

IDAHO FALLS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT



Community  
Development  
Services

**Sign Code Amendments**  
**June 19, 2018**

**Applicant:** City  
of Idaho Falls

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed  
Amendment  
Language

**Staff Recommendation:** To **recommend** to the Mayor and City Council approval of the amendment language to the Sign Code.

**Staff Comments:** As staff has used this code for the past four years there have been needs to make some adjustments. The following are proposed changes in the Sign Code.

1. 7-9-10E. Clarifying who can be issued a permanent sign permit and the required documents. The original language would require a licensed sign contractor to pull permit for portable signs as well. The new language would now allow business owners to be issued permits for portable signs.
2. 7-9-12 Definitions. As the tables at the end of the code were changed it required a reworking of some of the definitions, as well as, adding some additional definitions. The following definitions have been changed or added:
  - a. Commercial Heavy Zone
  - b. Commercial, Industrial/Manufacturing
  - c. Commercial Light Zone
  - d. Commercial Neighborhood Zone
  - e. Residential, Multi-unit Dwelling Zones
  - f. Residential, Single-unit Dwelling Zones
  - g. Residential, Low Density
  - h. Residential, Medium Density
  - i. Residential, High Density
  - j. Sign, Building (This definition was added to help clarify calculation of signs and determine what is allowed)
  - k. Sign, Window (This definition was added to address changes in available products such as window wraps.)
3. 7-9-41G. Adding the allowance of portable signs to the R&D zone along approved arterial corridors. Adds Holmes Avenue as an approved arterial corridor. The R&D Zone has an expanded use in the new Zoning Ordinance. The intent is to treat this zone similarly to professional office uses in regard to portable signs. Holmes is being added to the list of approved arterials for portable signs. This would apply to all properties zones R3A, PB, PT and R&D. There have been properties with these designations that would like to utilize portable signs but currently can't. In our public outreach four years ago Holmes Avenue was identified as a street that might be included allowed arterial but staff felt we should start off more restrictive to see the impacts of the changes we made on the other arterials.

1. 7-9-43. Clarifying where Electronic Message Center Signs and Changeable Copy Panels are allowed. With the changes in the tables and definitions this paragraph needed to be reworked to address those changes. Additionally, the proposed changes to 7-943J would require these changes to be made.
2. 7-9-43J. Adding the allowance of EMC signs to the R&D zone along approved arterial corridors. Adds Holmes Avenue as an approved arterial corridor. These changes are similar to that of 7-9-41G regarding portable signs and for the same reasons.
3. 7-9-48. Height regulations of projection and awning signs in the CC zone. These regulations existed in the previous but were inadvertently removed. The intent is to reestablish these regulations.
4. 7-9-49. Moving the regulations of Billboard out of the table and into the code text. Consists of some renumbering. The billboard regulations will not change but be moved from being located in the tables to text within the code.
5. Reformatting of all of the tables. The tables were difficult to navigate and the intent is to help clarify allowed signage for the zones.

## CHAPTER 9 SIGN CODE

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7-9-1: TITLE OF CHAPTER: This Chapter shall be known as the "Sign Code."  
(Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-2: PURPOSE: The Council hereby finds and declares that it is necessary to regulate the construction, erection, maintenance, electrification, illumination, type, size, number, and location of signs to protect the health, safety, property, and welfare of the public, improve the neat, clean, orderly, and attractive appearance of the City; provide for the safe erection and maintenance of signs; eliminate signs that demand, rather than invite, public attention; and provide for sign needs of special areas, facilities, centers, and districts. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-3: ENFORCEMENT: The Community Development Services Department shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Code. The Community Development Services Department shall inspect each sign for which a permit has been issued and shall require the proper maintenance of all signs subject to the provisions of this Code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, an agent of the Community Development Services Department may enter at reasonable times any building, structure, or premises in the City to perform any duty imposed by this Code. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15)

7-9-4: CITY LICENSE REQUIRED: It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to erect or to engage in the business of erecting any sign as herein defined within the corporate limits of the City of Idaho Falls unless such person, partnership, or corporation shall have obtained a license from the City of Idaho Falls authorizing him or it to do sign contracting, or unless such persons are expressly exempted from the provisions hereof. Application for permits to erect signs will be accepted and permits granted only to such persons, partnership, or corporation as are licensed by the City of Idaho Falls to perform such sign contracting.

7-9-5: APPLICATIONS: Application for such license shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the City Clerk. The application shall contain such information as may be required by the Community Development Services Department to determine compliance with this ordinance. (Ord. 04-23-15)

7-9-6: FEES: : Fees for contractor's license shall be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council and shall not be prorated for portions of a year for renewal of license. (Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-7:           **BOND REQUIRED:** No contractor shall be issued a permit for the erection of a sign in the City until such person shall have filed with the City Clerk a bond in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council conditioned upon compliance with this Sign Code. (Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-8:           **BOND TO BE EXECUTED BY QUALIFIED SURETY:** All bonds shall be executed by a qualified surety company licensed to do business in the State of Idaho and shall be conditioned upon the faithful observance of the ordinances of the City of Idaho Falls now or hereafter enacted relating to the erection and maintenance of signs, to save and keep harmless the City of Idaho Falls, its officials, and employees from all damages, liabilities, losses or judgments that may be recovered against the City by reason of negligent erection of any of the aforesaid signs, or negligent maintenance of any sign owned by, or maintained by such sign contractor.

