are parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying said signs. This does not apply to buses, taxicabs, and similar common carrier vehicles.
14. Signs that create traffic or pedestrian hazards.
15. Off-premises signs.

11.01.04 Exempt Signs. The following types of signs are exempt from the permitting requirements of this chapter:

1. Any directional or informational sign erected by a government or political subdivision.
2. Identification signs or nameplates that shall not exceed two (2) square feet of copy area.
3. Window signs.

4. Any sign carried by a person.
5. Agricultural signs related to bona fide agricultural products which are raised or grown on the property on which they are located, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. One (1) sign per street frontage is allowed.
6. On-premise temporary signs for garage sales, provided such signs are not placed on any street right-of-way.
7. Holiday, seasonal or commemorative decorations.
8. Incidental/promotional signs which do not exceed six (6) square feet of copy area, i.e., gas pump toppers and bank drive-thru cards

11.01.05 Administration. Where the provisions of this chapter are in conflict with any other regulations or parts of codes, the more stringent shall apply and where there is dispute concerning the interpretation of this chapter, the decision of the Director of the Department of Growth Management shall prevail, subject to appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

11.01.06 Non-commercial Signs. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, to the extent that this Chapter allows a sign containing commercial copy, it shall permit a non-commercial sign to the same extent. All non-commercial signs shall be considered on-site signs. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to regulate the content of the message displayed on any sign. All such lawful signs may display a non-commercial message in addition to, or in lieu of, any other message.

11.01.07 Freestanding Signs to be Ground Signs. All freestanding signs shall be ground signs. Ground Signs shall be designed such that all means of support are concealed. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (1/2) the horizontal width of the sign surface.

11.01.08 Site Plan Required. To ensure motorist safety, and to preserve and protect the visual beauty of the landscape, commercial, industrial and residential development applications shall have the request for new signage submitted in conjunction with the site plan for review and approval prior to the issuance of a development permit.

11.01.09 Temporary Signs.

1. A temporary sign may be a ground, building or banner sign.
2. A temporary sign may not be an electric sign or portable sign.
3. A temporary sign shall not obstruct the visibility of a permanent on-site sign.
4. A temporary sign shall not be illuminated.

5. Temporary signs shall not be erected on vacant property unless associated with a temporary vendor's permit.
6. Temporary signs do not require engineering.

11.01.10 Enforcement.

1. Prohibited signs on public property or rights-of-way shall be removed immediately, and may be removed by the County or its agents without notice.
2. Abandoned signs shall be removed by the owner or agent of the premises within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification by the code enforcement officer or building official.

(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-15, § 15, 3-16-04; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04; Ord. No. 2005-66, § 3, 8-16-05; Ord. No. 2005-103, § 2, 12-6-05)

11.02.00 Permitted Signs.

11.02.01 Residential Districts. The following signs are permitted in residential districts:

1. Subdivision Entrance Signs
 - A. A maximum of two (2) ground or wall residential entrance or gate signs may be located at the main entrance to a single-family, multi-family or mobile home subdivision. In the alternative, one (1) double faced identification sign may be permitted when placed in the median of a private entrance road. The maximum allowable sign surface area per wall or sign shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet.
 - B. Secondary entranceways shall be restricted to one (1) ground sign, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in area and a vertical dimension of four (4) feet.
 - C. The sign area shall not exceed the height or length of the wall or gate upon which it is located.
 - D. Setbacks. Subdivision entrance signs shall maintain a fifteen (15) foot setback from all property and right-of-way lines, with the exception of identification signs which are part of a masonry wall and which may be located along the property lines.
 - E. Height. Subdivision entrance signs shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Residential entrance walls have no height restriction.
 - F. Maintenance. The County shall not accept any liability or responsibility for maintenance of decorative entrances, structures or landscaping features. Sign construction and maintenance shall be at the expense of the developer or the property owners association and their successors, assigns and heirs.

