

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

**§153.160 – TEMPORARY SIGNS AND §153.161 SIGNS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

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**Amend §153.140 (L) Signs, to read in full as follows:**

(L) *Signs.* Signs shall comply with §§ 153.150 through 153.164, unless specifically provided for in the following section. In the case of conflicts, regulations for the Innovation Districts will prevail.

(1) *Table of height, area & setbacks.* The following table shall provide for the implementation of sign requirements for the Innovation Districts:

USES	Wall Signs		Monument Signs			Window Signs	Projecting Signs (wall or post-mounted)		
	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Minimum Setback (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Minimum Setback (ft.)	
Live-Work	6	15	Not permitted			6	6	6	6
Schools, Civic, Religious and Daycare	30	15	30	8	8	Not permitted	6	6	6
Office and Research	50	15	50	8	8	6	Not permitted		
<b>General Commerce</b>									
First-floor integrated	30	15	30	8	8	6	6	6	6
Outparcel	50	15	50	8	8	6	<b>Not permitted</b>		
Retail center	80	15	50	8	8	6	<b>Not permitted</b>		
Manufacturing & Industry	50	15	50	8	8	6	<b>Not permitted</b>		
Fueling/Service Stations	See <del>§153.161(LF)</del>						See <del>§153.161(LF)</del>		
Joint Identification	Not permitted		50	8	8	6	Not permitted		

**Amend §153.157 (F) Holiday Signs, to read in full as follows:**

(F) *Holiday Signs.* Signs clearly in the nature of decorations customarily associated with any national, state, local, or religious holiday, to be limited to an aggregate total of 60 days in any one given year, and to be displayed not more than 60 consecutive days. Such signs may be illuminated, providing no safety or visibility hazards are caused by such illumination. Animated and flashing holiday signs are permitted for residential uses only, providing no safety or visibility hazards are caused by such illumination. Gas-inflatable holiday signs must comply with § 153.160~~4~~(B), and a sign permit must be obtained before a gas-inflatable sign may be installed.

**Amend §153.160, Temporary Signs, to read in full as follows:**

**§ 153.160 TEMPORARY SIGNS.**

For all temporary sign types listed below, permits must be obtained in accordance with §153.152. In addition to the requirements and regulations previously listed, the following conditions shall apply:

~~—(A) *Development Signs.* These shall include signs indicating or promoting the development of land, facilities, or structures. Such signs must comply with the provisions of § 153.158 with the exception that development signs shall not be illuminated. Such signs must be of a rectangular shape. No more than one such sign shall be permitted per street frontage and such signs shall be installed on the property to which they refer. For sites having at least 100 feet of frontage on each of two public rights of way, a second sign may be permitted facing the second right of way if both signs comply with code requirements. Such signs shall be limited to 32 square feet in area and eight feet in height. They shall be placed at least eight feet from any public right of way. If the site is entitled to two temporary development signs, the distance between the signs shall be not less than two thirds the length of the longest right of way frontage. The distance shall be measured by drawing two straight lines, from the edge of each sign, forming a 90 degree angle.~~

~~—Application shall be made to the Zoning Administrator or designee for review. Approval shall be for a period not to exceed one year. In residential subdivisions, development signs must be removed when 75% of the lots in such subdivision have received any certificate of occupancy.~~

(A) *Development Signs*

(1) These shall include signs indicating or promoting the development of land, facilities, or structures and shall only be installed on the property to which they refer. Signs must comply with the provisions of §153.158 with the exception that development signs shall not be illuminated.

(2) Development signs must be of a rectangular shape, limited to 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height, and placed at least 8 feet from any public right-of-way.

(3) One development sign per street frontage is permitted. Corner lots shall be permitted one freestanding sign per lot frontage provided that there is a minimum of 100 feet of lot frontage on both frontages. Signs on corner lots shall be separated by a minimum of 50 feet, as measured along the property lines.

(4) Application shall be made to the Director or designee for review. Approval shall be for a period not to exceed one year. In residential subdivisions, development signs must be removed when 75% of the lots in the subdivision have received any certificate of occupancy.

