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ORDINANCE NO. 05-004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING SECTION 2.00.00 DEFINITIONS BY AMENDING VARIOUS DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNS, BY AMENDING SECTION 9.00.00 PURPOSE, 9.01.02E POLITICAL SIGNS, 9.02.01 ON-PREMISES SIGNS, AND SECTION 9.02.02, OFF PREMISES SIGNS, AND AMEND SECTION 9.04.00 PERMITTING AND EXCEPTIONS TO CREATE AN APPEAL PROCESS FOR DENIAL OF SIGN PERMITS; AND SECTION 9.05.00 NONCONFORMING SIGNS TO CHANGE DEFINITION, BY AMENDING SECTION 11.05.01 SIGN PERMIT; PROVIDING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determination:

1. On August 1, 1990, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, adopted the St. Lucie County Land Development Code.
2. The Board of County Commissioners has adopted certain amendments to the St. Lucie County Land Development Code, through the following Ordinances

91-03 -	March 14, 1991	91-09 -	May 14, 1991
91-21 -	November 7, 1991	92-17 -	June 2, 1992
93-01 -	February 16, 1993	93-03 -	February 16, 1993
93-05 -	May 25, 1993	93-06 -	May 25, 1993
93-07 -	May 25, 1993	94-07 -	June 22, 1994
94-18 -	August 16, 1994	94-21 -	August 16, 1994
95-01 -	January 10, 1995	96-10 -	August 6, 1996
97-01 -	March 4, 1997	97-09 -	October 7, 1997
97-23 -	September 2, 1997	99-01 -	February 2, 1999
99-02 -	April 6, 1999	99-03 -	August 17, 1999
99-04 -	August 17, 1999	99-05 -	July 20, 1999
99-15 -	July 20, 1999	99-16 -	July 20, 1999
99-17 -	September 7, 1999	99-18 -	November 2, 1999
00-10 -	June 13, 2000	00-11 -	June 13, 2000
00-12 -	June 13, 2000	00-13 -	June 13, 2000
01-03 -	December 18, 2001	02-005 -	June 24, 2002
02-009 -	March 5, 2002	02-020 -	October 15, 2002
02-029 -	October 15, 2002	03-005 -	October 7, 2003
04-002 -	January 20, 2004	04-007 -	April 20, 2004
04-033 -	December 7, 2004	05-001 -	March 15, 2005

3. On May 11, 2005, the Local Planning Agency/ Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance after publishing notice in the Port St. Lucie News and the Tribune at least 10 days

prior to the hearing and recommended that the proposed ordinance be approved.

4. On June 7, 2005, this Board held its first public hearing on the proposed ordinance, after publishing a notice of such hearing in the Port St. Lucie News and the Tribune on May 25, 2005.
5. On August 2, 2005, this Board held its second public hearing on the proposed ordinance, after publishing a notice of such hearing in the Port St. Lucie News and the Tribune on July 22, 2005.
6. The proposed amendments to the St. Lucie County Land Development Code are consistent with the general purpose, goals, objectives and standards of the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan and are in the best interest of the health safety and public welfare of the citizens of St. Lucie County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

PART A.

THE SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO READ AS FOLLOWS, INCLUDE:

CHAPTER II DEFINITIONS

2.00 DEFINITIONS

ACCESSORY USE through **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE** remain unchanged.

BILLBOARD: ~~See "Off Premises Sign".~~ A sign that is not otherwise allowable within a particular zoning district under Section 9.01.01 of this Code.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT through **COLLECTOR ROAD OR STREET** remain unchanged.

COMMERCIAL: A commercial message on a sign is one that promotes a privately-owned business or establishment offering a product, service, activity, or admission.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE through **MULTIPLE-MESSAGE SIGN** remain unchanged.

NAMEPLATE: A Generally, a sign indicating the name or ~~address~~ of and other information pertaining to the occupant or resident of the dwelling unit or other building to which it is attached; provided, however, that a nameplate may contain any other information chosen by the property owner or occupant if all other requirements of this chapter are met.

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM (NGVD) through **NURSING HOME** remain unchanged.

~~**OFF-PREMISES SIGN:** A sign that advertises or directs attention to a use, establishment, product, or service located or available on the same premises.~~

OFF-STREET PARKING through **ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR STORM OR 100-YEAR STORM** remain unchanged.

~~**ON-PREMISES SIGN:** A sign that advertises or directs attention to a use, establishment, product, or service located or available on the same premises.~~

OPEN SPACE through **POLITICAL SIGN** remain unchanged.

PORTABLE SIGN: A movable sign not permanently attached to the ground, but not including a temporary sign otherwise allowable under this Code. † The term may include, without limitation, "trailer," "sidewalk" or "sandwich" signs.

POTABLE WATER through **SIDEWALK OR SANDWICH SIGN** remain unchanged.

SIGN: Any exterior identification, description, illustration, or device that directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, establishment, institution, idea, organization, or business, or any emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard, or temporary sign designed to advertise. The term "sign" shall not include any noncommercial message displayed in the window, and entirely within the window area, of any lawfully existing building.

SIGN AREA through **SITE-RELATED RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATIONS** remain unchanged.

SNIFE SIGN: A small sign of any material, including but not limited to paper, cardboard, wood, or metal, that is tacked, nailed, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, fences, or other similar objects, and whose advertising matter appearing thereon is not applicable to the premises

upon which said sign is located.

SPECIAL EVENT SIGN through **TINTED GLASS** remain unchanged.

TRAILER SIGN: An ~~licensed or unlicensed~~ advertising structure mounted on skids, wheel, or wheels and constructed for the sole purpose of advertising, whether or not registered to travel on the public roads.

TRANSIENT LODGING FACILITIES through **VEGETATION INVENTORY** remain unchanged.

VEHICULAR SIGN: A sign affixed to a vehicle or trailer for the purpose of advertising. For the purposes of this Code, ~~such signs~~ this definition shall only be applicable when said vehicle or trailer is temporarily or permanently located on a parcel for the primary purpose of conveying a ~~business~~ commercial message.

WALL FACE through **ZONE OF PROTECTION** remain unchanged.

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CHAPTER IX SIGNS

9.00.00 PURPOSE

The purpose of these sign regulations is to establish requirements for the size, character, appearance, location, installation and maintenance of signs in order to promote ~~motorist~~ public safety, preserve and protect the visual beauty of the landscape and promote the general health, welfare and safety of the citizens of St. Lucie County. The Board of County Commissioners, after public hearing, finds that these regulations are necessary to maintain and enhance the visual beauty of the County, to maintain and enhance the safety for those using the public rights of way and other areas open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, to protect private property rights and property values, and to provide citizens and businesses with ample and effective opportunities for identification, advertising, and the expression of ideas.

