

General provisions:

- 1) *No sign over 4 square feet in size shall be painted, constructed, erected, remodeled, relocated, or expanded without first submitting a drawing showing sign dimensions, etc., and the area in which the sign is to be located and obtaining a permit from the office of the Town of Erwin Building Inspector in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.*
- 2) When any sign becomes insecure, in danger of falling, or otherwise unsafe, or if any sign shall be unlawfully installed, erected or maintained in violation of any provisions of the Southern Standard Building Code or Electrical Code, the owner, person, or firm maintaining the sign upon written notice of the building inspector, shall within not more than ten (10) days make such sign conform to the provisions of this ordinance or remove it.
- 3) This ordinance authorizes the use of signs visible from public rights-of-way provided the signs are: (1) compatible with their surroundings, pursuant to the objectives of proper design and zoning amenities; (2) allowing and promoting optimum conditions for meeting the sign users needs while at the same time promoting the amenable environment desired by the general public; (3) designed, constructed, installed and maintained in such a manner that they do not endanger public safety or traffic safety; (4) legible, readable and visible in the circumstances in which they are used; and (5) respectful of the reasonable rights of other advertisers whose messages are displayed.
- 4) No sign may be so arranged that it interferes with traffic, through glare, through blocking or reasonable sight lines for streets, sidewalks or driveways, through confusion with a traffic control device (by reason of its color, location, shape, or other characteristics), or through any other means. Rotation beacons or flashing signs are prohibited.
- 5) *Any portion of a sign or a pole or standard for such sign which is in contact with the ground shall be located within the lot lines of the property and maintain a five (5) foot setback within the property lines.*
- 6) Signs painted directly on the structure are prohibited with the exception of entrances, doorways, and window display areas.
- 7) *No signs shall be placed on publicly owned property, public right-of-way or utility poles.*
- 8) Prohibited Signs:
 - a) Billboard Signs
 - b) Signs that advertise a product, service of other business not situated on the same premises.
 - c) Any sign which is constructed of wood, masonite, plywood and other porous material of non-permanent nature subject to deterioration.
 - d) *Signs which are not securely affixed to the ground, or otherwise affixed in a permanent manner to an approved supporting structure.*
 - e) *Signs in any residential district which are internally illuminated.*
 - f) Roof signs which are not an integral part of the building design
 - g) *Portable signs*

- h) *Spectacular signs, balloon or blimp style signs.*
 - i) Any sign which moves or assumes any motion constituting a non-stationary or fixed condition except for the rotation of barber poles, permissible changing signs or permissible multi-prism units. Indexing multi-prism units must not exceed a speed of two complete revolutions every twenty seconds. This is not meant to prohibit any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus or lettered on a motored vehicle.
- 9) Overhanging signs referring to businesses operated on the premises are permitted, provided that any such sign shall not be allowed to protrude more than two feet from the building front, and shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each front foot of that business store front, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.
- 10) Any advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall be allowed to remain as a non-conforming sign! Any sign damaged to the extent of more than fifty (50) percent of its appraised value as determined by the building inspector shall be removed. Non-conforming signs advertising a business which changes ownership must be removed within one year of the date of said change of ownership.

Zoning Districts Sign requirements All zoning districts unless otherwise written must also adhere to the general provisions of the sign ordinance.

(R-1, R-2, RC-1, R-3) No permit required for these signs

- 1) Home occupation announcement sign not more than two (2) square feet in area and mounted directly on the home.
- 2) *Political Campaign Signs. One (1) sign per candidate per premise, each sign not to exceed four (4) square feet in residential districts or sixteen (16) square feet in all other districts, may be erected on private property no more than thirty (30) days prior to the election. All campaign signs shall be removed by the property owner within seven (7) days after the results of an election are certified.*
- 3) *Temporary Special Event Signs. Signs not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet which announce a special event sponsored by a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization may be erected on private property no more than thirty (30) days prior to the event and removed by the property owner within seven (7) days of the conclusion of an event.*
- 4) *Real Estate Sale / Lease Signs. Signs up to total area of nine (9) square feet in residential zones or up to total area of thirty two (32) square feet in commercial and industrial zones, advertising the sale, rental, or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the signs are displayed. Such signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days of the sale, rental or lease.*
- 5) *Construction Site Signs. One sign noting construction information and trades shall be permitted for each site. The maximum size shall be thirty two (32) square feet. The sign shall be allowed only until the project is complete and shall be removed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.*
- 6) *No other signs are authorized in residential district*

A building permit is required for the following signs:

Residential subdivisions and PUD's (including multi-family developments and mobile home parks), One (1) permanent identification/entrance sign, not to exceed twenty four (24) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height, is permitted.

(M-R District)

- 1) Any sign permitted in residential districts*
- 2) One (1) permanent identification/entrance sign, not to exceed twenty four (24) square feet in area nor eight (8) feet in height, is permitted.*

(B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, M-1 districts)

- 1) Any sign permitted in residential districts*
- 2) No part of any sign shall exceed twenty (20) feet in height*
- 3) The announcement portion of all permanent signs shall be located at least nine (9) feet above the ground. Signs above a driveway shall have a minimum clearance of fifteen (15) feet.*
- 4) Only one detached sign is allowed for a single tenant business. Said sign must be located on the same real estate tract as the business it advertises and may advertise only that one business. Attached signs shall be erected flat against front side of a building or within two feet (24 inches) thereof. Attached signs shall not project above the building.*
- 5) Only one major directory sign is allowed for multiple-tenant complex (for example: a shopping center). Said sign must be located on the same real estate tract as the business complex and may advertise only businesses physically located in the complex. This sign is not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet. And each business within such developments shall be limited to one (1) wall sign containing no more than one (1) square foot of area per linear foot of wall which faces a public street and/or customer parking area, not to exceed one hundred (100) square feet.*

(The Three (3) Interstate Exit Areas as determined by The Town of Erwin Ordinance No. 559 section 705.11)

- 1) Any sign permitted in business district as long as property is located within the B-2 Arterial Business District*
- 2) And Section 705.11 applies to these areas in regards to maximum height requirements and is attached.*