

## SIGN ORDINANCE NOTES #2

This ordinance was adopted by Gulf County on 26 June 2012.

NOTES:

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6.05-7 Permanent freestanding or wall-mounted signs: Permanent freestanding or wall-mounted signs are allowed as follows:

6.05.7.01 Number: One permanent freestanding or wall-mounted sign is permitted for each parcel containing a permitted use.

6.05.7.02 Height of permanent freestanding sign: The height of a permanent freestanding sign shall not exceed twenty five (25) feet in height.

6.05.7.03 Size: The maximum sign surface area of a permanent freestanding or wall-mounted sign shall not exceed one hundred twenty eight (128) square feet in size.

6.05.7.04 Setbacks for permanent freestanding signs: The following setbacks for permanent freestanding signs shall apply;

6.05.7.04.1 A permanent freestanding sign shall be setback at least fifteen (15) feet from the right of way line.

6.05.7.04.2 A permanent freestanding development sign shall comply with any additional setback requirements in this Code.

6.05.7.04.3 If and when a permanent freestanding sign shall exceed thirty two (32) square feet; said sign shall be engineered by a design professional and requires the construction of a metal frame and or base.

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#### 6.07 Lighting and illumination for signs.

6.07.1 Signs shall be illuminated only by steady, stationary, shielded light sources directed solely at the sign, or internal to it, without causing glare for motorists, pedestrians or neighboring premises.

6.07.2 Illuminated signs, including neon signs, shall not produce more than one foot-candle per square foot of reflected or transmitted illumination four (4) feet from the sign.

**Definitions:**

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Billboard: Means a sign structure and/or sign utilized for advertising an establishment, an activity, a product, service or entertainment, which is sold, produced, manufactured, available or furnished at a place other than on the property on which said sign structure and/or sign is located.

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Double-faced sign: Means a single sign with copy on both sides of the sign and mounted as a single structure.

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Illuminated sign: Means any sign or portion thereof, which is illuminated by artificial light, either from an interior or exterior source, including an outline, reflective or phosphorescent light, whether or not the source of light is directly affixed as part of the sign.

Nonconforming sign: Means a sign that was lawfully erected but no longer conforms to the regulations provided in Article 6 of the Gulf County Land Development Regulations.

Off-premises sign or off-site sign: Means any sign relating in its subject matter to commodities, accommodations, services or activities on a premises other than the premises on which the sign is located.

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Sign: Means any device, fixture, placard or structure which uses color, form, graphics, illumination, architectural style or design with text, or writing to advertise, attract attention, announce the purpose of or identify the purpose of any person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public. The term "sign" includes sign structure. The following shall not be considered signs subject to the regulations of this section: artwork, holiday or seasonal decorations, cemetery markers, machinery or equipment signs, memorial signs or tables.

Sign area: Means the total area, as measured in square feet, of a sign surface, including all parts thereof devoted to the background, computed by bounding the exterior of the sign structure or surface with a series of straight or curved lines tangent thereto. The area of a sign painted directly on a wall or awning and signs with letters attached directly to walls or awnings shall be calculated by constructing an imaginary series of straight lines or lines formed, bounded or characterized by curves around the outside of all elements of the sign.

Sign face: Means the part of the sign that is or can be used to identify, display, advertise, communicate information, or for visual representation, which attracts or intends to attract the attention of the public for any purpose.

Sign height: Shall mean the vertical distance measured from ground level nearest the base of the sign to the highest point on the sign.

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Substantially damaged or destroyed, as it pertains to a nonconforming sign: Means that (a) fifty percent (50%) or more of the upright supports of a sign structure are physically damaged such that normal repair practices of the sign industry would call for, in the case of wooden structures, replacement of the broken supports and, in the case of a metal sign structure, replacement of at least twenty-five (25%) of the length above ground of each broken, bent, or twisted support, or (b) that more than fifty (50%) of a wall or attached sign is physically damaged such that normal repair practices of the sign industry would call for the same to be replaced or repaired.

## **OTHER NOTES**

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Nonconforming signs. A nonconforming sign that was lawfully erected may continue to be maintained until the nonconforming sign is substantially damaged or destroyed. At such time that the nonconforming sign is substantially damaged or destroyed, the nonconforming sign must either (a) be removed or (b) be brought into conformity with this Article and with any other applicable law or regulation.

\*\*PLEASE REVIEW 6.03 PROHIBITED SIGNS (PAGE 18 & 19)

\*\*PLEASE REVIEW 6.14 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (PAGE 31 & 32)