(B) *Gas-Inflatable Sign/Device.*

(1) ~~Such~~ These signs/devices are permitted only for special events in accordance with the restrictions set forth in §153.156 and shall be located only on the site where the special event occurs. Signs are also permitted and for holiday decorations in accordance with the requirements of §153.157(F). ~~Such signs shall be located only on the site where the special event occurs. A temporary sign permit is required for all gas-inflatable devices.~~

(2) To obtain a permit, aA scaled diagram of the sign/device and a site plan showing where ~~it the device~~ is to be located are required.

(3) The ~~Such~~ signs must not be inflated with helium or any other buoyant gas.

(4) The ~~Such~~ signs/devices shall be securely attached/tethered to the ground so that they will not shift more than three feet in any direction during any wind condition up to 25 miles per hour. ~~Such S~~ signs shall not be attached to or mounted on any platform, roof, or similar structure and. ~~Such signs must~~ be placed so that they will be clear of all utility lines, roads, parking lots and adjacent property in case of collapse.

(5) ~~Such S~~ signs/devices may contain no commercial advertising and shall not be internally illuminated.

(C) *Banners.* Banners are permitted only for the promotion of special events or for grand openings of businesses. A grand opening occurs only when there is a change of tenant or owner that brings a new business to a site. All banners are subject to the following regulations:

(1) All banners shall be located only on the site where the community event or grand opening occurs. ~~They shall not be located in any public right-of-way or where in such a way that~~ they would interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(2) Only three colors shall be used on any banner, including black and white.

(3) All banners shall be safely secured to a building, structure, or stake. Banners shall have ventilated faces to reduce wind load.

(4) Banners shall not be illuminated.

- (5) ~~A temporary sign permit is required.~~—A scaled diagram of the banner(s), a site plan showing the location of the banner(s) and a description of how the banner(s) is to be ventilated and secured shall be submitted to the ~~Zoning Administrator~~ Director or designee with the temporary sign permit application.
- (6) Banners may be erected for a maximum of 14 days.

(D) Commercial and Industrial For Sale/For Lease Signs.

- (1) Signs indicating the sale, rental, or lease of commercial or industrial real estate shall require a temporary sign permit which shall be valid for a period of not more than one year.
- (2) Sign permits issued following the effective date of this amendment shall comply with the following provisions.
- (a) One freestanding sign per building or lot shall be permitted. Corner lots shall be permitted one freestanding sign per lot frontage provided that there is a minimum of 100 feet of lot frontage on both frontages. All signs, including those on corner lots, shall be separated by a minimum of 50 feet, as measured along the property lines for corner lots, and a straight line distance for properties that have multiple buildings on a single lot.
- (b) Except as provided in §153.160(D)(2)(c), temporary sign permits issued after the effective date of this amendment for existing buildings shall be limited to 16 square feet in area and 6 feet in height.
- (c) Signs for buildings for which a permit has been issued after the effective date of this amendment shall be permitted a sign up to 32 square feet in area and 8 feet high for a period of one year from the issuance of final occupancy by the Division of Building Standards. Temporary sign permits issued after the one year period shall comply with the provisions of §153.160(D)(2)(b).
- (d) Freestanding signs must be located at least 8 feet from a front property line and 10 feet from any adjacent side or rear property line.
- (e) Individual tenant spaces within a multi-tenant building shall be permitted one window or wall sign no larger than 4 square feet in area per storefront. Signs shall apply to and be located at the tenant space actually available for sale or lease.

(E) Political Signs. See §153.157(G)

- (F) Seasonal Business. One sign is permitted per street frontage, not exceeding 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height, set back at least 8 feet from any public right-of-way, and limited to three colors including black and white.

~~(G)~~ Garage/Yard Sale Signs.

- (1) A permit must be obtained from the Dublin Planning prior to the sale.