7-9-9:           **INSURANCE POLICY:** All licensees are required to furnish to the Clerk a copy of an insurance policy insuring the licensee against loss by reason of liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage caused by or arising out of the licensed activity. The City and its officers and agents must be named as additional insured under the policy. The amount of such insurance shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for injury or death to one (1) person nor less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for injury or death to more than one (1) person in any one (1) occurrence, nor less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for property damage. Said policy shall not be cancelable unless ten (10) days' prior written notice is given to the City. If said policy lapses, is canceled, or otherwise becomes ineffective, the license shall automatically and forthwith become void and of no effect, and the Clerk is not required to give notice thereof to the licensee. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-10:           **SIGN PERMIT REQUIRED:**

—(A) Subject to the provisions of this Sign Code, no sign shall be erected, re-erected, constructed, altered, or maintained, except as provided by this Sign Code and a permit for the same has been issued by the Community Development Services Department. A separate permit shall be required for each person or entity erecting a sign or signs and a separate permit shall be required for each separate sign on a single supporting structure.

(B) The following shall not be considered signs as defined and regulated by this Sign Code:

(1) Traffic and other municipal signs (including those shown within the City's Signage and Wayfinding Program), house numbers, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and warning signs and state, and federal highway signs.

(2) Memorial tablets or tablets containing the name, date, erection, and use of the buildings, when built into the walls of the buildings and constructed of bronze, brass, marble, stone, or other non-combustible materials.

(C) No illuminated or floodlighted sign shall be connected to the electrical wiring source unless an electrical permit has been issued by the Building Official or designee.

(D) Conversion of a sign face from a conventional sign or billboard to a tri-vision, LED sign or billboard, or other multiple message sign will require a sign permit.

(E) No permanent sign permit shall be issued to any person other than a licensed sign contractor. All sign permit requests shall be accompanied-submitted with ~~two~~one (21) complete sets of drawings and specifications.

(F) A sign permit shall be required for the following signs but no fee will be charged for non-illuminated and non-floodlighted flat signs, wall signs, and freestanding signs having an area not in excess of one hundred square feet (100 ft<sup>2</sup>) when placed at the site of a building under construction or demolition provided that not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected on each street frontage and also provided said signs are not erected more than sixty (60) days prior to commencement of construction or demolition and are removed within thirty (30) days after completion thereof.

(Ord. 2669, 09-29-06; Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-11: MESSAGE SUBSTITUTION: A noncommercial message may be substituted for any commercial message or for any noncommercial message. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-12: DEFINITIONS: The words and terms used in this Sign Code shall have the meanings indicated below.

**AWNING:** An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity, or decoration and is wholly supported by the building to which it is attached. An awning is comprised of lightweight, rigid skeleton over which a covering is attached.

**BLANKETING:** The partial or complete shutting off of the face of one sign by another sign.

**BUILDING:** Any structure built for the support, shelter, and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

**BUILDING FACADE:** That portion of an exterior elevation of a building extending from grade to the top of the parapet wall or eaves and the entire width of the building elevation.

**CANOPY:** An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity, or decoration and is supported by the building to which it is attached and at the outer end by not less than one (1) stanchion. A canopy is comprised of a rigid structure over which a covering is attached.

**CHANGEABLE COPY PANEL:** A panel which is characterized by changeable copy, regardless of method of attachment.

**COMMERCIAL ~~HEAVY~~-ZONE:** ~~Heavy e~~Commercial zones shall be the PB, LC, HC, and CC zones as well as the PT overlay.

~~COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL/MANUFACTURING/SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONE: Industrial/manufacturing commercial zones shall be the LM, and I&M, and R&D zones.~~

~~COMMERCIAL, LIGHT ZONE: Light commercial zones shall be the PT/Commercial Uses, LC, and CC zones.~~

~~COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE: Neighborhood commercial zones shall be the R&D zones.~~

**DISSOLVE:** A mode of message transition accomplished by varying the light intensity or pattern, where the first message gradually appears to dissipate and lose legibility simultaneously with the gradual appearance and legibility of the second message.

**FADE:** A mode of message transition accomplished by varying the light intensity, where the first message gradually reduces intensity to the point of not being legible and the subsequent message gradually increases the intensity to the point of legibility.

**FOOTCANDLE:** A unit of illumination produced on a surface all points of which are one (1) foot from a uniform point source equivalent to one (1) candle brightness of illumination.

**FRONTAGE:** The lineal measurement of a lot or building, whichever is less, facing upon a street. In shopping centers, frontage for each separate store shall be based on the width of the front of each business. For the shopping center as a whole, frontage shall be based on the total lineal footage of all building frontage onto a street.

**HABITABLE:** For purposes of this ordinance, habitable means those areas of a building which are approved under building and fire code for human occupancy and are located at or above ground level.

**HEIGHT (OF SIGN):** The distance from the base of the sign at grade to the highest attached component of the sign.

**MAINTENANCE:** Every sign shall be maintained in complete operating condition and in good safety and repair. No broken, bent, cracked, decayed, dented, leaning, splintered, ripped, torn, twisted, or signs in danger of falling shall be allowed. The landscaped area in which any sign is placed shall be kept free from weeds, garbage, and debris. Maintenance includes the repair of facades where signs have been removed, the painting, cleaning, and repairing of the sign. Maintenance does not include structural alterations, cosmetic, or style changes or enlargements of face changes.

**MARQUEE:** A permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting over public right-of-way.

**NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL:** Any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of 1200 degrees F during an exposure of five (5) minutes and will not continue to burn

or glow at that temperature. Tests for determining combustibility shall conform to the ASTM E136-79.

PERSON: A person, association, partnership or corporation, trust or any other entity recognized by law.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ZONE: Professional office zones shall be the R-3A and PB zones.

~~RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-UNIT DWELLING ZONES: Multi-unit dwelling residential zones shall be the R2, R3, and PT/High Density Residential zones.~~

~~RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING ZONES: Residential single-unit dwelling zones shall be the RP, R1, and RMH zones.~~

RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY: Low density residential zones shall include the RE, RP, and R1 zones.

RESIDENTIAL, HIGH DENSITY: High density residential zones shall include the R3 and R3A zones.

RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY: Medium density residential zones shall include the R2, TN, and RMH zones.

SIGN: A name, identification, description, display, or illustration, which is affixed to, painted, or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, or other outdoor surface which directs attention to or is designed or intended to direct attention to a sign face or to an object, product, place, activity, person, institution, organization or business.

SCROLL: A mode of message transition where the message appears to move vertically across the display surface.

SIGN, ANIMATED: A sign depicting action, motion, light, or color changes through electrical or mechanical means. Includes the use of sequential switching on and off of graphically arranged fluorescent lamps, cathode tubes, LEDs, or incandescent bulbs so as to provide the illusion of movement.

SIGN, AWNING: Any sign that is a part of an awning, canopy, or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area.

SIGN, BACKGROUND: The entire area of a sign upon which copy is placed.

SIGN, BUILDING: Any sign that is permanently attached to a building including: wall signs, awning signs, projecting sign, window signs, and roof signs.

SIGN, BILLBOARD: An off-premise sign supported by one (1) or more upright columns or braces in or upon the ground having either a solid background used for pasting of a sign, a display device capable of presenting three (3) separate images sequentially by rotating triangular devices,



or a programmable display that has the capability, through light emitting diodes (LED) technology, to present text or symbolic imagery.

**SIGN, CLOTH:** Any sign executed upon or composed on any flexible fabric.

**SIGN, COPY AREA:** The area within the outer boundaries of standard geometrical shapes (primarily squares, rectangles, and circles) containing and defined by the extreme limits of writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material, lighting, or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed but not including any framework, supports, structure, or wall.

**SIGN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER:** A sign that utilizes computer-generated messages or some other electronic means of changing copy. These signs include, but are not limited to, displays using incandescent lamps, LEDs, LCDs, or a flipper matrix.

**SIGN, ENTRANCE:** A sign located within the front setback at the entrance to a property zoned commercial or a sign located ~~at~~at the entrance to a subdivision or development within residential zones.

**SIGN, FLASHING:** A sign which uses strobe lights, rotary beacons, zip lights, flashing lights, or signs illuminated in such a way they appear to flash.

**SIGN, FREESTANDING POLE:** A sign which is supported by one (1) or more columns upright or braces in or upon the ground.

**SIGN, ILLUMINATED:** A sign in which an internal or external source of light is used in order to make the message or sign visible.

**SIGN, MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT:** Signs that identify large commercially zoned areas, adjacent to arterial streets, and that are intended to be developed together according to an approved Master Land Use Plan.

**SIGN, MARQUEE:** Any sign attached to or made an integral part of a marquee.

**SIGN, MONUMENT:** A free-standing sign where the sign face is supported by a continuous and solid base that extends the full length of the sign face.

**SIGN, NON-COMBUSTIBLE:** A sign that is constructed entirely of non-combustible material.

**SIGN, OFF PREMISE:** Any sign which directs attention to a use, products, commodity or service not related to the premises on which it is located.

**SIGN, ON PREMISE:** A sign promoting any service, product, or business located, sold or available on the premises upon which the sign is located.

**SIGN, PORTABLE:** Any sign not permanently attached to a permanent structure.

**SIGN, PROJECTING:** Any sign attached to a building or structure and extending perpendicularly from said building or structure.

**SIGN, REVOLVING:** A sign which has vertical or horizontal rotation of any of its parts by mechanical means.

**SIGN, ROOF:** Any sign erected upon or supported by a parapet or roof of a building.

**SIGN, SPECIALTY:** Signs placed in the public right-of-way through programs administered by the Airport or Parks and Recreation Departments.

**SIGN, STRUCTURE:** Any structure which supports any sign as defined in this Code.

**SIGN, WALL:** A sign affixed to a wall of a building or structure and which projects not more than eighteen (18) inches over public property from the building or structure wall and which does not extend above the parapet, eaves or building facade of the building on which it is located.

**SIGN, WINDOW:** Any permanent or semi-permanent sign affixed to a building's windows such as vinyl wraps and lettering. This excludes hours of operations notifications.

**TRANSITION:** A visual effect used to change from one message to another.

**TRAVEL:** A mode of message transition where the message appears to be move horizontally across the display surface.

**TRIM, NON-STRUCTURAL:** Molding, battens, capes, nailing strips, latticing, cutouts or letters and walkways which are attached to a sign structure.

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE:** The officially adopted building code of the City of Idaho Falls. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 2669, 9-29-06; Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04-12-18)

7-9-13: **PASTING AND TACKING PROHIBITED:** No sign shall be pasted or glued directly on any exterior wall or roof or affixed directly on any exterior wall or roof by means of any similar adhesive substance. No paper or cloth sign shall be tacked directly on any exterior wall or roof.

7-9-14: **NOISE SIGNS PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful to use in connection with any sign or to use for advertising purposes any radio, phonograph, whistle, bell or any other sound or noise making or transmitting device or instrument for the purpose of commercial advertising.

7-9-15: **ANIMATED SIGNS AND FLASHING SIGNS PROHIBITED:** Any person who constructs or uses a flashing sign within the City is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-16: OFF-PREMISE SIGNS PROHIBITED: All off-premise signs are prohibited, except for Billboards allowed pursuant to this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-17: MARQUEE SIGNS: Any person who constructs or uses a marquee sign over public property within the City is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-18: COPY AREA: Copy area of a building facade or of multiple copy signs shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the background facing to which it is applied. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-19: NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AND THEIR REMOVAL: Signs in existence on the date of enactment of this Sign Code which do not conform to the provisions of this Sign Code, but which were constructed, erected, affixed or maintained in compliance with all previous regulations, shall be regarded as non-conforming signs which may be continued from the effective date of this Sign Code, but shall not be structurally altered, relocated, or replaced without immediately being brought into compliance with all the provisions of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-20: VARIANCES: The purpose of this Sign Code is to require signs necessary to advise the traveler and resident of the services and products available on premises be related to the size of the building housing such goods and services. A person may seek a variance to the provisions of this Sign Code governing the height or permitted square footage of the copy area for on- premise signs by following the procedures outlined in the City Zoning Code. The Board of Adjustment may grant a variance for signs regulated by this Sign Code if it finds the proposed sign:

- (1) Does not negatively impact its neighborhood environment or aesthetics and is absolutely necessary to ~~adequately~~adequately identify the premises.
- (2) The frontage of the building upon which the maximum permitted sign size is based is disproportionately small in comparison to the floor area or size of the building associated with such sign; or
- (3) Is historically significant to the community.