9.01.00 PERMITTED PERMANENT AND AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY SIGNS

9.01.01 PERMITTED PERMANENT SIGNS

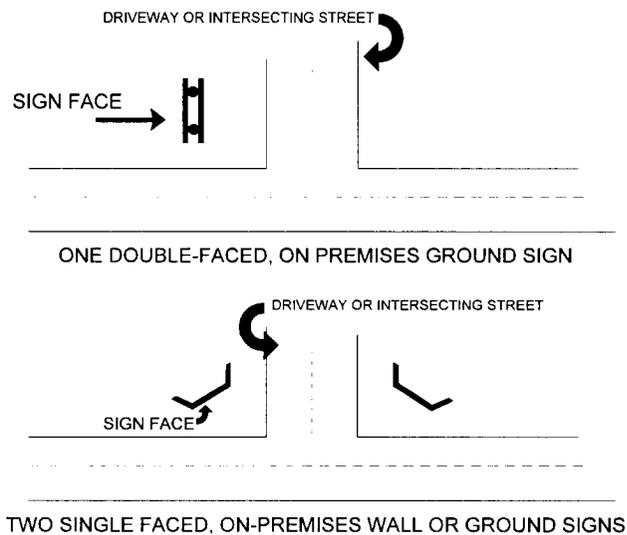
The following signs or advertising structures of a permanent nature shall be permitted within the following zoning districts:

A. AGRICULTURAL - 1 (AG-1); AGRICULTURAL - 2.5 (AG-2.5); AGRICULTURAL - 5 (AG-5)

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Nameplates	1 per dwelling unit	3 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated
Ground or Wall Signs	1 double-faced ground or 2 single-faced wall or ground signs per entrance to residential dev., farm, or ranch.	32 s.f.	10 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● non-illum., externally illum., or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos ● Reduce max. sign area by 50% if entrances are located less than 300 ft. of one another.
Directional Signs	As needed One per lawful driveway, otherwise as necessary for safety.	6 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated
<u>Off-Premises Signs</u> <u>Billboards</u>	n/a	378 s.f.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 50 ft. above crown of road or finished grade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only permitted along I-95 and the Florida Turnpike. ● 1,500 feet apart on same side of road. ● 200 foot min. separation from residential zones. ● See Section 9.02.02 for general Off-Premises signs billboard provisions.
<u>Public Utility Signs</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>

1. One (1) non-illuminated nameplate per dwelling unit or structure which shall not exceed three (3) square feet in sign area.
2. One (1) double-faced, ~~on-premises~~ ground sign or two (2) single-faced, ~~on-premises~~ wall or ground signs, located at each ~~principle~~ principal entrance into a residential development, farm, or ranch, as generally depicted in Figure 9-1. Wall signs shall be located on opposite sides of such entrances.

FIGURE 9-1



Such signs shall only be non-illuminated, externally illuminated, or shall be illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos.

No such ground or wall sign face shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

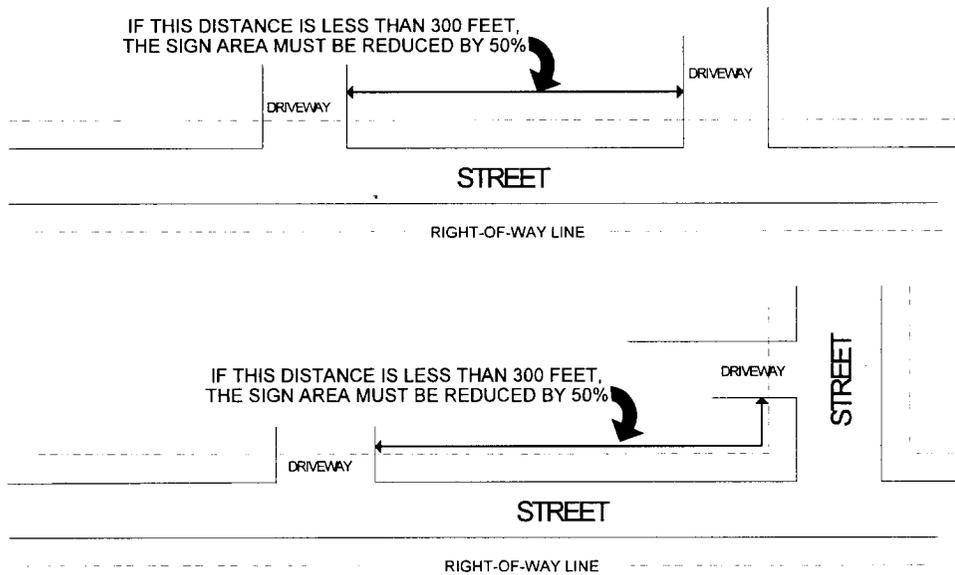
Where the distance between the nearest edges of separate entrances to the same residential development, farm, or ranch is less than three hundred (300) feet, as measured along the right-of-way of the abutting street, the maximum permitted sign area (indicated above) at such entrances shall be reduced by fifty (50) percent (Figure 9.2).

3. Non-illuminated directional signs which shall not exceed six (6) square feet each in sign area, may be installed as ~~needed~~ necessary for safety.
4. ~~Off-premises signs~~ Billboards shall only be permitted on properties which are physically contiguous to I-95 and the Florida Turnpike, located so as to be visible from such highway, and as further restricted in Section 9.02.02(A). Such signs shall not be spaced less than one-thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from another ~~off-premises sign billboard~~ which is on

the same side of, and is directed at, the same highway.

5. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

FIGURE 9-2



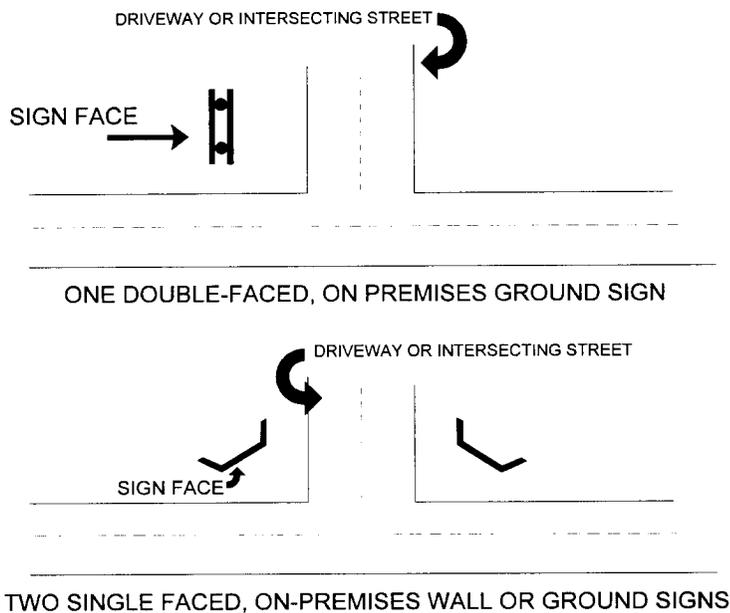
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TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Nameplates	1 per dwelling unit	3 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated

Ground or Wall Signs	1 double-faced ground or 2 single-faced wall or ground signs per entrance to residential dev., farm, or ranch.	32 s.f.	10 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-illum., externally illum., or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering artwork or logos. • Reduce max. sign area by 50% if entrances are located less than 300 ft. of one another.
Directional Signs	As needed One per lawful driveway; otherwise as necessary for safety	6 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated
Public Utility Signs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. One (1) non-illuminated nameplate per dwelling unit which shall not exceed three (3) square feet in sign area.
2. Non-illuminated directional signs which shall not exceed six (6) square feet each in sign area may be installed as ~~needed~~ necessary for safety.
3. One (1) double-faced, ~~on-premises~~ ground sign or two (2) single-faced, ~~on-premises~~ wall or ground signs, located at each principle entrance into a residential development, farm, or ranch, as generally depicted in Figure 9-3. Wall signs shall be located on opposite sides of such entrances.