- (2) Three such signs, provided by the City, may be posted no more than 24 hours immediately preceding the event. No other signs other than those provided by the City are permitted. All ~~and such signs~~ must be removed no more than 24 ~~two~~ hours after the event has ended. ~~The city provides the signs which may be obtained when a permit has been approved. Such signs are one foot in height and two square feet in area.~~
- (3) Signs ~~They~~ may be located in a public right-of-way ~~as so long as~~ no safety or visibility hazards are created.

**Amend §153.161, Signs with Special Conditions, to read in full as follows:**

**§ 153.161      SIGNS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS.**

~~Permits must be obtained f~~For all ~~permanent and temporary~~ sign types listed below, ~~permits must be obtained~~ in accordance with § 153.152. The following special conditions shall apply in addition to the other requirements and regulations of this chapter~~previously listed, the following special conditions shall apply:~~

(A) *Corporate Office Signs along Interstate District.*

- (1) ~~—~~      For the purposes of this chapter, the Interstate District is hereby defined to include property with frontage on Interstate 270 that has been improved with corporate office building(s) constructed with two or more stories above the natural grade.
- (2) ~~These~~ Such buildings ~~are~~ is entitled to ~~one~~ a wall sign or a ground sign facing the interstate in addition to other permitted signs age, not to exceed a total of . ~~In all cases, a maximum of two signs shall be permitted.~~
- (3) For wall signs, the permitted sign area is based upon the number of building stories above natural grade and the building setback from the interstate right-of-way line.
- (a) Buildings that are set back at least 50 feet from the interstate shall be entitled to 100 square feet of sign age area per story, up to a maximum of 300 square feet.
- (b) ~~Multi-story b~~ Wall signs for buildings set back less than 50 feet from the interstate shall ~~not exceed be entitled to a maximum~~ 100 square feet ~~of wall signage~~ regardless of number of stories.
- (c) ~~Any such w~~ Wall signs shall be individual channel letters and shall ~~be~~ limited to one color. Wall signs may not extend above the roof line of the building or . ~~They may not~~ be attached to a penthouse or roof structure including but not limited to mechanical equipment or roof screening.
- (4)      For ground signs, the permitted sign size is based upon the building setback.

Ground signs for buildings set back at least 100 feet from the interstate, shall not exceed ~~be entitled to a sign no greater than~~ 80 feet in area and ~~not more than~~ 12 feet in height.

~~(2)~~ Ground signs for buildings set back less than 100 feet from the interstate shall not exceed ~~be entitled to a sign no greater than~~ 50 feet in area and ~~not more than~~ eight feet in height.

(5) All Interstate District signs shall conform to all setback, design, location, and other requirements not specifically addressed in this section.

~~(B)~~ Gas Inflatable Sign/Device. Such signs are permitted only for special events in accordance with the restrictions set forth in § 153.156, and for holiday decorations in accordance with the requirements of § 153.157(F). Such signs shall be located only on the site where the special event occurs. A temporary sign permit is required for all gas-inflatable devices. A scaled diagram of the device and a site plan showing where the device is to be located are required. Such signs must not be inflated with helium or any other buoyant gas. Such signs shall be securely attached/tethered to the ground so that they will not shift more than three feet in any direction during any wind condition up to 25 miles per hour. Such signs shall not be attached to or mounted on any platform, roof, or similar structure. Such signs must be placed so that they will be clear of all utility lines, roads, parking lots and adjacent property in case of collapse. Such signs may contain no commercial advertising and shall not be internally illuminated.

~~(C)~~ Banners. Banners are permitted only for the promotion of special events or for grand openings of businesses. A grand opening occurs only when there is a change of tenant or owner that brings a new business to a site. All banners are subject to the following regulations:

~~(1)~~ All banners shall be located only on the site where the community event or grand opening occurs. They shall not be located in any public right-of-way or in such a way that they would interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

~~(2)~~ Only three colors shall be used on any banner, including black and white.

~~(3)~~ All banners shall be safely secured to a building, structure, or stake. Banners shall have ventilated faces to reduce wind load.

~~(4)~~ Banners shall not be illuminated.

