

ARTICLE V

Signs

5.1 PURPOSE

There is a significant relationship between the standards used in displaying signs and public safety, and the value and economic stability of adjoining property. The reasonable display of signs is necessary as a public service and to the conduct of competitive commerce and industry. The regulations in this Article establish minimum standards for the display of signs in direct relationship to the functional use of property and to the intensity of development as permitted within the zoning district which are provided in this Ordinance, except where controlled by the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971, as amended.

5.2 PERMIT

All signs, except house numbers, crop identification signs, "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs shall not be erected until a building permit is issued by the Zoning Enforcing Officer.

5.3 APPLICABILITY OF SIGN REGULATIONS TO SPECIFIC USES AND DISTRICTS

5.31 In this Ordinance, signs are grouped in Rural, Urban, Residential, Business and Manufacturing districts according to their function as in the following classifications:

- a. Identification signs.
- b. Business signs (on premise).
- c. Advertising signs (off premise).
- d. Special signs and advertising devices.
- e. Traffic control signs.

5.32 Permitted Signs

No sign shall be permitted on a lot unless:

- a. The classification of the sign is enumerated as a Permitted or Conditional Use under the district regulated by the provisions of this Article.

- b. The sign shall be erected, constructed, and displayed in conformance with the provisions of this Article and other applicable provisions of this Ordinance.
- c. Written authorization to erect the sign has been received from the property owner or his agent.

5.33 Prohibited Signs

- a. Signs that imitate or resemble an official traffic sign, signal, or device.
- b. Signs that are attached to, drawn upon, or painted on rocks, trees, or other natural features.
- c. Signs that are structurally unsafe or in disrepair.
- d. Signs that have flashing lights or illumination, except those expressly permitted intermittent lighting signs in Section 5.43-4c.

5.4 GENERAL SIGN REGULATIONS

5.41 Location, Height, and Area

- 5.41-1 No sign or sign structure other than official highway markers shall be placed upon any street or highway right-of-way. All official signs relating to highways and streets shall be in accordance with the current issue of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The manual is available for examination at the office of the County Highway Engineer.
- 5.41-2 A permit will be required from the Illinois Department of Transportation for all signs placed along highways under their jurisdiction.
- 5.41-3 Sign structures or columns shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way line except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
- 5.41-4 Any on-premise sign or sign structure located on a lot adjoining a Residential district shall be set back so as to conform with the side, rear, and front yard building setback requirements of such Residential district. However, a sign in a district other than Rural or Urban Residential facing the side or rear lot line of an adjoining Residential district shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of such side or rear lot line in order to provide a buffer zone between Commercial and Residential areas.

5.41-5 Signs affixed to a building wall shall not project more than six (6) feet above the roof or parapet line.

5.41-6 On corner lots where Business Signs are permitted, the maximum gross surface area of signs permitted may be applied to each street frontage. Refer to Business District sign regulations, Section 5.7 through 5.8.

5.42 Illumination and Motion

5.42-1 No rotating beam, beacon or flashing illumination resembling an emergency light shall be used in connection with any sign display.

5.42-2 Where reflecting, radiating, or other illumination of signs is permitted;

- a. Light shall not be projected toward or onto properties located in a residential area and intrinsic brightness shall not be of such a light intensity to create a nuisance to neighboring areas. Lighting shall be fitted with glare shields.

5.43 Development Standards

5.43-1 Identification Signs

- a. Where allowed by zoning, one (1) identification sign shall be permitted on a lot; two (2) signs, one (1) facing each street, shall be permitted on a corner lot, provided they do not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.
- b. For Unified or Planned Developments under single ownership or control, including shopping centers, industrial parks and housing clusters, one (1) additional sign may be erected facing each street, provided they do not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.
- c. One (1) home occupation sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area is permitted and may only indicate the name of the home occupation, address, phone number and hours open. No sign shall project beyond any property line or be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road. A building permit is required for a home occupation sign.

5.43-2 Business Signs, Marquees, Canopies, and Awnings

- a. Signs located on a marquee or canopy shall be affixed flat to the surface thereof and further, no such sign shall extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of said marquee or canopy except that individual free-standing letters may project to a height not to exceed twenty-four (24) inches above same.
- b. Sign or signs located on awnings shall be affixed flat to the surface thereof and shall indicate only the name and address of the establishment on the premises. Further, no such sign shall extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of said awning.
- c. Where permitted, projecting business signs, marquees, canopies and awnings shall have a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet measured from sidewalk grade.