FIGURE 9-3

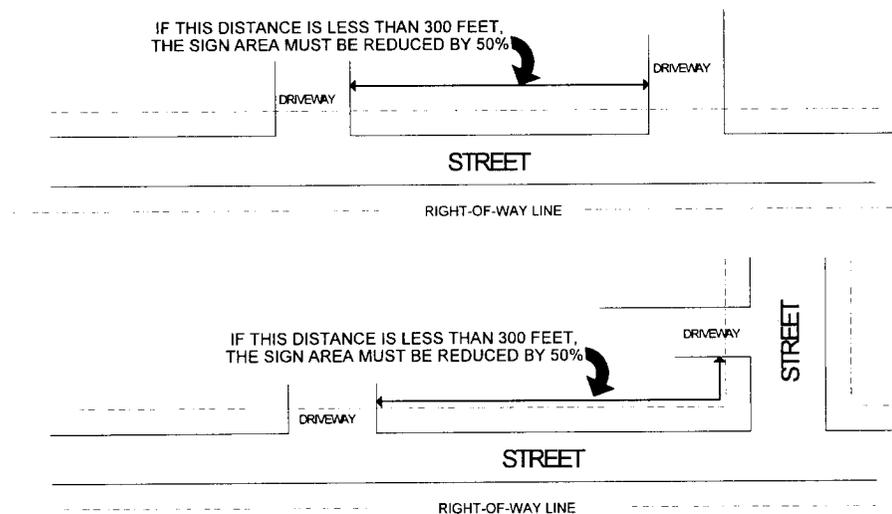


Such signs shall only be non-illuminated, externally illuminated, or shall be illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos.

No such ground or wall sign face shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size, and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

Where the distance between the nearest edges of separate entrances to the same residential development, farm, or ranch is less than three hundred (300) feet, as measured along the right-of-way of the abutting street, the maximum permitted sign area (indicated above) at such entrances shall be reduced by fifty (50) percent (Figure 9-4).

FIGURE 9-4



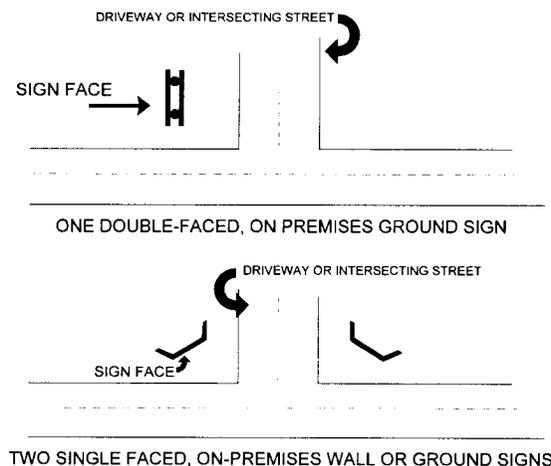
4. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

- C. RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME-5 (RMH-5); RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY-5 (RM-5); RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY-7 (RM-7); RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY-9 (RM-9); RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY-11 (RM-11); RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE-FAMILY-15 (RM-15); PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD); RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK (RVP); HUTCHINSON ISLAND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (HIRD); PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (PMUD) - RESIDENTIAL (MEDIUM AND HIGH INTENSITIES)

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Nameplates	1 per dwelling unit	multi-family: 1 s.f. single-family: 3 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated
Ground or Wall Signs	1 double-faced ground or 2 single-faced wall or ground signs per entrance to residential dev., farm, or ranch.	32 s.f.	10 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-illum., externally illum., or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos. • Reduce max. sign area by 50% if entrances are located less than 300 ft. of one another.
Directional Signs	As needed One per lawful driveway, otherwise as necessary for safety	6 s.f.	n/a	none
Public Utility Signs	n/a	n/a	n/a	na

1. One (1) non-illuminated nameplate per dwelling unit consistent with the following maximum sign area standards:
 - a.) Single Family: Three (3) square feet
 - b.) Multi-Family: One (1) square foot
2. One (1) double-faced, ~~on-premises~~ ground sign or two (2) single-faced, ~~on-premises~~ wall or ground signs, located at each principle entrance into a residential development, farm, or ranch, as generally depicted in Figure 9-5. Wall signs shall be located on opposite sides of such entrances.

FIGURE 9-5

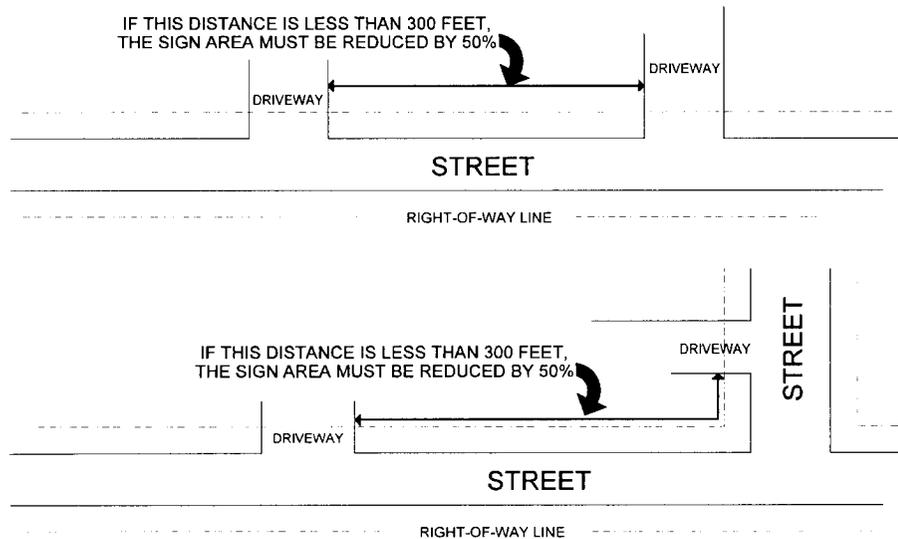


Such signs shall only be non-illuminated, externally illuminated, or shall be illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos.

No such ground or wall sign face shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size, and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

Where the distance between the nearest edges of separate entrances to the same residential development, farm, or ranch is less than three hundred (300) feet, as measured along the right-of-way of the abutting street, the maximum permitted sign area (indicated above) at such entrances shall be reduced by fifty (50) percent (Figure 9-6).

FIGURE 9-6



3. Directional signs, which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area, may be installed as needed necessary for safety.
4. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

D. COMMERCIAL, OFFICE (CO); PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (PMUD) - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/OFFICE (LOW, MEDIUM, AND HIGH INTENSITIES)

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Nameplates	1 per occupant	2 s.f. 3 s.f.	n/a	none
Ground Signs	1 per establishment or group of establishments having at least 50 linear feet of frontage.	1 s.f. for every 2 linear feet of frontage - 100 s.f. maximum.	10 feet for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.	non-illum., externally illum., or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.
			20 feet for all other Future Land Uses.	none - all other Future Land Uses.
Wall, Projecting, and/or Canopy Signs (Attached Canopies Only)	n/a	Total Sign Area: 10% of wall face area fronting on main street for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.	n/a	non-illum., externally illum., or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.
		Total Sign Area: 20% of wall face area fronting on main street all other Future Land Uses.		none - all other Future Land Uses.
Directional Signs	As needed One per lawful driveway, otherwise as necessary for safety	6 s.f.	n/a	none
Public Utility Signs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. One (1) nameplate per occupant which shall not exceed two (2) square feet in sign area.
2. Any establishment or group of establishments that has a street lot frontage of fifty (50) feet or more, shall be permitted one (1) ground sign which shall not exceed a sign area equal to one (1) square foot for every two (2) linear feet of street frontage, up to a maximum of one-hundred (100) square feet. Such ground signs shall also be consistent with the following standards:
 - a.) For property that is located within any non-residential, non-agricultural Future Land Use district, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, ground signs shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet.
 - b.) For property that is located within the MXD or any residential or agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, ground signs shall not exceed a height of ten (10) feet. Such signs shall only be non-illuminated, externally illuminated, or shall be illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos.
3. Wall, projecting, and/or canopy signs (attached canopy only) consistent with the following standards:
 - a.) For property that is located within any non-residential, non-agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total wall, projecting, and/or canopy sign area may equal up to twenty (20) percent of the total

wall face area fronting the main street.