~~(5)~~ A temporary sign permit is required for all banners. A scaled diagram of the banner(s), a site plan showing the location of the banner(s) and a description of how the banner(s) is to be ventilated and secured shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator or designee.

~~(6)~~ Banners may be erected for a maximum of 14 days.

(B) Joint Identification Signs.

(1) One ground sign identifying only the name of a shopping center or other building

complex shall be permitted, if there is a minimum of three uses sharing the same site. A second joint identification sign of the same size is permitted if the site has frontage on two streets, provided that the total lot frontage (on two streets) is 1,000 feet or greater. The two signs shall be no closer than 75 feet. Joint identification signs shall be permitted in addition to the permitted signs of individual occupants, but shall not list the names of these occupants.

- (2) ~~Such signs shall be permitted in addition to the permitted signs of individual occupants, but shall not list the names of these occupants.~~ A joint identification sign shall not exceed 80 square feet and shall be limited to the maximum ~~permitted~~ permitted height of any permitted ground sign identifying the individual occupants, ~~and the area of a joint identification sign shall not exceed 80 square feet.~~ A second joint identification sign of the same size is permitted if the site has frontage on two streets, provided that the total lot frontage (on two streets) is 1000 feet or greater. The two signs shall be no closer than 75 feet.
- (3) For all buildings or complexes designed and/or intended for multi-tenant ~~usage~~, a ~~total~~ sign plan for all buildings conforming to all the requirements of this Code ~~may must~~ be submitted to the ~~Director Zoning Administrator~~ or designee before any sign permit for the complex or an individual tenant will be issued.

~~(CE)~~ *Entry Feature Signs.*

- (1) Entry feature signs may be used to identify subdivision and/or multi-family development.
- (2) Only monument signs may be used, not exceeding 20 square feet and 6 feet high. These shall include signs graphically identifying a subdivision and/or multi-family development. Such signs shall be limited to monument signs only. Pole and pylon signs are prohibited. Such signs must consist entirely of natural materials, such as wood, brick and stone. The reverse sides of such signs shall be finished to match the fronts. Such signage must meet Dublin I Lighting and landscaping requirements must be met. The graphic area of such signs shall not exceed 20 square feet and the height of the monument shall be limited to six feet.
- (3) ~~Such signs shall be placed so they do may~~ not interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. If an entry feature sign is to be located within the right-of-way it must be reviewed and approved by City Council, ~~the upon a recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Engineer. Such signage must meet Dublin lighting and landscaping requirements.~~

~~(F)~~ *Commercial and Industrial For Sale/For Lease Signs.*

~~Signs indicating the sale, rental, or lease of commercial or industrial real estate are limited to 16 square feet in area and 4 feet in height for lots with less than 100 feet of street frontage and 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height for lots with street frontage of 100 feet or more. Free standing signs must be located so that they do not interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and must be removed within 14 days after the sale, rental, or lease has occurred. Individual tenant spaces within a parcel~~

~~are allowed a window or wall sign no larger than 16 square feet in area. Free-standing signs must be located so that they do not interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and must be removed within 14 days after the sale, rental, or lease has occurred. Only one such sign per street frontage is permitted.~~

~~(G) — Signs for Model Homes. A sign permit must be obtained for model home signs. Such signs shall be permitted in lieu of an exempt residential for sale/for lease sign as described in § 153.157(I). Such signs must not exceed eight square feet in area and may not be internally illuminated. See § 153.073 for additional regulation pertaining to model homes.~~

~~(DF) ——— Signs within the Architectural Review District. Refer to the Old Dublin Signage and Graphics Guidelines for regulations pertaining to signs in these locations. Sign regulations for the District are provided in §§153.065 (H) and 153.174.~~

~~(I) — Garage/Yard Sale Signs. Three such signs may be posted no more than 24 hours immediately preceding the event and such signs must be removed no more than two hours after the event has ended. The city provides the signs which may be obtained when a permit has been approved. Such signs are one foot in height and two square feet in area. They may be located in a public right-of-way so long as no safety or visibility hazards are created. — (K) — Seasonal Business. One sign per street frontage is allowed for a seasonal business. Such signs are limited to 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height. They must be setback at least eight feet from any public right-of-way. Such signs are limited to three colors, including black and white.~~