5.43-3 Advertising Sign Structures

- a. Where permitted by the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971, as amended, each advertising sign structure shall not exceed one thousand, two hundred (1,200) square feet in area, thirty (30) feet in height, and sixty (60) feet in length. This includes border and trim, but excludes ornamental base or apron, supports, and other structural members. The maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a sign or sign structure. A maximum of two (2) signs may be erected in a facing, in which event the facing may not exceed the dimensions listed above. Signs may be double faced, placed back to back, or V-type. The area shall be measured by the smallest square, rectangle, triangle, circle or combination thereof which will encompass the entire sign.
- b. Where permitted by the Manual, each advertising sign shall be located not closer than ten (10) feet from a property line abutting a federal, state, county, or township highway, and not less than one (1) foot from any other property line.
- c. No advertising sign shall be located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of a Residential district boundary line, unless otherwise provided.
- d. Roof signs are not permitted, except that signs on a roof surface, which are normally required for aviation direction or safety, are permitted.

e. Spacing between advertising sign structures:

1. No sign shall be erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of an official traffic sign, signal, or device, if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the official sign. Also, no sign shall be erected or maintained within one thousand (1,000) feet of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the traffic.
2. On Interstate highways or expressways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the roadway shall be erected less than five hundred (500) feet apart.
3. With the exception of Agriculturally zoned property, along county, state, or federal highways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the highway shall be erected less than three hundred (300) feet apart outside of municipalities and not less than one hundred (100) feet apart inside municipalities under County zoning jurisdiction.
4. A sign structure may have one (1) or two (2) facings with a maximum of two (2) signs per facing. Back to back, V-type, and side by side signs shall be treated as single sign structures.
5. The foregoing requirements on spacing between structures shall not apply to structures which are separated or screened by buildings, natural surroundings, or other obstructions if only one (1) sign facing located within such distance is visible at any one (1) time.

5.43-4 Special Signs and Advertising Devices

- a. Temporary signs announcing the construction of new developments, remodeling, or rebuilding, sale, lease, or rental, shall be permitted providing that they comply with the regulations of this Ordinance.
- b. Temporary new development signs permitted under the provisions of this Article shall be removed within six (6) months following the first occupancy in the development or within one (1) year after securing a permit from the Zoning Enforcing Officer, whichever is sooner.

- c. A sign whereon the time and/or temperature is indicated by intermittent lighting shall not be deemed to be a flashing sign if the lighting changes are not more frequent than every ten (10) seconds, indicating time, temperature, or message center type signs.
- d. Permitted portable signs.
- e. Political campaign signs shall be placed on private property and shall conform to regulations otherwise applicable to “For Sale” and “For Rent” signs in this Ordinance, and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after an election.

5.44 Sign Design, Safety and Maintenance

- 5.44-1 All signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind pressure of not less than thirty (30) pounds per square foot.
- 5.44-2 All signs shall be maintained in a structurally sound, clean and sanitary condition. Signs which are no longer functional, or are abandoned, shall be removed, or relocated, in compliance with the nonconforming provisions of this Ordinance. (Section 9.3).
- 5.44-3 No sign shall be erected or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign of any kind shall be attached to a stand pipe or fire escape.
- 5.44-4 Signs or sign structures shall not be erected at locations where they may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with vehicular traffic signs, signals, or devices; or in such a manner as to materially obstruct the clear view of the intersection of a street or highway or with a railroad grade crossing.

5.5 RURAL DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise provided in the regulations of this Ordinance, the following provisions shall apply to all Agricultural, Rural Estate, and Resort-Recreational zoning districts.

5.51 Permitted Non-Illuminated Signs

5.51-1 Nameplate and identification signs.

a. Agricultural Use (area, content and location).