- b.) For property that is located within the MXD or any residential or agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total wall, projecting, and/or canopy sign area may equal up to ten (10) percent of the total wall face area fronting the main street. Such signs shall only be non-illuminated, externally illuminated, or illuminated by a light source which is placed between a background and opaque lettering, artwork, or logos.

Up to fifty (50) percent of the permitted wall, projecting, or canopy sign area may be located on any other wall face of the same building or on any other canopy which is attached to such building.

4. Directional signs which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area may be installed as needed necessary for safety.
5. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

E. COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD (CN); INSTITUTIONAL (I); RELIGIOUS FACILITIES (RF); PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (PMUD) - INSTITUTIONAL (LOW, MEDIUM, AND HIGH INTENSITIES), GENERAL COMMERCIAL (LOW INTENSITY), AND PUBLIC SERVICE/UTILITIES (LOW INTENSITY)

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Wall, Projecting, and/or Canopy Signs (Attached Canopies Only)	n/a	Total Sign Area: 10% of wall face area fronting on the main street for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.	n/a	none
		Total Sign Area: 20% of wall face area fronting on the main street - all other Future Land Uses.		
Canopy Signs	4 per face of free-standing canopy structures	Total Sign Area: 10% of total canopy face area - 23 s.f. max. per canopy face - RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.	n/a	none
		Total Sign Area: 20% of total canopy face area - 45 s.f. max. per canopy face - all other Future Land Uses.		
Ground Signs	1 per establishment or group of establishments having at least 50 linear feet of frontage.	1 s.f. for every 2 linear feet of frontage - 100 s.f. maximum.	10 feet for RES, MXD, or AG Future Land Uses.	none
			20 feet for all other Future Land Uses.	
Pedestrian Signs	1 per establishment	6 s.f.	n/a	none
Rear Entrance Wall Sign	1 per establishment	6 s.f.	n/a	none

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Directional Sign	As Needed One per lawful driveway; otherwise as necessary for safety	6 s.f.	n/a	non-illuminated
Public Utility Sign	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. Wall, projecting, and/or canopy signs (attached canopy only) consistent with the following standards:

- a.) For property that is located within any non-residential, non-agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total wall, projecting, and/or canopy sign area may equal up to twenty (20) percent of the total wall face area fronting the main street.
- b.) For property that is located within the MXD or any residential or agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total wall, projecting, and/or canopy sign area may equal up to ten (10) percent of the total wall face area fronting the main street.

Up to fifty (50) percent of the permitted wall, projecting, or canopy sign area may be located on any other wall face of the same building or on any other canopy attached to such building.

2. A maximum of four (4) canopy signs per face of free-standing canopy structure(s), consistent with the following standards:

- a.) For property that is located within any non-residential, non-agricultural Future Land Use district, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total canopy sign area may equal up to twenty (20) percent of the total canopy face area, except that no single canopy face shall have more than forty-five (45) square feet of sign area.
- b.) For property that is located within the MXD or any residential or agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, total canopy sign area may equal up to ten (10) percent of the total canopy face area, except that no single canopy face shall have more than twenty-three (23) square feet of sign area.

3. Any establishment or group of establishments that has a street lot frontage of fifty (50) linear feet or more, shall be permitted one (1) ground sign. Such sign shall not exceed a sign area equal to one (1) square foot for every two (2) linear feet or major fraction thereof of street lot frontage up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet. Such ground signs shall also be consistent with the following standards:

- a.) For property that is located within any non-residential, non-agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, ground signs shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet.
- b.) For property that is located within the MXD or any residential or agricultural Future Land Use District, as established in the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan,

ground signs shall not exceed a height of ten (10) feet.

4. One (1) pedestrian sign per establishment which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area.
5. One (1) rear entrance wall sign per establishment which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area.
6. Non-illuminated directional signs, which shall not exceed six (6) square feet each in sign area, may be installed as ~~needed~~ necessary for safety.
7. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

F. COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG); INDUSTRIAL LIGHT (IL); INDUSTRIAL HEAVY (IH); INDUSTRIAL EXTRACTION (IX); UTILITIES (U); PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (PMUD) - GENERAL COMMERCIAL (MEDIUM AND HIGH INTENSITIES), PUBLIC SERVICE/UTILITIES (MEDIUM AND HIGH INTENSITIES), INDUSTRIAL (MEDIUM AND HIGH INTENSITIES)

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Wall, Projecting, and/or Canopy Signs (Attached Canopies Only)	4 per establishment	Total Sign Area: 20% of wall face area fronting on main street.	n/a	none
Canopy Signs (Free-standing canopies)	4 per face of free-standing canopy	Total Sign Area: 20% of total canopy face area - 45 s.f. max. per canopy face.	n/a	none
Ground Signs	1 per establishment having at least 50 linear ft. of frontage.	For establishments having from 50 to 150 linear ft. of frontage: 1 s.f. for every 1 linear ft. of frontage - 150 s.f. max. For establishments having over 150 ft. of frontage: 1 s.f. for every 1 1/2 ft. of frontage, or 150 s.f., whichever is greater - 200 s.f. max.	30 feet	Sign area of individual signs may be aggregated, except that no single sign shall exceed 200 s.f.
	1 additional sign for establishments having over 300 ft. of frontage.	1 s.f. for every 1 1/2 linear ft. of frontage in excess of first 300 ft. - 200 s.f. max.		
	1 additional sign for establishments having at least 300 ft. of frontage and outdoor displays (LDC Section 7.10.02).	100 s.f.		
Pedestrian Signs	1 per establishment	6 s.f.	n/a	none
Rear Entrance Wall Sign	1 per establishment	6 s.f.	n/a	none
Directional Sign	<u>As needed One per lawful driveway; otherwise as necessary for safety</u>	6 s.f.	n/a	none

TYPE OF SIGN	MAXIMUM NUMBER	MAXIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT	OTHER STANDARDS
Off-Premises Signs Billboards	n/a	378 s.f.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 35 ft. above crown of road. ● 50 ft. above crown of road along I-95 and Fla. Tnpg. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only Permitted along I-95, the Florida Turnpike and those roadways identified in Section 9.02.02(A). ● 1,500 foot apart on same side of road. ● 200 foot min. separation from residential zones or use areas. ● See Section 9.02.02(A) for additional standards
Public Utility Signs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. ~~Off-premises signs~~ Billboards shall only be permitted on properties which are physically contiguous to I-95, the Florida Turnpike, U.S. 1, Orange Avenue, and Kings Highway/Turnpike Feeder Road, located so as to be visible from such highway, and as further restricted in Section 9.02.02(A). Such signs shall not be spaced less than one-thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from another ~~off-premises signs billboard~~ which is on the same side of, and is directed at, the same highway.
2. A maximum of four (4) wall, projecting, and/or canopy signs (on attached canopies only) per establishment. Such sign(s) shall not exceed a total sign area equal to twenty (20) percent of the total wall face area of each establishment fronting on the main street. Fifty (50) percent of such permitted sign area may be located on any other wall surface of the same building or on any other canopy attached to such building.
3. A maximum of four (4) canopy signs per face of free-standing canopy structure(s). Such signs shall not exceed a total sign area of twenty (20) percent of the total canopy face area, except that no single canopy face shall have more than forty-five (45) square feet of sign area.
4. Any establishment or group of establishments having from fifty (50) to one-hundred fifty (150) linear feet of frontage shall be permitted one (1) ground sign. Such sign shall not exceed a sign area equal to one (1) square foot for every one (1) linear foot or major fraction thereof of street lot frontage.