- G. Decorative entrances shall not protrude into the twenty-five (25) foot visibility triangle.
- 2. Real Estate Signs which do not exceed six (6) square feet of copy area. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
- 3. On premise model home signs which do not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in size. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter. Only one (1) on premise model home sign per house is allowed.
- 4. Bed and Breakfast Signs.
 - A. Bed and Breakfast Home signs attached directly to the house which do not exceed two (2) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
 - B. Bed and Breakfast Inn signs attached directly to the house which do not exceed four (4) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
 - C. Bed and Breakfast Home signs that are freestanding which do not exceed six (6) square feet. A permit is required for such signs.
 - D. Bed and Breakfast Inn signs that are freestanding which do not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. A permit is required for such signs.
- 5. Campaign signs which do not exceed six (6) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter. These signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the election.
- 6. Nonresidential conditional use permits utilizing freestanding signs which do not exceed four (4) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
- 7. Weekend directional signs are permitted to assist the traveling public in locating new residential developments and model homes not directly accessed off an arterial roadway. A maximum of six (6) temporary off-site directional signs per project are permitted subject to the following provisions:
 - A. The signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size.
 - B. The subdivision plat must be recorded and infrastructure construction completed.
 - C. The signs may be placed on private property with the property owner's permission.
 - D. The signs shall be set no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on Friday and collected before sunset on Sunday.
 - E. The developer or real estate agent shall be responsible for the collection of signs.

- F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
 - G. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place weekend directional signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.
8. Subdivision Development Signs.
- A. One (1) temporary on-site subdivision sign may be permitted for subdivisions, for the purpose of identifying that the subdivision is under development.
 - B. Size.
 - 1. On parcels over fifty (50) acres in size a temporary sign shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - 2. On parcels less than fifty (50) acres in size a temporary sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 - C. Subdivision development signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line.
 - D. Subdivision development signs which do not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet do not require a permit under this chapter. All other subdivision development signs require a permit.
9. Construction signs which do not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
10. Special Events.
- A. Temporary signs not prohibited by this Code are permitted for purposes such as: art festivals; bicycle festivals; civic events; Lake County Parade of Homes; Lights of Lake; triathlons; Lake County Fair; carnivals and rodeos, and other special events.
 - B. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place special event signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.
 - C. Display of temporary signs for special events shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.
 - D. Special event signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet.
 - E. The placement and removal of special event signs shall be the responsibility of the person or organization sponsoring the event.

- F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
- G. Portable signs may be used by the primary sponsor of a special event for the purpose of advertising such special Event.

11.02.02 Residential Professional Districts. The following provisions govern signage in residential professional districts:

- 1. Ground Signs.
 - A. All signs shall be ground signs.
 - B. Ground signs may not be permitted on vacant property.
 - C. One (1) ground sign per parcel for each primary street frontage shall be permitted. The maximum allowable copy area is twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - D. Height.
 - 1. Ground signs fronting on two lane highways shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 - 2. Ground signs fronting on four lane divided highways shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height
 - 3. The height of any ground sign shall be measured from the finished grade or the roadway, whichever is higher, to the top of the sign face.
 - E. Setbacks.
 - 1. The minimum setback from the right-of-way line shall be five (5) feet.
 - 2. The minimum setback from any side or rear yard property line shall be ten (10) feet.
 - 3. The minimum setback from any residential zoning district shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - F. Corner Lots Visibility Triangle. No part of a ground sign may be located within a triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way intersection.
 - G. Design.

1. Vertical structure supports for ground signs shall be concealed in an enclosed base. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (1/2) the horizontal width of the sign surface.
 2. The base shall be of an architectural style similar to that of the principal building to include split face block, finished metal or brick or stucco finish.
- H. Sign Landscaping. A landscaped planting area a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet in size shall be provided around the base of any ground sign. The landscape shall include shrubs and groundcover. The landscape area shall be counted towards the minimum landscape and pervious area requirements for a site.
- I. Sign Illumination. Ground signs may be illuminated internally or externally. The source of externally illuminated signs shall be installed so that it is arranged or screened as to not shine, glare or adversely impact adjacent properties or roadways.
2. Wall signs are permitted with a maximum allowable copy area of twenty-four (24) square feet.
 3. Projecting Signs.
 - A. Projecting signs may be substituted for wall signs.
 - B. Projecting signs shall not project more than four (4) feet from the building wall on which the sign is attached.
 - C. Projecting signs shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet above ground level.
 - D. Projecting signs shall not project above the roofline of the building to which it is attached.
 4. Awning Signs. The sign area shall be counted toward the total wall sign area allowed for the single occupancy site.
 5. Directional Signs. On-site directional signs or instructional signs used to direct on premise vehicular or pedestrian traffic are permitted.
 - A. Sign height shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) feet.
 - B. Sign area shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) square feet.
 6. Temporary Signs.
 - A. A parcel in residential professional district may erect not more than two (2) temporary signs with an aggregate sign face area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 - B. Temporary ground signs may not exceed six (6) feet in height.