For agricultural uses, there shall be not more than one (1) nameplate, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area, for each principal farm dwelling, indicating the name of the occupant and specialized agricultural activities. On a corner plot, two (2) such nameplates, one (1) facing each roadway shall be permitted. Signs required for crop identification during growing seasons shall also be permitted.

b. Non-Agricultural Use (area, content and location)

For non-agricultural uses, a single identification sign, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area and indicating only the name and address of the building, may be displayed. On a corner plot, two (2) such signs, one (1) facing each roadway, shall be permitted.

c. Projection: No sign shall project beyond the property line or be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road.

d. Height: No sign shall project higher than fifteen (15) feet above road grade at the required setback distance.

5.51-2 "For Sale" and "For Rent" Signs

a. Area, Location, and Number

No sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and there shall be not more than one (1) such sign per plot - except that on a corner plot two (2) signs, one (1) facing each road, shall be permitted providing they meet the required intersection setback distances.

b. Projection

No sign shall project beyond the property line or be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road.

c. Height

No sign shall project higher than fifteen (15) feet above road grade at the required setback distance.

d. Duration

The sign shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the property is sold or rented.

5.51-3 Business Signs Accessory to Roadside Stands

a. Content

The signs shall be only for the purpose of identification of the roadside stand and advertising the agricultural products for sale therewith.

b. Area and Number

No sign shall exceed twelve (12) square feet in area. The signs shall be on the same plot as the roadside stand, and there shall be not more than two (2) signs per plot.

c. Projection

No sign shall project beyond the property line or be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road.

d. Height

No sign shall project higher than fifteen (15) feet above road grade at the required setback distance.

5.52 Permitted Non-Flashing, Illuminated Signs

5.52-1 Bulletin Signs - Church bulletins and signs for public or quasi-public buildings

a. Area and Number

There shall be not more than one (1) sign per plot, except that on a corner plot, two (2) signs - one (1) facing each road - shall be permitted, providing they meet the required intersection setback distances. No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area nor be closer than fifteen (15) feet from any other lot.

b. Projection

No sign shall be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road.

c. Height

No sign shall project higher than fifteen (15) feet above the road grade at the required setback distance.

5.52-2 Business Signs

Business signs shall be permitted accessory to those Conditional Uses listed in their respective rural zoning districts. Such Business signs shall conform to the sign standards of the B-1 district.

5.52-3 Advertising Signs

Advertising signs shall be permitted on tracts of land where the principal use is the pursuit of agriculture, provided such signs conform with the other Bureau County Codes or Ordinances, Illinois Statutes, Illinois Department of Transportation regulations, and other regulations set forth as follows:

- a. One (1) advertising sign structure shall be permitted on a tract of land under single ownership or control having one thousand (1,000) lineal feet or greater of frontage on a county, state, or federal highway, and not more than one (1) additional advertising sign structure shall be permitted for each additional one thousand (1,000) lineal feet of highway frontage, provided that there is at least one thousand (1,000) feet between signs facing in the same direction on the same side of the highway.
- b. Where permitted by the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971, as amended, each advertising sign structure shall not exceed one thousand, two hundred (1,200) square feet in area, thirty (30) feet in height, and sixty (60) feet in length. This includes border and trim, but excludes ornamental base or apron, supports, and other structural members. The maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a sign or sign structure. A maximum of two (2) signs may be erected in a facing, in which event the facing shall be deemed to be (1) one sign, and the size of the facing may not exceed the dimensions listed above. Signs may be double faced, placed back to back, or V-type. The area shall be measured by the smallest square,

rectangle, triangle, circle or combination thereof which will encompass the entire sign.

- c. Location of the advertising signs shall be in accordance with the following:
 - (1) Not less than ten (10) feet from a property line abutting a federal or state highway and not less than one (1) foot from any other property line.
 - (2) Not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the nearest lot line of a residence or institutional building located in this district.

5.6 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise provided in the regulations of this Ordinance, the following provisions shall apply to all R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts.

5.61 Permitted Non-Illuminated Signs

a. Area and Number

For single-family and two-family dwellings - one (1) nameplate or one (1) home occupation sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area is permitted and may only indicate the name of the home occupation, address, phone number and hours open. No sign shall project beyond any property line or be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line. A building permit is required for a nameplate or home occupation sign.

