

**ARTICLE 17A.00
OFF-PREMISE SIGNS**

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17A.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose of this article is to prevent the uncontrolled use of off-premise signs so as to promote the health, safety and general welfare of those persons using the public rights-of-way. These regulations are intended to preserve the overall landscape quality of the County while allowing the reasonable use of signs to inform the traveling public. This is accomplished through the application of standards for size, illumination and separation.

17A.02 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- (a) In the A-1 and RC Districts, off-premise signs shall be limited to those which provide direction to a business or use and shall be constructed in accordance with the following:
- (1) A maximum sign area of 9 square feet.
 - (2) The sign shall contain the business name and directional information only.
 - (3) There shall be no more than one sign face per direction of facing.
 - (4) A sign shall not be within a 500 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from the same right-of-way. The sign shall not be within a 300 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from a different right-of-way. All spacing measurements in this subsection shall refer to a measurement made along the edge of the right-of-way and shall apply only to structures located on the same side of the highway. These spacing provisions do not apply to signs separated by buildings or other obstructions in such a manner that only one sign facing located within the above spacing distance is visible from the road right-of-way at any one time.
 - (5) A sign shall not be illuminated nor shall blinking or flashing lights be used.
 - (6) A maximum height of 16 feet.
- (b) The following regulations shall apply to off-premise signs in the C, I-1 and I-2 Districts except as permitted in Section 17A.03:
- (1) A maximum sign area of 288 square feet.
 - (2) There shall be no more than one sign face per direction of facing.
 - (3) The maximum height shall be 40 feet. *(amended by MC30-05-04)*
 - (4) No part of the sign face or structure shall be located in or overlap into the required side or rear yard setbacks or public right-of-way.
 - (5) A sign shall not be within a 500 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from the same right-of-way. The sign shall not be within a 300 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from a different right-of-

way. All spacing measurements in this subsection shall refer to a measurement made along the right-of-way and shall apply only to structures located on the same side of the highway. These spacing provisions do not apply to signs separated by buildings or other obstructions in such a manner that only one sign facing located within the above spacing distance is visible from the road right-of-way at any one time.

- (6) The light from any illuminated sign shall be so shielded, shaded or directed so that the light intensity shall not adversely affect surrounding or facing premises or the safe vision of operators of vehicles on public roads.

17A.03 CONDITIONAL USES. A conditional use permit in conformance with Article 19.00 shall be obtained for the following off-premise signs: *(amended by MC30-05-04)*

- (a) Off-premise signs over 288 square feet to a maximum of 672 square feet and signs with more than one sign face per direction of facing in the C and I Districts.
- (b) A conditional use permit shall be required for off-premise signs within 500 feet of a park, school, church, or designated historic site.

17A.04 EXCEPTIONS.

- (a) Directional signs for nonprofit organizations not to exceed four square feet per sign face.
- (b) Political campaign signs provided the signs are removed within five days after the election.
- (c) Directional signs, street name signs, or other signs which have been authorized and directed by a governmental unit.

17A.05 PROHIBITED SIGNS. The following signs are prohibited:

- (a) Parking of Advertising Vehicles Prohibited. No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way, or public property, or on private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon, any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same premises or any other premise. This is not intended to prohibit any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus or lettering on a motor vehicle.
- (b) Nuisance Signs. Signs which imitate an official traffic sign or signal or which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination which may be confused with or construed as a traffic control device or which hide from view any traffic, street sign or signal shall be removed upon notice.

17A.06. MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL. Every off-premise sign shall be maintained in

good structural and aesthetic condition at all times. Any abandoned, unsafe or unsightly sign shall be removed or renovated within 60 days upon written notice. If the owner fails to remove or renovate the sign within the required time period the County may remove such sign at the owners expense.