- C. Temporary signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any road right-of-way and ten (10) feet from all property lines.
- D. Temporary signs may be permitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days.
- E. Temporary signs may be permitted on a single site for maximum of sixty (60) days in any calendar year.
- F. Temporary signs may not be illuminated.

7. Construction Signs.

- A. One (1) temporary on-site construction sign may be permitted for each development parcel. For developments having frontage on more than one (1) street as a major collector or arterial, a second construction sign shall be permitted.
- B. Size.
 - 1. On parcels over one hundred and one (101) acres in size a construction sign shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - 2. On parcels one hundred (100) acres in size or smaller a construction sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
- C. Setbacks.
 - 1. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any property line.
 - 2. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.

8. Special Events.

- A. Temporary signs not prohibited by this Code are permitted for purposes such as: art festivals; bicycle festivals; civic events; Lake County Parade of Homes; Lights of Lake; Triathlons; Lake County Fair; carnivals and rodeos, and other special events.
- B. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place special event signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.
- C. Display of temporary signs for special events shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.

- D. Special event signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet.
 - E. The placement and removal of special event signs shall be the responsibility of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
 - F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
 - G. Portable signs may be used by the primary sponsor of a special event for the purpose of advertising such special event.
- 9. Real estate signs which do not exceed eight (8) square feet in copy area. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter.
 - 10. Campaign signs which do not exceed six (6) square feet. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter. These signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the election.

11.02.03 Commercial Districts. The following provisions govern signage in commercial districts:

1. Single Occupancy Commercial Sites.

A. Ground Signs.

- 1. All signs shall be ground signs.
- 2. Ground signs may not be permitted on vacant property.
- 3. One (1) ground sign per parcel for each primary street frontage shall be permitted. The maximum allowable copy area is:
 - a. Sites on designated arterial roadways is sixty (60) square feet per face.
 - b. Sites on designated collector roadways is forty (48) square feet per face.
 - c. Sites on internal roadways is thirty-two (32) square feet per face.
- 4. If a single occupancy business has multiple frontages with an architectural design indicating front street orientation to both frontages, an additional ground sign shall be permitted with a maximum square footage of up to fifty (50) percent of that allowed on the primary frontage.
- 5. Height
 - a. Ground signs fronting on two lane highways shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.

- b. Ground signs fronting on four lane divided highways shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height
 - c. The height of any ground sign shall be measured from the finished grade or the roadway, whichever is higher, to the top of the sign face.
 - 6. Setbacks
 - a. The minimum setback from the right-of-way line shall be five (5) feet.
 - b. The minimum setback from any side or rear yard property line shall be ten (10) feet.
 - c. The minimum setback from any residential zoning district shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - 7. Corner Lots Visibility Triangle. No part of a ground sign may be located within a triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way intersection.
 - 8. Design.
 - a. Vertical structure supports for ground signs shall be concealed in an enclosed base. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (1/2) the horizontal width of the sign surface.
 - b. The base shall be of an architectural style similar to that of the principal building to include split face block, finished metal or brick or stucco finish.
 - 9. Sign Landscaping. A landscaped planting area a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet in size shall be provided around the base of any ground sign. The landscape shall include shrubs and groundcover. The landscape area shall be counted towards the minimum landscape and pervious area requirements for a site.
 - 10. Sign Illumination. Ground signs may be illuminated internally or externally. The source of externally illuminated signs shall be installed so that it is arranged or screened as to not shine, glare or adversely impact adjacent properties or roadways.
- B. Wall signs are permitted with a total of one (1) square foot of copy area for signage allowed for each linear foot of right-of-way frontage, up to one hundred and fifty (150) square feet. Single occupancy businesses with multiple frontage may be permitted an additional sign area of one (1) square foot for each linear foot of secondary building

frontage; provided that the same or similar facade treatment is used on both front and side and there is an entrance to the general public on such sides.

C. Projecting Signs.

1. Projecting signs may be substituted for wall signs.
2. Projecting signs shall not project more than four (4) feet from the building wall on which the sign is attached.
3. Projecting signs shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet above ground level.
4. Projecting signs shall not project above the roofline of the building to which it is attached.

D. Awning Signs. The sign area shall be counted toward the total wall sign area allowed for the single occupancy site.

E. Directional Signs. On-site directional signs or instructional signs used to direct on-premise vehicular or pedestrian traffic is permitted.

1. Sign height shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) feet.
2. Sign area shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) square feet.