A single identification sign may be displayed for multiple family dwellings and for buildings other than dwellings. Only the name and address of the building and the name of the management thereof may be contained on the sign. The sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.

b. Location and height

Such nameplates or home occupation signs may be affixed flat against the building, but not higher than ten (10) feet above average ground grade at the building walls or may also be located in a yard adjoining a street, provided that no sign shall project beyond any property line or

be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line and does not exceed four (4) feet in height. A building permit is required for a nameplate or home occupation sign.

c. Construction Signs

In connection with the construction or remodeling of a building, there shall be permitted one (1) sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area; on a corner plot, two (2) such signs, one (1) facing each roadway, shall be permitted. Said sign(s) shall be removed within two (2) weeks after completion of the structure indicated.

5.61-1 "For Sale" and "For Rent" Signs

a. Area and Number

There shall not be more than one (1) such sign per zoning lot, except that on a corner lot, two (2) signs, one (1) facing each street, shall be permitted. No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, nor be closer than eight (8) feet from the nearest lot line.

b. Location and Height

No sign shall be located higher than ten (10) feet above ground grade at the building walls. No sign shall project beyond the property line. Ground signs on corner lots shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

c. Duration

The sign shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the property is sold or rented.

5.62 Permitted Non-Flashing, Illuminated or Non-Illuminated Signs

5.62-1 Non-Residential Uses

One (1) identification sign affixed flat against a building wall and one (1) ground sign, which in both cases may be illuminated by non-flashing direct or indirect illuminations arranged in a manner that direct rays of light are not beamed onto adjoining lots and streets are permitted. On a corner lot, one (1) sign shall be permitted facing each street. Each sign shall contain not more than 0.1 square foot per lineal foot of lot width and the top of the sign

shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet above grade for ground signs or more than ten (10) feet above floor grade at entrance doorways when affixed to the wall of a building. Ground signs shall not be located nearer than twenty (20) feet from the nearest interior lot line and not less than one-half (½) the depth of the required yard from the nearest lot line adjoining a street. Ground signs on corner lots shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

5.62-2 Subdivision Identification

For entrances to subdivisions, one (1) identification sign per entrance, not exceeding fifty (50) square feet in area is allowed and must be located on private property. If illuminated, lights shall be shaded and intensity controlled so as not to cause a nuisance. Ground signs on corner lots shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

5.62-3 Bulletin Signs - Church bulletins and signs for public or quasi-public buildings

a. Area and Number

There shall be not more than one (1) sign per plot, except that on a corner plot, two (2) signs - one (1) facing each road - shall be permitted, providing they meet the required intersection setback distances. No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area nor be closer than fifteen (15) feet from any other lot.

b. Projection

No sign shall be nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a right-of-way line adjoining a road.

c. Height

No sign shall project higher than fifteen (15) feet above the road grade at the required setback distance.

5.62-4 Planned Residential Developments

In a Unified or Planned Development containing more than twelve (12) dwelling units, initially under single ownership or control, one (1) sign may be erected along each street frontage of the development. Such sign may be a ground sign or be attached to a building, and it shall contain not more than one hundred (100)

square feet of gross surface area. Such signs: (1) may be lighted with non-flashing illumination provided direct rays of light are not beamed into adjacent lots or streets; (2) shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet above grade; (3) shall not be located nearer than fifteen (15) feet from a street except they shall not be nearer than fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of two (2) streets and not nearer than twenty (20) feet from an adjoining lot line; and (4) shall be removed within six (6) months after completion of construction of the development, or nine (9) months after the cessation of sales effort for which the sign was intended - whichever is sooner. This time may be extended by mutual agreement between the Zoning Enforcing Officer and the owner or developer.

5.7 BUSINESS DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

5.71 Sign Regulations in All Business Districts

5.71-1 Permitted, Business Signs (On-Premise Signs)

All signs shall restrict subject matter to products, accommodations, services, or activities that are available or occur on the premises.

5.71-2 Permitted identification signs, advertising signs, special signs, and advertising devices shall be permitted in all Business districts subject to the regulations of this Ordinance.

5.71-3 Unified or Planned Development

In a Unified or Planned Development initially under single ownership or control, one (1) ground sign facing each street which identifies the name and address of the business complex and a bulletin area for advertising special features may be erected in addition to the signs affixed to the building walls. Such signs shall not be located nearer than ten (10) feet from a street, except they shall not be nearer than fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of two (2) streets and not nearer than one hundred (100) feet from an adjoining lot line.