Establishments or groups of establishments having more than one-hundred fifty (150) linear feet of frontage, shall be permitted one (1) ground sign. Such sign shall not exceed a sign area equal to either one (1) square foot for every one and one-half (1 ½) linear feet of street lot frontage, or one-hundred fifty (150) square feet, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of two-hundred (200) square feet. One (1) additional ground sign shall be permitted when the street lot frontage exceeds three hundred (300) linear feet. The second ground sign shall not exceed a sign area equal to one (1) square foot for every one and one-half (1 ½) linear feet of street lot frontage in excess of the first three-hundred (300) feet of frontage. The sign area of individual signs may be aggregated, except that no single sign shall exceed a sign area of two hundred (200) square feet.

Ground signs shall not exceed a height of thirty (30) feet.

5. For any establishment or group of establishments that has a street frontage of three hundred (300) linear feet or more and which has outdoor displays as provided for in Section 7.10.02 of this Code the ~~Board of County Commissioners~~, Public Works Director or his designee may allow for the placement of two additional ground signs, using and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 9.04.01. The ~~Board~~-Director or his designee shall allow for such additional signage when it is shown that operation as provided under Section 7.10.02 creates a specific need. Such additional signs may not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area nor shall they exceed a height of thirty (30) feet.
6. One (1) pedestrian sign per establishment which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area.
7. One (1) rear entrance wall sign per establishment which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area.
8. Directional signs which shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area, may be installed as ~~needed~~ necessary for safety.
9. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like, as needed for public safety purposes may be permitted if located so as not to create public safety hazards or interfere with rights-of-way maintenance, in the judgement of the Director of Public Works or his designee.

9.01.02 AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY SIGNS

~~The following types and sizes of signs or advertising structures shall be authorized on a temporary basis, subject to the following provisions:~~ Temporary signs of the types described below in this section are allowable, subject to the following general requirements:

1. No temporary sign may have any characteristic that renders it a prohibited sign under Section 9.03.00.
2. No temporary sign may be located at the intersection of two streets or roadways, or within the segment created by the curb or road edges and an imaginary line between the points thirty (30) feet back from where the curb lines of the intersection quadrant intersect.
3. No temporary sign shall be illuminated.
4. Temporary signs may be erected only if located wholly on private property, by or with the permission of the property owner.
5. Except as stated below with respect to a specific type of temporary sign, allowable temporary signs may be erected without a permit.

Subject to the foregoing general regulations, specific temporary signs are allowable subject to the following additional provisions:

A. REAL ESTATE SIGNS

1. Shall be limited to one (1) sign per parcel, establishment, dwelling unit, or per every five (5) acres or fraction thereof providing no more than one (1) sign per three hundred (300) feet of frontage shall be allowed on any one (1) parcel of property regardless of total acreage. A

maximum of 3 signs per parcel shall be provided on a single road frontage.

2. Shall not exceed the following maximum sign areas in square feet by zoning district and parcel size:

ZONING DISTRICT		PARCEL SIZE	
		≤ 1 ACRE	>1 ACRE
AG-1	AGRICULTURAL - 1	6 sf	16 sf
AG-2.5	AGRICULTURAL - 2.5	6 sf	16 sf
AG-5	AGRICULTURAL - 5	6 sf	16 sf
R/C	RESIDENTIAL/CONSERVATION	6 sf	16 sf
AR-1	AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL - 1	6 sf	16 sf
RE-1	RESIDENTIAL, ESTATE - 1	6 sf	16 sf
RE-2	RESIDENTIAL, ESTATE - 2	6 sf	16 sf
RS-2	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 2	6 sf	16 sf
RS-3	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 3	6 sf	16 sf
RS-4	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 4	6 sf	16 sf
RMH-5	RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME - 5	16 sf	16 sf
RM-5	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 5	16 sf	16 sf
RM-7	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 7	16 sf	16 sf
RM-9	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 9	16 sf	16 sf
RM-11	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 11	16 sf	16 sf
RM-15	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 15	16 sf	16 sf
CN	COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD	16 sf	16 sf
CO	COMMERCIAL, OFFICE	16 sf	16 sf
CG	COMMERCIAL, GENERAL	32 sf	32 sf
IL	INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT	32 sf	32 sf
IH	INDUSTRIAL, HEAVY	32 sf	32 sf
IX	INDUSTRIAL, EXTRACTION	32 sf	32 sf
U	UTILITIES	6 sf	32 sf
I	INSTITUTIONAL	6 sf	32 sf
RF	RELIGIOUS FACILITIES	6 sf	16 sf
RVP	RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK	6 sf	16 sf
HIRD	HUTCHINSON ISLAND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	6 sf	16 sf
PUD	PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	6 sf	16 sf
PNRD	PLANNED NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT	6 sf	32 sf
PMUD	PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT	6 sf	32 sf

3. For properties exceeding five (5) acres, the sign area of individual signs, as indicated above,

may be aggregated, except that no single sign may exceed an area of three-hundred seventy-eight (378) square feet.

4. Shall be removed within ten (10) days after the real estate transaction is completed.
5. ~~Shall not be illuminated.~~

B. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SIGNS:

1. Shall not exceed the following maximum sign areas by Zoning District:

ZONING DISTRICT		MAX. SIGN SIZE
AG-1	AGRICULTURAL - 1	64 sf
AG-2.5	AGRICULTURAL - 2.5	64 sf
AG-5	AGRICULTURAL - 5	64 sf
R/C	RESIDENTIAL/CONSERVATION	12 sf
AR-1	AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL - 1	12 sf
RE-1	RESIDENTIAL, ESTATE - 1	12 sf
RE-2	RESIDENTIAL, ESTATE - 2	12 sf
RS-2	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 2	12 sf
RS-3	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 3	12 sf
RS-4	RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY - 4	12 sf
RMH-5	RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME - 5	32 sf
RM-5	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 5	32 sf
RM-7	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 7	32 sf
RM-9	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 9	32 sf
RM-11	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 11	32 sf
RM-15	RESIDENTIAL, MULTIPLE FAMILY - 15	32 sf
CN	COMMERCIAL, NEIGHBORHOOD	32 sf
CO	COMMERCIAL, OFFICE	32 sf
CG	COMMERCIAL, GENERAL	64 sf
IL	INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT	64 sf
IH	INDUSTRIAL, HEAVY	64 sf
IX	INDUSTRIAL, EXTRACTION	64 sf
U	UTILITIES	64 sf
I	INSTITUTIONAL	32 sf
RF	RELIGIOUS FACILITIES	12 sf
RVP	RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK	32 sf
HIRD	HUTCHINSON ISLAND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	12 sf
PUD	PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT	32 sf
PNRD	PLANNED NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT	32 sf
PMUD	PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT	32 sf

2. May contain the name of the project, the contractor, the subcontractor, the architect, the developer, the supplier, and/or the financial institution, a description of the project, and other information relating to the construction project.
3. Shall be removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
4. ~~Shall not be illuminated.~~
- 4.5. Shall be adequately constructed and securely anchored in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

C. TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT PROMOTIONAL FLAGS, BANNERS, AND PENNANTS REQUIRING A PERMIT

Flags which are not exempt from permitting under Section 9.04.00, banners, and/or pennants promoting a special event may be erected on a temporary basis upon the issuance of a permit. Such permit shall be issued by the Public Works Director or his designee using and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 9.04.01; provided that the Public Works Director or his designee shall grant or deny such permit within 15 days from receipt of a completed application. Such permit shall be granted provided that [a] the requirements of this Code are otherwise met; [b] no more than four (4) permits per year shall be issued to any one parcel or common development site for no more than a total of sixty (60) calendar days per year; and [c] such flag, banner, or pennant shall not exhibit any other characteristic of a prohibited sign under Section 9.03.00. Such flags must be removed by the permittee upon the expiration of the permit.