2. Multiple Occupancy Commercial Sites.

A. Commercial Center Identification Ground Signs.

1. Multi-tenant commercial shopping centers and office complexes shall be permitted signage under this section. A center identification ground sign shall be located on the site.
2. One (1) additional ground sign, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet may be permitted for the major tenant provided that there is a minimum six hundred (600) foot separation between signs.
3. If the building has multiple frontage with an architectural design indicating front street orientation to both frontages, an additional ground center identification Sign shall be permitted with a maximum square footage of up to fifty (50) percent of that allowed on the primary frontage.
4. Maximum Sign Area. Sign area shall be in addition to the sign area allowed for the individual occupants and shall be based on the gross leasable areas (GLA) within the centers.

- a. Centers of seventy-five thousand (75,000) square feet or more shall be a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) square feet.
 - b. Centers of ten thousand (10,000) square feet to seventy-five thousand (75,000) square feet shall be a maximum of seventy-five (75) square feet.
 - c. Centers up to ten thousand (10,000) square feet shall be a maximum of sixty (60) square feet.
 5. Height. The maximum height for any commercial center sign shall be twenty (20) feet.
 6. Setbacks.
 - a. Fifty (50) feet from any side lot lines, or equidistant from side lot lines.
 - b. The minimum setback from the right-of-way line shall be ten (10) feet.
 7. Sign Landscaping. A landscaped planting area a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet in size shall be provided around the base of any ground sign. The landscape shall include shrubs and groundcover. The landscape area shall be counted towards the minimum landscape and pervious area requirements for a site.
 - B. Shopping Center Wall Signs.
 1. Wall signage for individual businesses in shopping centers shall be allowed a sign area of one (1) square foot for each linear foot of building front not to exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet per building front.
 2. Individual businesses in a shopping center with multiple frontage may be permitted an additional sign area of one (1) square foot for each linear foot of building frontage; provided that the same or similar facade treatment is used on both front and side and there is an entrance to the general public on such sides.
3. Miscellaneous Commercial Signs.
 - A. Theater Signs. In addition to the signage permitted by this chapter, a theater shall be permitted a changeable message sign, the surface of which shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet in area.
 - B. Temporary Signs.
 1. A parcel in a commercial district may erect not more than two (2) temporary signs

with an aggregate sign face area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet

2. Temporary ground signs may not exceed six (6) feet in height.
3. Temporary signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any road right-of-way and ten (10) feet from all property lines.
4. Temporary signs may be permitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days.
5. Temporary signs may be permitted on a single site for maximum of sixty (60) days in any calendar year.
6. Temporary signs may not be illuminated.

C. Construction Signs.

1. One (1) temporary on-site construction sign may be permitted for each development parcel. For developments having frontage on more than one (1) street as a major collector or arterial, a second construction sign shall be permitted.
2. Size.
 - a. On parcels over one hundred and one (101) acres in size a temporary sign shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - b. On parcels one hundred (100) acres in size or smaller a temporary sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
3. Setbacks.
 - a. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any property line.
 - b. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.

D. Special Events.

1. Temporary signs not prohibited by this Code are permitted for purposes such as: art festivals; bicycle festivals; civic events; Lake County Parade of Homes; Lights of Lake; triathlons; Lake County Fair; carnivals and rodeos, and other special events.
2. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place special event

signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.

3. Display of temporary signs for special events shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.
 4. Special event signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet.
 5. The placement and removal of special event signs shall be the responsibility of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
 6. A permit under this chapter is not required.
 7. Portable signs may be used by the primary sponsor of a special event for the purpose of advertising such special event.
- E. Real estate signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in copy area. Such signs which do not require a permit under this chapter. However, one (1) larger sign is allowed subject to the following:
1. Each parcel must be ten (10) acres in size or greater.
 2. The maximum sign area shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 3. Signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet from any property line. For a single occupancy sites, signs shall not be located closer than five (5) feet from the property line.
 4. Signs shall be ground style or landscaped to screen visible means of support.
 5. Signs shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way. For a single occupancy site, signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.
 6. A permit under this chapter is not required.
- F. Seawall Signs. Seawall and/or waterfront signs may be placed upon commercial establishments, private marinas or fish camp seawalls. The maximum allowable signage shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet.
- G. Campaign signs which do not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet per sign. Such signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line. Signs not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet do not require a permit. These signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the election.