5.72 Sign Regulations in B-1 and Former B-2 Business Districts

5.72-1 Area

The maximum gross area of all business signs on a lot shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet, or three (3) square feet per lineal foot, whichever is greater.

5.72-2 Height

- a. A ground or pole mounted sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- b. A ground or pole mounted sign, when located within fifty (50) feet of the intersection of two (2) or more streets, shall have its lowest level not less than ten (10) feet above grade, and when located within three (3) feet of a driveway, it shall have the lowest level so that it shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

5.72-3 Projection

In any B-1 Business district where buildings are located at the front property line, signs may project provided they extend no more than eight (8) feet beyond the building line nor closer than two (2) feet from the curb line of any street or highway, whichever is less. Also, signs shall not conflict with current Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

5.72-4 Illumination and Motion

In the B-1 zoning district, no illuminated sign shall be of the flashing, animated, or intermittent type, except that advertising devices denoting the time, temperature, and other similar information shall not be considered a flashing sign for the purposes of this Ordinance. Signs which may be in conflict with public traffic signals shall not be permitted. Lights shall be shaded and intensity controlled so as not to cause a nuisance or distract motor vehicle drivers or pedestrians. The intensity of light projected onto said property shall not exceed one (1) foot candle.

5.72-5 "For Sale" and "For Rent" Signs

a. Area and Number

There shall not be more than one (1) such sign per zoning lot, except that on a corner lot, two (2) signs, one (1) facing each street, shall be permitted. No sign shall exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in area, nor be closer than eight (8) feet from the nearest lot line.

b. Location and Height

No sign shall be located higher than ten (10) feet above average ground grade at the building walls. No sign shall project beyond the property line. Ground signs on corner lots shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

c. Duration

The sign shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the property is sold or rented.

5.72-6 Conditional Uses

Advertising signs may be permitted in the rear yard of a B-1 district when approved by the County Board upon application, and provided that such signs meet all other requirements of this Ordinance.

5.73 Sign Regulations in B-3 Highway Business Districts

5.73-1 Area

- a. The maximum gross area of all business signs on a lot in B-3 Business districts shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet, or three (3) square feet per lineal foot of building facade, whichever is greater.
- b. In any B-3 district located adjacent to a limited access highway, signs oriented to such traffic may exceed the maximum gross surface area indicated above, providing the signs are located within six hundred and sixty (660) feet of the limited access highway right-of-way line and are approved by the Zoning Enforcing Officer, providing this is not in conflict with Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

5.73-2 Height

- a. A ground or pole mounted sign shall not exceed the maximum height limit of structures in the district in which the sign is located.
- b. A ground or pole-mounted sign when located within fifty (50) feet of the intersection of two (2) or more streets, or within three (3) feet of a driveway, shall have its lowest level so located so as not to obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.
- c. In any B-3 district adjoining a limited access highway, illuminated ground signs may exceed thirty (30) feet in height, provided the signs are oriented to freeway traffic, and provided that the sign will not interfere with the use or development of nearby residential areas. In all installations, signs shall conform with Illinois Department of Transportation requirements.

5.73-3 Projection

Signs suspended from a building may project up to eight (8) feet beyond the required building line but in no case shall they project closer than two (2) feet from the right-of-way line of any street or highway. Also, signs shall not conflict with current Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

5.73-4 Illumination and Motion

In the B-3 zoning district, any sign permitted in these districts may be illuminated and contain moving parts. However, no sign will be permitted that does not comply with Section 5.42 - General Sign Regulations, or creates a nuisance to neighboring areas.

5.73-5 Spacing Between Advertising Sign Structures

1. No sign shall be erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of an official traffic sign, signal, or device, if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the official sign. Also, no sign shall be erected or maintained within one thousand (1,000) feet of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the traffic.

2. On Interstate highways or expressways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the roadway shall be erected less than five hundred (500) feet apart.
3. With the exception of Agriculturally zoned property, along county, state, or federal highways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the highway shall be erected less than three hundred (300) feet apart outside of municipalities and not less than one hundred (100) feet apart inside municipalities under County zoning jurisdiction.
4. A sign structure may have one (1) or two (2) facings with a maximum of two (2) signs per facing. Back to back, V-type, and side by side signs shall be treated as single sign structures.
5. The foregoing requirements on spacing between structures shall not apply to structures which are separated or screened by buildings, natural surroundings, or other obstructions if only one (1) sign facing located within such distance is visible at any one (1) time.