A variance may not be granted to the standards or findings required under Sections 7-9-43, 7-9-48, and 7-9-49 or for the spacing standards for Billboard locations found in Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-21: SIGNS OVER STREETS PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any sign over any street or alley, except as herein expressly provided. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-22: SIGNS NOT TO COVER WINDOWS, DOORS OR SIMILAR OPENINGS: No sign shall cover a window, doorway, or other opening providing light or ventilation or exit facilities which are required by the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code or

International Fire Code to be necessary to give access to the building, or to afford fire protection in the event of a fire; provided, however, that flat signs, wall signs, cloth signs and projecting signs may cover transoms. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-23: **BLANKETING:** To prevent blanketing, no wall sign shall be erected to project more than eighteen (18) inches over public property. Projection shall be measured from the facing of the structure to which the sign is attached and shall be parallel thereto. No outdoor advertising sign shall be placed in such a manner so as to obscure an existing sign. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-24: **SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:** It shall be unlawful for any person to fasten or attach, paint, or place any sign, handbill, poster, advertisement, or notice of any kind or sort, or to cause the same to be done in or upon the curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge or tree, or in or upon any portion of any sidewalk or street. It shall be unlawful to paste, place, paint, or attach any sign defined in this Sign Code on any building, street, or property of the City, except as provided by this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-25: **SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:** It shall be unlawful for any person to fasten or attach, paint, or place, any sign as defined in this Sign Code upon any private wall, window, door, gate, fence, or sign upon any other personal property without the consent of the owner or lessee, or someone authorized to act on behalf of such owner or lessee. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-26: **MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS:** Signs regulated by this Sign Code shall be maintained in good visual appearance and structural condition at all times. The Community Development Services Department and its agents shall not be liable for the negligence or failure of the owner, or the person responsible for maintaining any sign, to keep such sign in good condition. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-27: **REMOVAL OF SIGNS:** Any person occupying a building or portion of a building, who owns or maintains a sign in connection therewith shall, upon vacating the premises, or discontinuing the business advertised, cause the sign to be removed. Any person who owns and maintains a sign which is maintained for the benefit of another person who occupies a building or part of a building whereon the sign is located shall cause the sign to be removed if the person for whom the sign is maintained vacates the premises. Failure of the owner of the sign or of the person responsible for maintaining same to remove the sign within thirty (30) days after notice from the Community Development Services Department shall be considered as a violation of this Sign Code and shall subject the owner of the sign and the owner of the property to the penalties herein. If a sign is advantageous to pending sale of premises, permission may be granted, upon written proof of pending sale, to lease said sign on premises for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, provided all copy is removed leaving a blank background area. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-28: **SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH ZONING CODE:** All signs shall be erected and maintained in full compliance with this Sign Code and the Zoning Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-29: REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS:

- (A) Any sign not in conformance with the provision of this Sign Code and/or which was erected or installed without a permit, shall be removed within thirty (30) days upon notification by the Community Development Services Department.
- (B) The provisions of Section 7-9-19 shall apply to such non-conforming signs.
- (C) Any existing sign, conforming to the provisions of this Sign Code relative to size and location, but non-conforming to structural requirements shall be removed or replaced within one (1) year upon written notice from the City. However, if they are deemed to be a hazard or more than fifty percent (50%) damaged, they shall be removed or repaired in accordance with the structural requirements of this Sign Code within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the City.
- (D) Any sign determined to be abandoned shall be removed within thirty (30) days of notification by the Community Development Services Department to the property owner and/or owner of the business advertisement and or owner of the sign.

(Ord. 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-30: COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS: It is unlawful for any person erecting any sign or other advertising structure to fail to comply strictly with the requirements of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-31: ERECTION OF SIGNS OVER PUBLIC STREETS OR SIDEWALKS - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: Whenever any sign or other advertising structure shall be erected in whole or in part on or over any public street or sidewalk, the person or persons performing the work shall, before proceeding to erect the same, take all precautions necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property on such street or sidewalk. Before hoisting any material above the surface of any street or sidewalk or placing any material upon the traveled portion of any street or sidewalk, the persons or person performing such work shall exclude the traveling public from the portion of such street or sidewalk in which such work is to be done by means of suitable barriers, protected walkways and/or other adequate warning devices. The Community Development Services Department may require the owner or sign contractor to provide a guard or guards to exclude all persons not concerned in the performance of the work from the portion of the street or sidewalk in which the work is to proceed. When hoisting any sign or advertising structure above the surface of any street or sidewalk, the same shall be accomplished by hoisting devices with proper design and adequate capacity to accomplish the work in accordance with established engineering practices, all of which hoisting equipment shall be kept and maintained in good and workable condition. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-32: PROMULGATION OF SAFETY REGULATIONS: The Director of the Community Development Services Department may establish such rules and regulations as reasonably necessary to protect the public from injury in the course of the erection of signs and other advertising structures and when such regulations are established, all holders of sign permits