D. PROJECT MARKETING SIGNS

1. Project Marketing signs shall be permitted only for projects approved as a Major Site Plan, Minor Site Plan, Planned Unit Development, Planned Non-Residential Development, or Planned Mixed-Use Development, as defined in Section 11.02.02 of the Land Development Code.
2. ~~Building Permits shall be required for No Project Marketing signs~~ sign may be permitted prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the project to which the sign applies. Erection of a Project Marketing sign shall require a permit which shall be issued by the Public Works Director using and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 9.04.01.
3. Sign Permits for such signs shall expire and the signs shall be removed upon determination by the Public Works Director or his designee that eighty (80) percent or more of the primary structures within the development have been completed or sold. The permit shall otherwise automatically expire upon the expiration of the associated Major Site Plan, Minor Site Plan, Planned Unit Development, Planned Non-Residential Development, or Mixed Use Development.
4. Project Marketing signs shall be limited to one (1) sign for every five (5) acres or fraction thereof. A maximum of three (3) signs per Major Site Plan, Minor Site Plan, Planned Unit Development, Planned Non-Residential Development, or Mixed Use Development shall be permissible along any single road frontage. No project marketing sign shall be located within 300 feet of another project marketing sign along the same roadway frontage.
5. Individual Project Marketing signs shall not exceed a total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet per every five (5) acres or fraction thereof. The maximum amount of sign area permitted on any one property under the provisions of this Section, is 378 square feet.
6. ~~Individual Project Marketing Signs shall not be illuminated.~~

E. POLITICAL SIGNS

1. No temporary political sign may exceed the size permissible for a construction project sign under subsection B of this Section, in the particular zoning district in which it is posted.
2. Temporary political signs shall be removed within ten (10) days following the election or referendum to which they refer, unless such sign continues to be pertinent to a subsequent election or referendum for which a candidate or issue will appear on the ballot.

F. RESIDENTIAL TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs that display a noncommercial message may be erected in the yards of any property located in any agricultural or residential zoning district, subject to the maximum size limitations for construction project signs as set forth in paragraph B of this section. Such signs may not display any commercial message. Not more than three such signs may be displayed at any one time on a single parcel.

9.02.00 GENERAL PROVISIONS

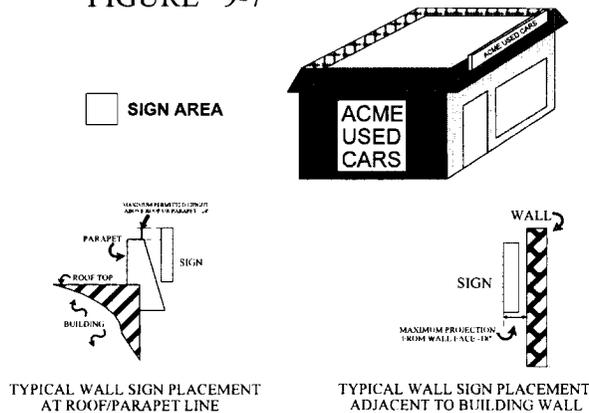
In addition to the requirements set forth in Sections 9.01.01 and 9.01.02, the following general provisions shall apply to specific types of signs:

9.02.01 ON-PREMISES SIGNS OTHER THAN BILLBOARDS

A. WALL SIGNS

1. Shall not extend more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall or facade of the building to which they are attached.
2. Shall not extend more than twenty-four (24) inches above the roof or parapet of a building, whichever is greater.
3. Shall be adequately constructed and securely anchored in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

FIGURE 9-7



B. MANSARD AND MARQUEE SIGNS

1. Mansard and marquee signs shall conform to Wall Sign provisions, Section 9.02.01(A).

C. PROJECTING SIGNS

1. Shall provide a vertical clearance of not less than nine (9) feet over any pedestrian walkway or fourteen (14) feet over any vehicular driveway.
2. Shall not extend closer (leading edge measured horizontally) than eighteen (18) inches to the curbface or, where no curb is installed, to the curblines as established by the County Engineer.
3. Shall not extend more than twenty-four (24) inches above the roof or parapet of a building, whichever is greater.
4. Shall be adequately constructed and securely anchored in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

D. GROUND SIGNS

1. Shall not exceed a total height of thirty (30) feet except as may be further restricted in this Code, and fifty (50) feet total height along those properties which are physically contiguous to and within fifty (50) feet of the right-of-way boundary of the Florida Turnpike and I-95.

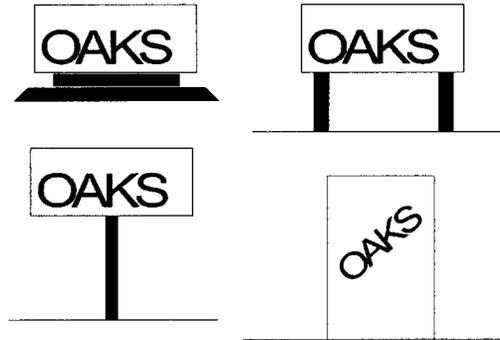
The height of ground signs may either be measured from the crown of the road or at finished grade. If an applicant for a ground sign permit elects to measure the height from the crown of the road, the applicant shall submit, at the time of application for such permit, a survey of the property and of the abutting street.

2. Shall not be located less than eighteen (18) inches (leading edge measured horizontally) from any public right-of-way line, adjacent property line, or structure.
3. Shall provide a vertical clearance of not less than nine (9) feet over any pedestrian walkway or fourteen (14) feet over any vehicular driveway.
4. When an access way intersects a public or private right-of-way or when the subject property abuts the intersection of two (2) or more public or private rights-of-way, all ground signs within the triangular area described below shall have a height of not more than three (3) feet or a vertical clearance of not less than ten (10) feet, and shall not have poles or support structures which are individually greater than twelve (12) inches in diameter.

The triangular area referenced above is the area of property located at the corner formed by the intersection of two (2) public or private rights-of-way, or at each corner formed by the intersection of an access way with a public or private right-of-way. Two (2) sides of such triangular area shall be (20) feet in length as measured horizontally from the point of intersection, and the third side shall be a line connecting the ends of the two (2) other sides.

5. Shall be adequately constructed and securely anchored in accordance with the Standard Building Code.
6. Shall have a landscaped area around its base which extends a minimum distance of three (3) feet in all directions. Such landscaped area shall be completely covered by natural drought-tolerant ground cover and shrubs, hedges or similar vegetative materials. The ~~Community Development Director~~ Growth Management Director shall grant relief from this landscaping requirement for ~~off-premises signs~~ billboards which are located on properties that are physically contiguous to I-95 or the Florida Turnpike if it is determined that such signs are located more than one-hundred (100) feet from a developed area as defined in Section 2.00.00 of this Code.

FIGURE 9-10



E. PEDESTRIAN SIGNS

1. Shall provide a vertical clearance of not less than nine (9) feet over any pedestrian walkway.
2. Shall not extend beyond the underside of a cantilevered roof, portico, or other overhang.
3. Where the underside of an overhang exceeds a height of thirteen (13) feet, a pedestrian sign may be attached to the exterior wall from which such overhang extends. When a pedestrian sign is attached to a wall, such sign shall not extend (leading edge measured horizontally) more than thirty six (36) inches from the wall face of any building.
4. Shall include only the name and/or address of the establishment or use.