5.73-6 Advertising signs may not be located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of the nearest lot line of a residence located in a residential district.

5.8 MANUFACTURING DISTRICT SIGN REGULATIONS

5.81 Accessory business signs or advertising signs in Manufacturing districts are permitted subject to the following:

5.81-1 Area and Number (Industrial Parks)

For Industrial Parks, one (1) business sign on each street frontage shall be permitted. Such sign shall advertise only the name and location of such Industrial Park. It shall be not less than ten (10) feet from any lot line of such Industrial Park and have a gross surface area of not more than one hundred (100) square feet.

5.81-2 Location and Height

- a. Business signs shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from a lot line adjoining a street, and if located within three (3) feet of a sidewalk, driveway, or parking area on the lot or adjoining lot; or within fifty (50) feet, or a greater distance if

required by Illinois Statutes, of the intersection of two (2) or more streets; shall be a minimum height so as not to obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

- b. Advertising signs may not be located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of the nearest lot line of a residence located in a residential district.

5.81-3 Projection

In any Manufacturing district, business and identification signs may project provided they extend no more than eight (8) feet beyond the building line nor beyond the adjoining street right-of-way line. Signs shall not conflict with current Illinois Department of Transportation regulations.

5.81-4 Illumination and Motion

In the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts, any sign permitted in these districts may be illuminated and contain moving parts. However, no sign will be permitted that does not comply with Section 5.42 - General Sign Regulations, or creates a nuisance to neighboring areas.

5.81-5 Canopies and Awnings

Signs on canopies and awnings shall be exempt from the limitations imposed by this Ordinance on the projection of signs from the face of the wall of any structure, provided that any sign located on the awning shall be non-illuminated and non-flashing and shall be affixed flat to the surface thereof and shall indicate only the name and/or address of the establishment. Further, no such sign shall extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of said awning.

5.81-6 "For Sale" and "For Rent" Signs

- a. Area and Number

There shall not be more than one (1) such sign per zoning lot, except that on a corner lot, two (2) signs, one (1) facing each street, shall be permitted. No sign shall exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area, nor be closer than eight (8) feet from the nearest lot line.

b. Location and Height

No sign shall be located higher than ten (10) feet above average ground grade at the building walls. No sign shall project beyond the property line. Ground signs on corner lots shall not obstruct motor vehicle driver or pedestrian views.

c. Duration

The sign shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the property is sold or rented.

5.81-7 Advertising Sign Structures

- a. Where permitted by the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971, as amended, each advertising sign structure shall not exceed one thousand, two hundred (1,200) square feet in area, thirty (30) feet in height, and sixty (60) feet in length. This includes border and trim, but excludes ornamental base or apron, supports, and other structural members. The maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a sign or sign structure. A maximum of two (2) signs may be erected in a facing, in which event the facing may not exceed the dimensions listed above. Signs may be double faced, placed back to back, or V-type. The area shall be measured by the smallest square, rectangle, triangle, circle or combination thereof which will encompass the entire sign.
- b. Where permitted by the Manual, each advertising sign shall be located not closer than ten (10) feet from a property line abutting a federal, state, county, or township highway, and not less than one (1) foot from any other property line.
- c. No advertising sign shall be located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of a Residential district boundary line, unless otherwise provided.
- d. Roof signs are not permitted, except that signs on a roof surface, which are normally required for aviation direction or safety, are permitted.
- e. Spacing between advertising sign structures:

1. No sign shall be erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of an official traffic sign, signal, or device, if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the official sign. Also, no sign shall be erected or maintained within one thousand (1,000) feet of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic if it obscures or interferes with a driver's view of the traffic.
2. On Interstate highways or expressways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the roadway shall be erected less than five hundred (500) feet apart.
3. With the exception of Agriculturally zoned property, along county, state, or federal highways, no two (2) sign structures on the same side of the highway shall be erected less than three hundred (300) feet apart outside of municipalities and not less than one hundred (100) feet apart inside municipalities under County zoning jurisdiction.