11.02.04 Industrial Districts. The following provisions govern Signage in industrial districts:

1. Ground Signs.
 - A. All signs shall be ground signs.
 - B. Ground signs may not be permitted on vacant property.
 - C. One (1) ground sign per parcel for each primary street frontage shall be permitted as follows:
 1. Sites on designated arterial roadways is sixty (60) square feet per face.
 2. Sites on designated collector roadways is forty-eight (48) square feet.
 3. Sites on internal roadways is thirty-two (32) square feet per face.
 - D. Height.
 1. Ground signs fronting on two (2) lane highways shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 2. Ground signs fronting on four lane divided highways shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height
 3. The height of any ground sign shall be measured from the finished grade or the roadway, whichever is higher, to the top of the sign face.
 - E. Setbacks.
 1. The minimum setback from right-of-way line shall be five (5) feet.
 2. The minimum setback from any side or rear yard property line shall be ten (10) feet.
 3. The minimum setback from any residential zoning district shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - F. Corner Lots Visibility Triangle. No part of a ground sign may be located within a triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way intersection.
 - G. Design.
 1. Vertical structure supports for ground signs shall be concealed in an enclosed base. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (1/2) the

horizontal width of the sign surface.

2. The base shall be of an architectural style similar to that of the principal building to include split face block, finished metal or brick or stucco finish.
- H. Sign Landscaping. A landscaped planting area a minimum of one hundred (100) square feet in size shall be provided around the base of any ground sign. The landscape shall include shrubs and groundcover. The landscape area shall be counted towards the minimum landscape and pervious area requirements for a site.
- I. Sign Illumination. Ground signs may be illuminated internally or externally. The source of externally illuminated signs shall be installed so that it is arranged or screened as to not shine, glare or adversely impact adjacent properties or roadways.
2. Wall signs are permitted with a total of one (1) square foot of copy area for signage allowed for each linear foot of right-of-way frontage, up to one hundred and fifty (150) square feet.
 3. Projecting Signs.
 - A. Projecting signs may be substituted for wall signs.
 - B. Projecting signs shall not project more than four (4) feet from the building wall on which the sign is attached.
 - C. Projecting signs shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet above ground level.
 - D. Projecting signs shall not project above the roofline of the building to which it is attached.
 4. Awning Signs. The sign area shall be counted toward the total wall sign area allowed for the single occupancy site.
 5. Directional Signs. On-site directional signs or instructional signs used to direct on premise vehicular or pedestrian traffic is permitted.
 - A. Sign height shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) feet.
 - B. Sign area shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) square feet.
 6. Directory Signs for Industrial Parks.
 - A. Individual sites within an industrial park shall comply with all provisions regarding ground signs and wall signs.
 - B. For multiple occupancy complexes, in addition to ground and wall signage, one (1) directory sign per street frontage, which is accessed by the park, shall be permitted as

follows:

1. Sites under one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet shall be permitted up to forty-eight (48) square feet.
 2. Sites of one hundred thousand one (101,000) square feet or more shall be permitted up to sixty four (64) square feet.
 - C. Height. Maximum height shall be twelve (12) feet.
 - D. Setbacks. There shall be a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from the road right-of-way.
7. Construction Signs.
- A. One (1) temporary on-site construction sign may be permitted for each development parcel. For developments having frontage on more than one (1) street as a major collector or arterial, a second construction sign shall be permitted.
 - B. Size.
 1. On parcels over one hundred and one (101) acres in size a temporary sign shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 2. On parcels one hundred (100) acres in size or smaller a temporary sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
 - C. Setbacks.
 1. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any property line.
 2. Temporary construction signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.
8. Special Events.
- A. Temporary signs not prohibited by this Code are permitted for purposes such as: art festivals; bicycle festivals; civic events; Lake County Parade of Homes; Lights of Lake; triathlons; Lake County Fair; carnivals and rodeos, and other special events.
 - B. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place special event signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.
 - C. Display of temporary signs for special events shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.

- D. Special event signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet.
 - E. The placement and removal of special event signs shall be the responsibility of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
 - F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
 - G. Portable signs may be used by the primary sponsor of a special event for the purpose of advertising such special event.
9. Real estate signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in copy area. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter. One (1) larger signs is allowed subject to the following:
- A. Each parcel must be ten (10) acres in size or greater.
 - B. The maximum sign area shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - C. Signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet from any property line. For a single occupancy sites, signs shall not be located closer than five (5) feet from the property line.
 - D. Signs shall be ground style or landscaped to screen visible means of support.
 - E. Signs shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the road right-of-way. For a single occupancy site, signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.
 - F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
10. Campaign Signs. Campaign signs which do not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet per sign. Such signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line and shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the election. Signs not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet do not require a permit.
11. Temporary Signs.
- A. A parcel in a commercial district may erect not more than two (2) temporary signs with an aggregate sign face area not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet
 - B. Temporary ground signs may not exceed six (6) feet in height.
 - C. Temporary signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any road right-of-way and ten (10) feet from all property lines.
 - D. Temporary signs may be permitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days.

