



## City of Lakewood Sign Regulations

On June 3, 2019 the Lakewood City Council approved Ordinance No. 706 to amend the Lakewood Municipal Code related to signs. To learn more visit [https://cityoflakewood.us/community\\_economic\\_development/](https://cityoflakewood.us/community_economic_development/) or contact the City of Lakewood Planning Department at [permits@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:permits@cityoflakewood.us)

The following regulations go into effect July 3, 2019.

**Temporary Signs:** There is no limitation on the number of temporary signs allowed on private or public property. A temporary sign is defined as: "A portable structure that is not permanently mounted and would not require a building permit to be attached to a permanent structure." The table lists dimensional standards and permit requirements by zone district for temporary signs.

**Maintenance Standards:** All signs shall be maintained in a safe condition and in good repair per the Community & Economic Development Director or designee. Any sign that is damaged shall be restored to a safe condition immediately. Failure to maintain a sign in a safe condition and in good repair shall be grounds for revocation of a sign permit. Any temporary sign that is poorly maintained must be replaced or is subject to removal.

- All signs shall be free of tears, holes, chipping, cracking, peeling, fading or discoloration, graffiti, rust on any functional or non-functional component, and must not be battered, shredded or damaged.
- Any sign that has fallen is subject to removal.
- All illuminated sign faces must be maintain a consistent level of illumination.

Residential (All R, MR, and MF Zones)			
Sign Type	Sign Size	Maximum Height	Duration
Temporary Sign	24 sf for banners, 12 sf for all other signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 ft.</li> <li>• Banners shall be hung &lt;24 ft</li> </ul>	-
Sandwich Board or A-frame signs	7 sf per sign face	3.5 ft	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM, daily
Non Residential Zones			
Temporary Sign	32 sf for banners, 12 sf for all other signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 ft.</li> <li>• Banners shall be hung &lt;24 ft</li> </ul>	-
Sandwich Board or A-frame signs	7 sf per sign face	3.5 ft	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM, daily
Open Space, Public, and Institutional (OSR1, OSR2, P1)			
Large Banner Sign	32-80 sf*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banners shall be hung &lt;24 ft</li> </ul>	-
Temporary Sign	12 sf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 ft.</li> <li>• Banners shall be hung &lt;24 ft</li> </ul>	-
Sandwich Board or A-frame signs	7 sf per sign face	3.5 ft	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM, daily
* maximum banner size is calculated using 32 sf. plus 1 square foot for every 100f of over 400f of street frontage.			
Notes regarding location/placement:			
1) Portable signs may be located on sidewalks so long as a minimum of 48" unobstructed sidewalk is maintained.			
2) Temporary sign types are <b>not exempt</b> from LMC 18A.50.620 "Prohibited signs"			
3) Any sign located in the public right-of-way is subject to removal per LMC 18A.50.630.B.11			
4) All temporary signs must meet the maintenance standards identified in LMC 18A.50.630.A.9			



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**Signs in the Right-of-Way:** Generally, temporary signs are permitted in the right-of-way. All temporary signs must be located so they do not block visibility or become hazardous per the City Engineer. If the City Engineer determines that a sign is hazardous, it may be removed without notice.

**Enforcement:** Permanent signs that were permitted and installed prior to July 3, 2019 are legal- non-conforming signs and are permitted per compliance with the revised LMC 18A.50.675. All non-compliant temporary signs must be removed by July 3, 2019. The new sign code is enforced by the procedures established in LMC 18A.02.460.

**Sign Removal:** Between July 3 - December 1, 2019 temporary signs that are removed due to placement or deferred maintenance will be stored at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main Street. To learn more about retrieving a removed sign please contact the City at (253) 589-2489.

### Prohibited Signs:

The following signs are prohibited in all zoning districts:

- A. Roof signs.
- B. Signs posted upon utility poles, traffic control devices, or other public utility devices.
- C. Signs which, by virtue of their size, location, movement, coloring or manner of illumination, may be confused with traffic control signs or signals.
- D. Posters, pennants, banners, streamers, string pennants, blinking or flashing or strobe lights, searchlights, strings, twirlers, propellers, flares, and other displays of a carnival nature, blimps, or inflatables except as permitted in conjunction with a temporary sign pursuant to LMC 18A.50.665, Provisions for Temporary Signs.
- E. Animated, emitting, moving, rotating, or visually projecting signs.
- F. Signs affixed to a tree, shrub, rock or other natural object.
- G. Public address systems or sound devices used in conjunction with any sign.
- H. Abandoned signs
- I. Billboard signs, except as provided for in LMC 18A.50.675 "non-conforming signs".
- J. Temporary signs installed at Gateway locations or traffic islands located within the public right-of-way.
- K. Signs installed in roundabouts, except when expressly allowed by the City Engineer via a right-of-way permit approved by the City of Lakewood Public Works Engineering Department.
- L. Feather Banners.