



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

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

CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
**City of Annapolis**

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Introduced by: Alderman Arnett

Referred to  
Planning Commission  
Rules and City Government Committee

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**Sign Regulations - Temporary Signs**

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

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

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

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

**CHAPTER 21.70 - SIGN REGULATIONS**  
**Section 21.70.060 - Exempt signs.**

The signs in this section are exempt from this chapter and do not require a permit provided they meet

both the standards applicable to all signs in the previous section and the following standards:

- A. No sign may project beyond the property line into a public way.
- B. Illumination is Not Permitted.
  - 1. Nameplate and Identification Signs.
    - a. A single nameplate for a dwelling unit, not exceeding one square foot in area, indicating the name or address of the occupant or a permitted occupation.
    - b. On a corner lot, two nameplates for a dwelling unit, one facing each street, are permitted.
    - c. Address numerals.
  - 2. For Sale and "To Rent" Signs.
    - a. One sign per zoning lot except that on a corner zoning lot two signs, one facing each street, are permitted.
    - b. Size.
      - i. In commercial and industrial districts signs may be up to twelve square feet in area.
      - ii. In all other districts signs may be up to nine square feet in area.
    - c. No sign may be placed closer than eight feet to any other zoning lot.
    - d. No sign shall project higher than twelve feet above curb level.
  - 3. Signs Accessory to Parking Areas.
    - a. Signs designating parking area entrances or exits limited to one sign for each exit or entrance and to a maximum size of two square feet each.
    - b. One sign per parking area, designating the conditions of use or identity of the parking area and limited to a maximum size of nine square feet.
    - c. On a corner lot two signs, one facing each street, are permitted.
    - d. No sign shall project higher than seven feet above curb level.
  - 4. Temporary signs as follows:
    - a. Signs, banners, flags and other advertising devices may be placed on a site or building to announce the opening of a new business or a special promotion with written approval from the Director of Planning and Zoning. Such signs shall be limited to two events per year for a period of up to thirty days each event.
    - b. Temporary signs up to ~~twenty~~thirty-two square feet for community or civic projects or special events for events of public interest such as carnivals, community gatherings, fairs, political events and other events of a similar nature. Temporary signs shall be displayed for a period not in excess of sixty days and shall be removed within seven days after the conclusion of the event.

- c. Construction site sign up to thirty-two square feet identifying the architect, engineer, and/or contractor.
  - d. Garage or yard sale signs.
  - e. Christmas tree, greens sales, and produce sales signs. One sign per street frontage up to six square feet is permitted.
5. Window Displays. Signs erected or installed in the interior of a structure which form an integral part of a bona fide window display which is related to merchandise or services available within the structure or which are related to matters of public welfare or public interest.
6. Public Signs.
- a. Permanent memorial signs and tablets lawfully displayed on public property or in cemeteries.
  - b. Legal notices.
  - c. Traffic and parking signs that bear no advertising.

**SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

**EXPLANATION**

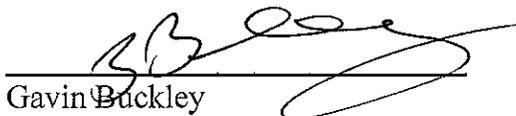
~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of July, 2018.

**Aye:** 9 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

THE ANNAPOLIS  
CITY COUNCIL

  
Gavin Buckley

Date

8/3/18

ATTEST

  
Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC

Date

8/3/18