- E. Reserved.
- F. Temporary signs may be permitted on a single site for maximum of sixty (60) days in any calendar year.
- G. Temporary signs may not be illuminated.

11.02.05 Agricultural Districts. The following provisions govern signage in agricultural districts:

- 1. Ground Signs.
 - A. All signs shall be ground signs.
 - B. Ground signs may not be permitted on vacant property.
 - C. One (1) ground sign per parcel for each primary street frontage shall be permitted. The maximum allowable copy area is twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - D. Height.
 - 1. Ground signs fronting on two lane highways shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 - 2. Ground signs fronting on four lane divided highways shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height
 - 3. The height of any ground sign shall be measured from the finished grade or the roadway, whichever is higher, to the top of the sign face.
 - E. Setbacks.
 - 1. The minimum setback from right-of-way line shall be five (5) feet.
 - 2. The minimum setback from any side or rear yard property line shall be ten (10) feet.
 - 3. The minimum setback from any residential zoning district shall be twenty (20) feet.
 - F. Corner Lots Visibility Triangle. No part of a ground sign may be located within a triangular area formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way intersection.
 - G. Design.

1. Vertical structure supports for ground signs shall be concealed in an enclosed base. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (1/2) the horizontal width of the sign surface.
 2. The base shall be of an architectural style similar to that of the principal building to include split face block, finished metal or brick or stucco finish.
- H. Sign landscaping is not required.
- I. Sign illumination is not permitted.
2. Special Events.
 - A. Temporary signs not prohibited by this Code are permitted for purposes such as: art festivals; bicycle festivals; civic events; Lake County Parade of Homes; Lights of Lake; triathlons; Lake County Fair; carnivals and rodeos, and other special events.
 - B. A temporary right-of-way utilization permit is required to place special event signs within the County right-of-way. A single permit can be issued to cover all signs for one (1) event.
 - C. Display of temporary signs for special events shall not exceed fourteen (14) days.
 - D. Special event signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet.
 - E. The placement and removal of special event signs shall be the responsibility of the person or organization sponsoring the event.
 - F. A permit under this chapter is not required.
 - G. Portable signs may be used by the primary sponsor of a special event for the purpose of advertising such special event.
 3. Real estate signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in copy area. Such signs do not require a permit under this chapter. One (1) larger signs is allowed subject to the following:
 - A. Each parcel must be ten (10) acres in size or greater.
 - B. The maximum sign area shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet.
 - C. Signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet from any property line.
 - D. Signs shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the road right-of-way.

E. A permit under this chapter is not required.

4. Campaign Signs. Campaign signs which do not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet per sign. Such signs shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line and shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the election. Signs not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet do not require a permit.

(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04)

11.03.00 Provision for Converting Existing Nonconforming Signs to Ground Signs.

To encourage those affected owners of pole and roof signs, made nonconforming by this ordinance, to bring those signs into conformance, owners may relocate the sign assembly from an existing support system to a ground sign. If such relocation takes place within twelve (12) months from the date of adoption of this ordinance, the owners of such sign shall be entitled to:

1. An exemption from the maximum square footage requirements of the ground sign code if utilizing the existing sign face currently located on the parcel.
2. An exemption from the maximum height requirements of the ground sign code if utilizing the existing sign face.
3. A waiver of associated permitting fees.

(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04)

11.04.00 Change In Use.

Any change in the use of the property, whereby a change from one (1) specific use classification, as identified in Section 3.01.03 of the Land Development Regulations, to another use classification constitutes a change in the use of the property. Upon a change in use, on-site signage shall be brought into full compliance with this Chapter.

(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04)

11.05.00 Additions to Existing Development.

Should any addition be made to a structure or parking area that exceeds a twenty-five (25) percent increase in the size of the structure or parking area, the on-site signage shall be brought into full compliance with this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 1999-27, § 1, 3-9-99; Ord. No. 1999-67, § 1, 6-15-99; Ord. No. 2004-57, § 3, 8-17-04)

11.06.00 Reserved.

Editors Note: Ord. No. 1999-68, § 2, adopted June 15, 1999, repealed § 11.06.00, in its entirety, which pertained to off-site signs. See the Code Comparative Table.