F. CANOPY SIGNS

1. Shall not extend more than eighteen (18) inches from the face of the canopy to which they are attached.
2. Shall not extend above the roof or below the underside of the canopy to which they are attached.
3. Shall be adequately constructed and securely anchored in accordance with the Standard Building Code.
4. The height of individual canopy faces, for purposes of measuring sign area, shall be measured from the roof to the underside of the canopy.

9.02.02 OFF-PREMISES SIGNS BILLBOARDS

A. Shall not be located along any roadway other than the following:

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.) | Florida's Turnpike | Indian River C/L to Martin C/L |
| 2.) | I-95 | Indian River C/L to Martin C/L |
| 3.) | US #1 | Indian River C/L to Martin C/L |

except as may be further restricted in Section 9.01.01, of this Code.

B. Shall not exceed a sign area of three-hundred seventy-eight (378) square feet including all trim, molding, or skirting, except as may be further restricted in this Code.

- C. Shall not exceed a sign face dimension of thirty six (36) feet horizontally or twelve (12) feet vertically including all trim, molding, or skirting.
- D. Shall not exceed a total height above the crown of the road of thirty-five (35) feet, except as may be further restricted in this Code, and fifty (50) feet total height above grade along the Florida Turnpike and I-95.

The height of ~~off-premises~~ billboards that are ground signs may either be measured from the crown of the road or at finished grade. If an applicant for a ground sign permit elects to measure the height from the crown of the road, the applicant shall submit, at the time of application for such permit, a survey of the property and of the abutting street.
- E. Shall be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any street right-of-way or property line.
- F. Shall not be located closer to a right-of-way line than any building on contiguous property if such building is situated within one hundred (100) feet of the sign.
- G. Shall not be located within a radius of two-hundred (200) feet of any residential zone or residential use area within an approved Planned Unit Development or Planned Mixed Use Development Project.
- H. Shall not be located so as to face a lot on the same street occupied by a religious facility, public school, public park, playground, beach, civic area, or cemetery, nor nearer to such uses than a radius of two hundred (200) feet.
- I. Shall comply with Section 9.02.01(D) where the ~~off-premises sign billboard~~ is also a ground sign.
- J. Shall not be located on Hutchinson Island.

9.03.00 PROHIBITED SIGNS

No sign, whether otherwise allowable or exempt from permitting, may have any characteristic that renders it a prohibited sign. The following signs or types of signs shall be prohibited:

- A. Roof signs.
- B. Portable ~~or~~ signs and trailer signs.
- C. Sidewalk signs ~~or~~ and sandwich signs.
- D. Snipe signs.
- E. Signs attached to any tree, shrub, plant, or rock.
- F. Signs located over or on any public right-of-way, except:
 1. public directional and regulatory signs, erected by any duly authorized state or local government in accordance with applicable Florida Department of Transportation Design standards;
 2. bus bench signs; ~~when specifically authorized in writing by the Board of County Commissioners;~~ and
 3. one ~~private directional~~ sign per parcel in Commercial Neighborhood (CN), Commercial Office

(CO), Institutional (I), Religious Facilities (RF), Commercial General (CG), Industrial Light (IL), Industrial Heavy (IH), Industrial Extraction (IX), and Utilities (U) zoning districts, provided that:

- a. ~~it is erected by~~ located on the property ~~owner, organization or owner of record of the applicant or the adjacent property that the sign provides directions to;~~
 - b. ~~it is located adjacent to the property;~~
 - be. it does not exceed four (4) square feet in total sign area;
 - cd. it is erected in accordance with applicable Florida Department of Transportation design safety standards;
 - de. it is not located ~~along~~ within any State or Federal right-of-way;
 - ef. it is not located within 20 feet of any intersecting street or driveway connection;
 - fg. it is not located within any utility easement or surface drainage swale;
 - h. ~~the property owner, corporation or ownership interest erecting the directional sign has provided St. Lucie County with an indemnification of all responsibility or liability associated with the erection of the directional sign;~~
 - i. ~~the information depicted is limited to the name, identification and/or address of the owner or occupant of the adjacent property;~~
 - j. ~~there are no other signs (ground, wall, mansard, marque or projecting), permanent or temporary, on the property which the directional sign references; and~~
 - gi. ~~the directional sign does not contravene any other applicable regulation or restriction of St. Lucie County.~~
- G. Any privately-owned ~~S~~ signs attached to or placed within any public right-of-way upon any utility pole, street light, sidewalk curb, fire hydrant, bridge, or any other similar public ~~property~~ or utility structure.
- H. Flashing, animated, fire- or smoke-emitting, or noise-making signs, except for one (1) variable electronic message sign per parcel or group of parcels under a uniform site development plan displaying time, temperature, community service ~~or~~, direct business copy, or other information, provided that the message sign does not exceed more than one line of display copy; that the message display area for any such sign does not exceed an overall area of 30 ~~sq~~ square feet (3 feet x 10 feet typical dimension); the message displays shall be on a black background with a single color copy; the message display shall not scroll, flash or blink, and message display copy shall not change more frequently than once every 5 seconds. Any such message sign shall be counted as part of the overall signage for the property or project site; must be a part of one of the ground signs associated with the property or project site and shall not exceed 25% of the particular sign area of the particular ground sign for the property or project site.
- I. Signs in motion, including swinging, rotating, or revolving signs or similar moving devices designed to attract attention by motion or illusionary motion.
- J. Signs that copy or imitate official governmental signs or that incorrectly purport to have official governmental status.
- K. Signs that display any ~~lewd, lascivious, obscene, indecent, or immoral~~ written or graphic message

that is lewd, lascivious, or obscene based on contemporary community standards.

- L. Signs that obstruct or interfere with any door, fire exit, stairway, ladder, or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress, or egress for any building.
- M. ~~Signs that constitute~~ Any sign, whether otherwise allowable or exempt under this Chapter, that, in the judgment of the Public Works Director, determined without reference to the content of the sign except as stated below in this paragraph constitutes a traffic safety hazard by reason of size, location, movement, ~~content, coloring,~~ or method of illumination; obstructs the vision of motorists or pedestrians; ~~obstructs or distract from~~ interferes with any official traffic control device; ~~divert or tend to divert the attention of motorists from traffic movement on streets, roads, intersections, or access facilities;~~ or utilizes flashing or revolving red, green, blue, or amber lights, creates glare, or utilizes the words "stop," "look," "danger" or any other word, phrase, symbol, or character in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.
- N. Signs that utilize fluorescent colors in the yellow ~~and~~ or red spectrums.
- ~~Political signs that have not been removed within seven (7) days following the election to which they refer.~~
- P.Q. Flags which are not exempt from permitting under Section 9.04.00, banners, and pennants, except for temporary special event promotional flags as permitted in 9.01.02(C).
- P. Signs that contain any mirror or mirrored device.
- Q. Vehicular signs.
- R. Any unpermitted sign not exempt from permitting under this Chapter.

9.04.00 PERMITTING AND EXEMPTIONS

9.04.01 PERMITTING

- A. Except as specifically exempted in Section 9.01.02 or Section 9.04.02, the erection, physical alteration, reconstruction, or physical conversion of any sign shall not be commenced without obtaining a Sign Permit from the Public Works Director. No Sign Permit shall be issued for development without the concurrent issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance as provided by Section 11.05.00 of this Code. No permit shall be required for the sole purpose of changing content, including wording and graphics, on a lawfully existing sign that otherwise complies with the requirements of this Code both before and after such change.
- B. The process for obtaining a Sign Permit shall be the same as the process for obtaining a Building Permit pursuant to Chapter XI of this Code, except as specifically modified in this Section. The application shall be made on such form as the Public Works Director or his designee shall prescribe, which shall include a depiction of the proposed sign, its specifications including height, sign area, dimensions, location on the site and in relation to other structures and rights of way, means of support, method of illumination, if any, and such other information as the Public Works Director or his designee may require to determine whether the proposed sign meets the requirements of this Chapter.
- C. The Public Works Director or his designee shall grant or deny an application for a Sign Permit and Certificate of Zoning Compliance applicable to such application, within thirty (30) days from receipt of a complete application. The Public Works Director or his designee shall

notify the applicant within fifteen (15) days from receipt of any application, or amendment or supplement thereto, if the application is incomplete, and shall notify the applicant of the information necessary to complete the application. The applicant has the option of supplying such information or, if the applicant deems the application complete despite such notification, of so notifying the Public Works Director or his designee who shall then treat the application as complete. Any application for a Sign Permit that is not granted or denied within thirty (30) days from receipt of a completed application shall be deemed denied.

