

Appendix B: Sign Regulations

1.1 Intent

This article provides content-neutral sign standards that allow legitimate signage for agricultural, residential, business, and industrial activities while promoting signs that:

- A. Reduce intrusions and protect property values;
- B. Minimize undue distractions to the motoring public;
- C. Protect the tourist industry by promoting a pleasing community image; and
- D. Enhance and strengthen economic stability and growth.

1.2 Scope

The provisions apply to the display, construction, erection, alteration, location, and maintenance of all new and existing signs within Harrison County.

1.3 Exempt Signs

The following signs are exempt from the provisions of this Article and are, therefore, exempt from the requirement to obtain a sign permit:

- A. Signs not visible beyond the boundaries of the property upon which they are located.
- B. Government signs that are placed by government officers in the performance of their professional/ elected duties.
- C. Temporary signs erected by public utility companies or construction companies in the performance of their professional duties can be placed on the project site but must be removed when the certificate of occupancy has been granted.
- D. Vehicle signage when painted directly on a vehicle or attached magnetically.
- E. *Election signs* * → Temporary signage of 12 square feet or smaller placed on or after April 15 and removed by the last day of May. Temporary signage of 12 square feet or smaller placed on or after the first day of October and removed by November 15.
- F. Temporary signs for a new business for up to 30 consecutive days from the first day of business. Exempt signage shall only be displayed on the property where the new business is located.
- G. Signage placed on property for sale shall be no larger than 6 square feet.
- H. Window signage. * County signs may be 32 sq. feet

1.4 Permit Requirements

- A. No sign regulated by this ordinance (except those exempted in Section 1.4.1 below) shall be displayed, erected, relocated, or altered unless all necessary permits have been issued by the Cynthiana- Harrison County- Berry- Joint Planning Commission. Applicants shall submit an application form to the department before any permit may be issued.
- B. Sign shall only be constructed or erected in compliance with the approved permit.
- C. Signs permitted as an accessory to a legal, nonconforming use shall be subject to the regulations of the zone in which the nonconforming use is located.

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The following signs shall not require a permit