shall comply strictly therewith. Such regulations shall be filed with the Clerk. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-33:       **HEIGHT OF SIGNS:** No sign shall exceed the height limitations established for each zone as set forth in this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-34:       **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR LAND DEVELOPMENT SIGN:** A sign of no greater than one hundred square feet (100 sq. ft.) and fifteen feet (15') in height in commercial zones, and no greater than thirty two square feet (32 sq. ft.) and fifteen feet (15') in height in residential zones may be erected on sites on which a construction project is under development. Such sign may be erected no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the construction project and removed within thirty (30) days after such construction is completed. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-35:       **SPORTS FIELD FENCING SIGN:** Signs placed on sports field fencing may be allowed provided the sign does not exceed the height of the fence and shall be permissible only on the field side of the fence facing the playing field. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-36:       **SPECIALTY SIGN:** A specialty sign may be hung over public streets or walks after approval by the Director of the Community Development Services Department. (Ord. 3003, 03-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-37:       **ELECTRIC SIGN:** All signs which utilize or are illuminated by electricity shall comply with the most current City-adopted edition of the National Electrical Code and International Fire Code. An electric sign must have the installer's name, address, date of installation, and the listing label affixed to the sign in such a manner that it can be easily read from the ground using only the naked eye. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-38:       **SHOPPING CENTER SIGN:** One (1) free standing sign is permitted on each street frontage. Where there is more than four hundred and fifty feet (450') of street frontage a second free standing sign is allowed (maximum of two (2)), and must be three hundred and thirty feet (330') from any other free standing sign on the same side of the street. The size and height shall be the same as allowed for a Free Standing Pole Sign within that Zone. The design and construction of the free standing signs shall be integrated with the architecture of the on-site buildings by the use of similar construction materials and colors as used in the building(s). Separate buildings within multi-tenant developments that are within seventy five feet (75') of the public right-of-way are allowed one (1) monument style sign with a maximum height of six feet (6') and a maximum copy area of thirty two square feet (32 sq. ft.). The spacing between these monument signs must be a minimum of one hundred feet (100'), and the sign must be located in a landscaped strip of at least seven feet (7') by ten feet (10'). Electronic message centers are not allowed to be a part of these monument signs. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-39:       **SIGNS, ZONES PERMITTED AND CONTROLS:** Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code are hereby made a part of this section by reference. It is unlawful for any person to erect or otherwise install a sign having a size or height greater than allowed in Sign Code Tables 1-7. It is

unlawful for any person to erect or otherwise install a sign located on the site or in a zone in violation of the controls specified in -Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-40:       **SIGNS ERECTED IN COMMERCIAL ZONES:** All signs erected in commercial zones shall have all structural members made entirely of non-combustible material except as otherwise permitted in this Sign Code. The display panel face of light-transmitting signs shall be made of approved plastics as specified in the International Building Code. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-41:       **PORTABLE SIGN:** One (1) portable freestanding sign is permitted per business, maximum allowable area twelve square feet (12 sq. ft.) per side if the sign is double faced. Such signs must be placed on private property and must conform to location requirements of this Sign Code and the Zoning Code. In addition, all portable signs shall comply with the following requirements:

- (A)   The maximum height shall not exceed six feet (6’), except where the sign is within fifteen feet (15’) of the public right-of-way the maximum height shall not exceed three feet (3’).
- (B)   All signs shall be located in such a way that sight clearance is not impeded for motorists or pedestrians, as set forth in the Zoning Code.
- (C)   All signs shall be properly maintained by the business owner or proprietor.
- (D)   All signs and their internal components shall conform to the standards of Underwriter's Laboratories (or other testing laboratories approved by the Community Development Services Department) for the conditions of use involved.
- (E)   All signs shall be firmly mounted to the building or securely to the ground to avoid hazards associated with movement of any kind.
- (F)   Permits for placement of such signs shall be the responsibility of the sign owner. Permit applications shall include a site plan and wiring plan.
- (G)   Properties zoned R-3A, PB, R&D, and PT shall be allowed a portable sign in accordance with the standards outlined in this Section when located adjacent to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Channing Way, Broadway Avenue, Hitt Road, Sunnyside Road, Woodruff Avenue, Holmes Avenue, or Yellowstone Highway.

(Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04012-18)

7-9-42:       **REVOLVING POLE SIGN:** One horizontal revolving interior illuminated non-flashing pole sign, per business shall be permitted provided said sign conforms to all other provisions of this Sign Code relating to a non-rotating pole sign and does not exceed ten (10) RPM. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-43: ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS AND CHANGEABLE COPY PANELS: Electronic message center signs and changeable copy signs shall be permitted within an on-premise freestanding pole or wall sign in ~~all~~ commercial zones, except ~~in PT/Commercial, and R&D zones~~ as provided in this Sign Code. Electronic message center signs shall not be permitted in the downtown area bounded on the north by and including G Street, on the west by and including Memorial Drive, on the east by the extended north-south alleyway located between Yellowstone Highway and Shoup Avenue, and on the south by and including Broadway.

- (A) The sign copy area of an electronic message center sign and changeable copy sign shall be counted in the permissible wall or freestanding pole sign copy area. The face area of such sign shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the applicable total allowable sign or two hundred and fifty square feet (250 sq. ft.), whichever is less.
- (B) The design and construction of electronic message centers shall be integrated into the architecture of the on-site buildings by the use of similar construction materials and colors as used in the building(s).
- (C) The displays on copy areas of electronic message center signs shall be limited to static displays or messages that appear or disappear from the display through dissolve, fade, or instantaneous modes but which may otherwise not have movement, appearance or optical illusion of movement.
- (D) Each message on the sign must be displayed for a minimum of six (6) seconds.
- (E) Each message transition must be accomplished within 0.5 second.
- (F) Each electronic message center shall be equipped with a photocell dimmer to automatically dim with changes in ambient light. When requesting a permit for an electronic message center, the applicant shall submit documentation certifying the sign is equipped with a photocell dimmer and the dimmer shall be used at all times the sign is in operation.
- (G) The night-time illumination of electronic message centers shall conform to the following criteria. The difference between off and solid-message measurements of an electronic message center shall not exceed 0.3 footcandles at night, applicable one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. The illuminance of an electronic message center shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure footcandles accurate to at least two (2) decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off, and again with the sign displaying a white image, for a full color-capable sign, or a solid message for a single-color sign. All measurements shall be taken perpendicular to the face of the electronic message center at the distance determined by the total square footage of the sign as set forth in the following table:



Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.	Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.
10	32	90	95
15	39	95	97
20	45	100	100
25	50	110	105
30	55	120	110
35	59	130	114
40	63	140	118
45	67	150	122
50	71	160	126
55	74	170	130
60	77	180	134
65	81	190	138
70	84	200	141
75	87	220	148
80	89	240	155
85	92	250	158

For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula:  $\text{Measurement Distance} = \sqrt{\text{Area of Sign sq. ft.} \times 100}$

- (H) Prior to the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall provide written certification from the sign manufacturer that the night-time illuminance has been factory pre-set not to exceed the allowed footcandles and is protected from end-user manipulation by password-protected software or other method as deemed appropriate by the Director of the Community Development Services Department. The applicant shall also sign documentation provided by the Community Development Services Department stating he/she has read and agrees to the standards set forth in this section.
- (I) One electronic message center sign or changeable copy sign shall be allowed per sign structure.
- (J) Electronic message signs and changeable copy signs shall be permitted as an on-premise freestanding pole or wall sign in an R-3A, PB, R&D and PT/~~Commercial~~ zone only when such sign meets the following standards:
  - (1) The sign is placed within the front setback adjacent to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Broadway Avenue, Channing Way, Hitt Road, Sunnyside Road, Woodruff Avenue, or Yellowstone Highway;
  - (2) The sign is at least one hundred feet (100') from the nearest single- family residential zone;

- (3) The sign is incorporated into a minimum landscaped area of seven feet (7') by ten feet (10');
  - (4) The sign does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total allowable sign area, except that such sign may be at least thirty-two (32) square feet in area; and,
  - (5) The sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.B through I of this Sign Code.
- (K) Electronic message signs shall be permitted as school signs when approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission -as a Conditional Use Permit and according to the following standards:
- (1) The hours of operation shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. The hours may be extended to 10:00 p.m. local time on Fridays and Saturdays at junior high and high schools.
  - (2) The sign shall be placed on the wall of the school unless the sign is to be located adjacent to an arterial street.
  - (3) The sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.B through I of this Sign Code.
  - (4) The size of the sign copy area shall not exceed twenty-four square feet (24 sq. ft.) and shall count towards the total permissible sign copy area.
  - (5) The sign shall be designed to have a maximum viewing range of three hundred (300) feet.
  - (6) The Planning and Zoning Commission may modify the above standards where necessary to minimize adverse effects on adjoining residential uses or where necessary to assure visibility to students and parents on and immediately adjacent to the school entrance or parking areas.
- (L) Electronic message signs shall be permitted as part of an on-premise freestanding master planned development sign when the sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.A through I and 7-9-48 of this Sign Code.
- (M). Electronic message signs shall be permitted as part of on-premise freestanding signs for planned unit developments when approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Conditional Use Permit. The application submitted for a Conditional Use Permit, in addition to other materials and information requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission, shall include the following:

- (1) A plan for the development indicating the type and size of signs proposed for each lot and building;
- (2) A statement delineating which lots will be advertising on the electronic message sign; and,
- (3) Evidence of continuing unified management of the development. Such evidence may include lease agreement, private covenants recorded against the property, or other documentation as approved by the Director of the Community Development Services Department.

To issue a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make the following findings:

- (1) The electronic message sign shall be located adjacent to an arterial street;
- (2) Only one electronic message sign shall be permitted per arterial street frontage;
- (3) The electronic message sign shall comply with Section 7-9-38 of this Sign Code. When the arterial street frontage of the planned unit development or unified development is divided by other public streets, signs for individual businesses may be permitted. Distances between these individual signs, the design of the signs, their identification on the sign plan required above, and the need for individual business identification shall be considered in the approval of these signs.
- (4) The calculation of the permitted size of the electronic message sign shall be based on the nearest building within the development and shall be calculated in accordance with Section 7-9-43.A. of this Sign Code.
- (5) The electronic message sign shall comply with the requirements specified in Sections 7-9-43.A through I of this Sign Code.
- (6) The location of the design of the electronic message sign shall convey its connection to the development. Factors to be considered shall include but not be limited to:
  - (a). The location of the sign at the entryway to the development,
  - (b). The location of the sign within the common landscape features,
  - (c). The visibility of the development from the sign location,
  - (d). The use of materials and colors characterizing the remainder of the development.

- (7) The electronic message sign shall not blanket or reduce visibility of other signs within the development.

(Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04012-18)

7-9-44: SIGN BACKGROUND: In computing the area of sign background, only the face or faces which can be seen from any one direction at one time shall be counted. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-45: DESIGN:

- (A) Signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to resist wind and seismic forces as specified in this section. All bracing systems shall be designed and constructed to transfer lateral forces to the foundations. For signs on buildings, the dead and lateral loads shall be transmitted through the structural frame of the building to the ground in such manner as not to overstress any of the elements thereof. The overturning moment produced from lateral forces shall in no case exceed two-thirds of the dead-load resisting moment. Uplift due to overturning shall be adequately resisted by proper anchorage to the ground or to the structural frame of the building. The weight of earth superimposed over footings may be used in determining the dead-load resisting moment. Such earth shall be carefully placed and thoroughly compacted.
- (B) Signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to resist wind forces as specified in the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code thirty feet (30') above ground with adjustment in pressure for height as outlined in the International Building Code and seismic design category "D."
- (C) Design and construction with plastic material shall be in accordance with the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code.

(Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-46: CONSTRUCTION: The supports for all sign structures shall be placed in or upon private property and shall be built, constructed and erected in conformance with the requirements of the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code. An inspection of forms and footings shall be called for before any concrete is poured whenever this manner of construction is applicable. The sign contractor must call for an inspection when a sign has been installed. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-47: PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE:

- (A) All signs shall conform to the clearance and projection requirements of this Sign Code.
- (B) Signs shall be located not less than ten feet (10') horizontally or twelve feet (12') vertically from overhead electrical conductors which are energized in excess of seven hundred and fifty (750) volts. The design, installation, maintenance, and removal of signs

shall be in accordance with the Idaho Code. The term “overhead conductors” as used in this Section means any electrical conductor, either bare or insulated, installed above the ground except such conductors which are enclosed in rigid conduit or other material covering of equal strength.

- (C) No sign or sign structure shall be erected in such a manner that any portion of its surface or supports will interfere in any way with the free use of any fire escape, exit, or standpipe.
- (D) In all commercial zones, wall mounted signs within five feet (5') of an opening in an exterior wall shall be constructed of non-combustible material or most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code approved plastics, when mounted against a non-combustible wall.
- (E) No sign or sign structure shall project into any public alley. Projection into a private alley or drive shall not be allowed below a height of fourteen feet (14') above grade. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)
- (F) Projection signs and awning signs in the CC zone shall adhere to the following regulations:
  - (1) The bottom of the sign shall not be higher than twenty feet (20') or lower than eight feet (8') from grade;
  - (2) The sign may project five feet (5') over the public sidewalk or within two feet (2') of the curb, whichever is less.

7-9-48: MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SIGNS:

- (A) Master Planned Development signs shall be permitted by the Community Development Services Director as an administrative Conditional Use Permit and only where the Director finds the following conditions:
  - (1) The development shall include twenty five (25) or more contiguous acres of commercially zoned property;
  - (2) The development shall be under unified ownership, management or control. Evidence of continuing unified management may include lease agreements, private covenants recorded against the property, or other documentation as approved by the Director of the Community Development Services Department; and
  - (3) The area within the development shall be planned and designed as one development demonstrated by a Master Land Use Plan approved at the time of annexation or platting, defined architectural, landscaping and signage standards, and a master signage plan for the area;

(B) Master Planned Development signs shall be considered an on-premise sign, common to all properties within the development and may be located on any lot or common area within the development according to the following standards:

- (1) The sign shall be located adjacent to an arterial street;
- (2) Only one (1) sign shall be permitted per arterial street frontage within the development;
- (3) A sign of no greater than six hundred square feet (600 sq. ft.) and sixty feet (60') in height in commercial zones;
- (4) The design and construction of sign shall be integrated into the architecture of the development by the use of similar construction materials and colors;
- (5) The sign is incorporated into a minimum landscaped area of ten feet (10') by ten feet (10');
- (6) The sign shall be consistent with an approved signage plan for the development indicating the type and size of signs proposed for each lot and building site;
- (7) The location of the design of the sign shall convey its connection to the development. Factors to be considered shall include but not be limited to:
  - (a) The location of the sign at the entryway to the development,
  - (b) The location of the sign within common landscape features,
  - (c) The visibility of the development from the sign location,

(Ord. 2585, 2-11-2005); Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-49: BILLBOARD SIGNS:

(A) No billboard sign may installed within the following locations:

- (1) Within a seven hundred and fifty foot (750') radius from any other billboard sign.
- (2) Within seven hundred and fifty feet (750') of the nearest boundary of the Snake River, the Riverwalk, and land owned by the City of Idaho Falls contiguous with the Snake River.
- (3) Within seven hundred and fifty feet (750') from properties or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- (4) Within five hundred feet (500') from any residential zone.

(C) Stacking or side-by-side billboards are not allowed.

(D) Billboards shall only be used for off-premise signs.

(E) LED AND TRI-VISION BILLBOARDS and Tri-vision billboards must adhere to the following regulations:

- (A1) Billboards shall not include any illumination or image which moves continuously, appears to be in motion, or has any moving or animated parts, or video displays, or broadcasts. No such sign shall include any illumination which is flashing or moving.
- (B2) The message or image must remain static for a minimum of eight (8) seconds.
- (C3) An automated change of message or image must be accomplished within two (2) seconds or less and contain a default design that will freeze the sign face in one (1) position should a malfunction occur.
- (D4) Each electronic message center shall be equipped with a photocell dimmer to automatically dim with changes in ambient light. When requesting a permit for an electronic message center, the applicant shall submit documentation certifying the sign is equipped with a photocell dimmer and the dimmer shall be used at all times the sign is in operation.
- (E5) The night-time illumination of LED billboards shall conform to the criteria in this section. The difference between off and solid-message measurements of an LED billboard shall not exceed 0.3 footcandles at night, applicable one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. The illuminance of an LED billboard shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure footcandles accurate to at least two decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off, and again with the sign displaying a white image for a full color-capable sign or a solid message for a single-color sign. All measurements shall be taken perpendicular to the face of the LED billboard at the distance determined by the total square footage of the sign as set forth in the following table:

Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.
200	141
220	148
240	155
260	161
280	167
300	173
480	219
672	259

For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula: Measurement Distance =  $\sqrt{\text{Area of Sign sq. ft.} \times 100}$

