

1 **..Title**
2 **Sign Regulations – Temporary Signs** – For the purpose of amending the standards
3 concerning temporary signs for community or civic projects or special events; and
4 matters generally relating to regulation of temporary signs.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 *City of Annapolis*

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9 **Ordinance 9-18**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Arnett**

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13 **Referred to**
14 **Planning Commission**
15 **Rules and City Government Committee**

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18 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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20 **Sign Regulations – Temporary Signs**

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22 **FOR** the purpose of amending the standards concerning temporary signs for community
23 or civic projects or special events; and matters generally relating to regulation of
24 temporary signs.

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26 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of
27 the City of Annapolis, 2018 Edition
28 21.70.060

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30 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
31 **CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as
32 follows:

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34 **TITLE 21 – PLANNING AND ZONING**
35 **Division V - Regulations of General Applicability**

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37 **CHAPTER 21.70 – SIGN REGULATIONS**
38 **Section 21.70.060 - Exempt signs.**

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40 The signs in this section are exempt from this chapter and do not require a permit
41 provided they meet both the standards applicable to all signs in the previous section and
42 the following standards:

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44 A. No sign may project beyond the property line into a public way.
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1 B. Illumination is Not Permitted.

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3 1. Nameplate and Identification Signs.

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5 a. A single nameplate for a dwelling unit, not exceeding one square foot
6 in area, indicating the name or address of the occupant or a permitted
7 occupation.
8 b. On a corner lot, two nameplates for a dwelling unit, one facing each
9 street, are permitted.
10 c. Address numerals.

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12 2. For Sale and "To Rent" Signs.

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14 a. One sign per zoning lot except that on a corner zoning lot two signs,
15 one facing each street, are permitted.
16 b. Size.
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18 i. In commercial and industrial districts signs may be up to twelve square
19 feet in area.
20 ii. In all other districts signs may be up to nine square feet in area.
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22 c. No sign may be placed closer than eight feet to any other zoning lot.
23 d. No sign shall project higher than twelve feet above curb level.

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25 3. Signs Accessory to Parking Areas.

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27 a. Signs designating parking area entrances or exits limited to one sign for
28 each exit or entrance and to a maximum size of two square feet each.
29 b. One sign per parking area, designating the conditions of use or identity
30 of the parking area and limited to a maximum size of nine square feet.
31 c. On a corner lot two signs, one facing each street, are permitted.
32 d. No sign shall project higher than seven feet above curb level.

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34 4. Temporary signs as follows:

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36 a. Signs, banners, flags and other advertising devices may be placed on a
37 site or building to announce the opening of a new business or a special
38 promotion with written approval from the Director of Planning and
39 Zoning. Such signs shall be limited to two events per year for a period
40 of up to thirty days each event.
41 b. Temporary signs up to ~~twenty~~thirty-two square feet for community or
42 civic projects or special events for events of public interest such as
43 carnivals, community gatherings, fairs, political events and other events
44 of a similar nature. Temporary signs shall be displayed for a period not
45 in excess of sixty days and shall be removed within seven days after the
46 conclusion of the event.

- 1 c. Construction site sign up to thirty-two square feet identifying the
2 architect, engineer, and/or contractor.
3 d. Garage or yard sale signs.
4 e. Christmas tree, greens sales, and produce sales signs. One sign per
5 street frontage up to six square feet is permitted.
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7 5. Window Displays. Signs erected or installed in the interior of a structure
8 which form an integral part of a bona fide window display which is related
9 to merchandise or services available within the structure or which are
10 related to matters of public welfare or public interest.
11 6. Public Signs.
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13 a. Permanent memorial signs and tablets lawfully displayed on public
14 property or in cemeteries.
15 b. Legal notices.
16 c. Traffic and parking signs that bear no advertising.
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19 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
20 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its
21 passage.
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25 **EXPLANATION**

26 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

27 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.