- D. The Public Works Director or his designee shall grant the Sign permit upon receipt of a completed application with all required fees, upon finding that the proposed sign conforms to all requirements of this Chapter; otherwise, the application shall be denied. The content of a proposed sign shall not be material to the grant or denial of a Sign Permit, except as necessary to determine that a sign conforms to the specific requirements of this Chapter.
- E. The denial of an application for Sign Permit may be appealed by the applicant to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with Chapter XI of this Code, within thirty (30) days from denial. The Board of Adjustment shall render its decision within forty-five (45) days from the date the appeal is filed. Any Sign Permit applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Adjustment may seek review by certiorari in the Circuit Court in accordance with Chapter XI of this code, within thirty (30) days from rendition of the decision of the Board of Adjustment.

9.04.02 EXCEPTIONS

The following types of signs shall not be required to have a sign permit, provided they do not otherwise violate any specific prohibition in this Chapter and they are not designed or located so as to cause or create a risk to public safety, as set forth in Section 9.03.00(M):

- A. Residential nameplates that comply with this Chapter.
- B. Political signs providing they are removed within seven (7) days following the election to which they refer. Temporary signs providing they comply with Section 9.01.02 of this Chapter.
- C. Credit card signs, decals or emblems. Signs that are not visible from any roadway or adjoining property.
- D. Memorial signs or tablets within duly licensed cemeteries.
- E. Public convenience signs, communicating the location of restrooms; or public telephones; or the like.
- F. Public utility signs, identifying the location of underground lines, high voltage areas, or the like.
- FG. Public warning signs, indicating the dangers of trespassing, swimming, animals, or the like.
- H. Not more than three (3) flags, emblems, or insignias of the United States, State of Florida any nation, state, or St. Lucie County other political subdivision and one (1) corporate or institutional flag per establishment or common development site.
- tG. Seasonal displays or decorations not advertising a product, service, or establishment.
- J. Wall Murals, provided that the wall mural is located in a commercial or industrial zoning district, does not contain any advertising beyond which would otherwise permitted under the commercial wall sign standards and does not otherwise violate any of the provisions of Section 9.03.00 of this code. A wall mural may be illuminated. A wall mural that does not include any advertising does not have to be

~~installed by a locally registered sign or painting contractor. If the wall mural contains any form of advertising, then the mural may only be installed or applied to the wall surface by a locally registered sign contractor.~~

- KH. Garage or yard sale signs providing they are removed by sunset of the last day of the sale.
- L. ~~Non-illuminated religious emblems.~~
- MI. Non-illuminated building identification signs which are under three (3) square feet in sign area on buildings which are located at least three hundred (300) feet from a public right-of-way.
- NJ. Ten (10) or fewer flags, ~~not including flags of the United States, State of Florida, or St. Lucie County,~~ per parcel or common development site. Such flags shall not be placed less than thirty (30) feet apart. Any flags, in excess of ten (10) per parcel or common development site may be erected on a temporary basis upon the issuance of a permit in accordance with Section 9.01.02(C).

9.05.00 NONCONFORMING SIGNS

A. GENERAL

Any sign or advertising structure in the unincorporated area of the County on which, by its height, area, location, use or structural support does not conform to the requirements of this chapter, shall be termed nonconforming.

B. CONTINUATION OR REMOVAL

All nonconforming signs or advertising structures which were properly permitted and conforming to the sign ordinances of the County in effect at the time the signs were erected, may continue in use in accordance with the other provisions of this Section. All other nonconforming signs shall be removed unless erected prior to September 1, 1961. Nonconforming signs that are subject to removal shall be subject to the provisions of this Code governing the procedures for Code violations; provided, however, that the Public Works Director may direct the removal, after making reasonable efforts to provide advance notice to the sign owner, of (1) any sign that in his judgment, determined without reference to the content of the sign except as stated in Section 9.03.00(M), constitutes an immediate and extreme danger to public safety, or (2) any sign erected or posted in the public right of way in violation of this Chapter. Temporary signs for which allowable time of display has expired and for which the sign owner cannot readily be located or identified, shall be deemed abandoned and may be removed at the direction of the Public Works Director.

C. STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS

Nonconforming signs shall not be structurally altered or enlarged unless they are made to conform with all the requirements of this Chapter, except that substitution or interchange of copy may be permitted.

D. NATURAL DAMAGE

Nonconforming signs which are more than fifty (50) percent destroyed by wind, deterioration or other damage shall be made to conform with all the requirements of this Chapter, or be completely removed.

E. ~~OFF-PREMISES SIGNS~~ BILLBOARDS WITH LESS THAN THE MINIMUM SEPARATION

Where two (2) or more ~~off-premises signs~~ billboards, each of which was lawfully installed at its time of installation, are situated closer to each other than permitted by Section 9.01.01(F)(1), then all such

signs except the one first installed in the County shall be nonconforming.

F. REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING FLAGS, BANNERS, AND PENNANTS

Flags, banners, and pennants rendered non-conforming by virtue of being included in Section 9.03.00(P) shall be removed by March 1, 1994.

11.05.01B SIGN PERMIT

A. Unchanged.

B. The erection, alteration, reconstruction, or conversion of any sign shall not be commenced without obtaining a Sign Permit from the Public Works Director or his designee ~~in accordance with Section 9.00.00, no Sign Permit shall be issued for development without the issuance of a concurrent Certificate of Zoning Compliance as provided in Section 9.04.01 of this Code.~~

PART B: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

Special acts of the Florida Legislature applicable only to unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County, County ordinances and County resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

PART C: SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance. If this Ordinance or any provision thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property or circumstance, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property or circumstances.

PART D: APPLICABILITY OF ORDINANCE.

This ordinance shall be applicable in the unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County.

PART E: FILING WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The Clerk be and hereby is directed forthwith to send a certified copy of this ordinance to the Bureau of Administrative Code, Department of State, 401 South Monroe St., Elliot Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

PART F: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing with the Department of State.

PART G: ADOPTION.

Chairman Frannie Hutchinson	AYE
Vice Chairman Doug Coward	AYE
Commissioner Paula Lewis	AYE
Commissioner Joseph E. Smith	AYE
Commissioner Chris Craft	AYE

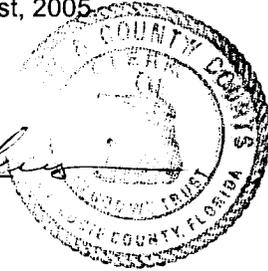
PART H: CODIFICATION.

Specific authority is hereby granted to codify this ordinance. It is the intention of St. Lucie County that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the St. Lucie County Land Development Code; and that sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article", or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions; provided, however, that Sections B through H shall not be codified.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, on this 2nd day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:

Maria A. Selvis
Deputy Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: *Thomas J. Johnson*
Chairman

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS**

BY: *W. J. [Signature]*
County Attorney