(Ord. 2814, 5-28-09; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

**Table 1: ~~Single Family~~ Low Density Residential Zones**

	<u>RE</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>R1</u>
<b><u>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b> (1 per entrance)	<u>Residential Subdivision Entrances:</u> <u>-32 sq. ft. maximum.</u> <u>-Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.</u>	<u>Residential Subdivision Entrances:</u> <u>-32 sq. ft. maximum.</u> <u>-Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.</u> <u>32 sq. Ft.; top of sign 6' above grade</u>	<u>Residential Subdivision Entrances:</u> <u>-32 sq. ft. maximum.</u> <u>-Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.</u> <u>32 sq. Ft.; top of sign 6' above grade</u>
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING SIGNS</u></b> (1 per street frontage)	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING POLE SIGN:</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>MONUMENT SIGN</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>BUILDING SIGNS</u></b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation.	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation
<b><u>WALL</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>PROJECTING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>AWNING SIGN</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>ROOF</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>WINDOW</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</u></b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit





## Table 2: ~~Multi-Family~~ Medium Density Residential Zones

	<u>R2</u>	<u>TN</u>	<u>RMH</u>
<b><u>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>ENTRANCE SIGNS</u></b> (1 per entrance)	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.
<b><u>BILLBOARDS</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING SIGNS</u></b> (1 per street frontage)	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	Not allowed
<b><u>POLE SIGN:</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>MONUMENT SIGN</u></b>	-64 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	-64 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Not allowed
<b><u>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>BUILDING SIGNS</u></b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.	Not allowed
<b><u>WALL</u></b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade- Must be parallel to wall.	Not allowed
<b><u>PROJECTING</u></b>	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than the top of building or parapet.	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than the top of building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b><u>AWNING SIGN</u></b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Not allowed
<b><u>ROOF</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>WINDOW</u></b>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	Not allowed
<b><u>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</u></b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit

## Table 3: High Density Residential Zones

	<u>R3</u>	<u>R3A</u>
<b><u>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of section 7-9-41.G
<b><u>ENTRANCE SIGNS</u></b> (1 per entrance)	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b><u>BILLBOARDS</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING SIGNS</u></b> (1 per street frontage)	Not allowed	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b><u>POLE SIGN:</u></b>	Not allowed	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.
<b><u>MONUMENT SIGN</u></b>	Not allowed	Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum and not to exceed fifteen (15) feet above grade to top of sign
<b><u>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>BUILDING SIGNS</u></b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not allowed	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.
<b><u>WALL</u></b>	Not allowed	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b><u>PROJECTING</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>AWNING SIGN</u></b>	Not allowed	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.
<b><u>ROOF</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b><u>WINDOW</u></b>	Not allowed	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b><u>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</u></b>	Not allowed	See section 7-9-38
<b><u>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</u></b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	See section 7-9-43

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**Table 34: Professional Office Commercial Zones**

	<b>PB</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>PT</b>
<b><u>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</u></b>	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G
<b><u>ENTRANCE SIGNS</u></b> (1 per entrance)	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b><u>BILLBOARDS</u></b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	-300 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 feet of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15, -45 ft. from grade to top of sign -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING SIGNS</u></b> (1 per street frontage)	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage times the number of habitable floors.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b><u>POLE SIGN</u></b>	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 20' above grade.
<b><u>MONUMENT SIGN</u></b>	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign
<b><u>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</u></b>	Not allowed	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	Not allowed

	<b>PB</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>PT</b>
<b><u>BUILDING SIGNS</u></b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.
<b><u>WALL</u></b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b><u>PROJECTING</u></b>	Not allowed	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet. -See 7-9-47.F for additional restrictions.	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b><u>AWNING SIGN</u></b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.
<b><u>ROOF</u></b>	NOT ALLOWED Not allowed	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	Not allowed
<b><u>WINDOW</u></b>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b><u>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</u></b>	See Section 7-9-38 NOT ALLOWED	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38
<b><u>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</u></b>	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43

# Table 7: Industrial/Manufacturing and Special Purpose Zones

	<b>LM</b>	<b>I&amp;M-1</b>	<b>R&amp;D</b>
<b><u>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</u></b>	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G
<b><u>ENTRANCE SIGNS</u></b>	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b><u>BILLBOARDS</u></b>	-480 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15. -45 ft. from grade to top of sign. -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	-480 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15. -45 ft. from grade to top of sign. -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	Not allowed
<b><u>FREESTANDING SIGNS</u></b> (1 per street frontage)	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b><u>POLE SIGN</u></b>	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.
<b><u>MONUMENT SIGN</u></b>	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign
<b><u>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</u></b>	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	Not allowed
<b><u>BUILDING SIGNS</u></b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.
<b><u>WALL</u></b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b><u>PROJECTING</u></b>	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b><u>AWNING SIGN</u></b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.



	<u>LM</u>	<u>I&amp;M-1</u>	<u>R&amp;D</u>
<u>ROOF</u>	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	Not allowed
<u>WINDOW</u>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b>	9 sq. ft.; Top of sign 3' above grade.		
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	480 sq. ft., Within 100 of I-15: 672 sq. ft., LED billboards and television: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15, 45 ft. from grade to top of sign, 750 feet from nearest billboard, Snake River nearest boundary of Idaho Falls Greenbelt and land owned by the City of Idaho Falls adjacent to the River, or from properties/ districts listed on National Register of Historic Places, 500 feet from nearest residential zone. No stacking or side by side billboards. See Section 7-9-50 for additional restrictions.		
<b>FREESTANDING POLE SIGN</b>	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage; maximum of 600 sq. ft. per sign, per side if double faced; If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. Maximum height of 60 feet.		
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	One per business. 12 square feet per side. 6 feet maximum height; over 3 feet high, cannot be in front setback.		
<b>PROJECTING</b>	15 sq. ft. maximum, No higher than 20 feet.		
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON-FLASHING</b>	Visible portion area—400 sq. ft. maximum, 60 ft. from grade to top of sign; light globes not to exceed 40 watts; 10 RPM maximum		
<b>ROOF</b>	One per street frontage. Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. 10 ft. above roof. Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.		
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38
<b>WALL</b>	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front. No higher than top of building or parapet wall. Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.		