~~(L)(F) Gasoline Stations. Gasoline stations, whose principal business is the sale of motor fuel, may display signs in addition to those hereinabove authorized. Such signs shall be limited to the following:~~

- ~~(1) One non-illuminated, double-faced sign not exceeding five square feet on a side is permitted for each set of motor fuel pumps identifying “self-service” or “full service.”~~
- ~~(2) Price and grade information can be displayed only on the permitted sign, in manually changeable copy. Changeable copy for these purposes shall not include liquid crystal display (LCD), light emitting diodes (LED), or other similar electro/mechanical displays. This is the only circumstance in which changeable copy may be used.~~
- ~~(3) Signs limited to the identification of the brand name, logo or type of fuel sold and other signs as may be required by law shall be permitted on the motor fuel pumps. Fuel pumps shall not be illuminated. No signs projecting above the pumps may be permitted, except as required by law.~~
- ~~(4) Any other such signs as may be required by law.~~

~~(M) — Architectural Review District. Signs within the Architectural Review District shall require prior review and approval by the Architectural Review Board. Signs within the Architectural Review District shall be in conformance with the Old Dublin Sign Guidelines, or any properly adopted successor guidelines or regulations. In no case shall such guidelines permit~~

~~signage which exceed the size, height, color, opacity, and design requirements within this subchapter.~~(N)(G) *Drive-thru menu board signs.* This shall include free-standing, pole, pylon and monument signs. A drive-thru menu board sign is permitted only when all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1) The sign is located on the property to which it refers;
- (2) The sign is not visible from the public right-of-way; and
- (3) The sign does not exceed 32 square feet in size.

('80 Code, § 1189.12) (Ord. 66-94, passed 3-20-95; Am. Ord. 103-95, passed 12-18-95; Am. Ord. 26-10, passed 8-9-10) Penalty, see § 153.999

**Amend §153.163, Abandoned Signs to read in full as follows:**

**§ 153.163 ABANDONED AND NONCONFORMING SIGNS.**

(A) Abandoned Signs

(1) A sign shall be considered abandoned:

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(1a) When the sign remains after the discontinuance of a use.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(a) A business is considered to have discontinued operations if it is closed to the public for at least 90 consecutive days.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(b) A seasonal business is considered to have discontinued operations if it is closed to the public for at least 72 hours after the expiration of an 80-day seasonal business permit.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(b2) When the sign on its immediate premises is not adequately maintained and the repairs or maintenance ordered under § 153.162(B) are not effected within the 30-day time limit.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(3) ~~W~~
- (c) When a nonconforming the pre-existing legal sign does not conform to the provisions of this subchapter and is not brought into conformity upon any change in use or design as specified in § 153.1634(BJ). )

(B) Nonconforming Signs

(1) ~~All pre-existing illegal nonconforming signs must be removed in accordance with this subchapter. The Zoning Administrator shall issue an order for the sign to be removed within 15 days. The cost of removal will be assessed to the property owner. If the property owner refuses to pay for removal of the sign, the cost of such removal shall be assessed to the property owner's tax records. All pre-existing nonconforming legal signs that do not conform to the standards of this subchapter must be brought into conformity with the standards of this chapter under any of the following conditions:~~

(a1) Upon any change in the use of the property for which such property was intended at the time this subchapter became effective.

(b2) Upon the discontinuance of the present use of property for a period of more than six months.

(23) Upon alterations to the existing sign, the following regulations shall apply:

(aa) Structural. No display sign shall hereafter be altered, rebuilt, enlarged, extended, or relocated except in conformity with the provisions of this subchapter.

(bb) Repainting or Refacing. The repainting of existing nonconforming signs shall not be considered an alteration within the meaning of this section. Refacing an existing nonconforming sign shall not be considered an alteration as long as the refacing exactly matches the ~~constitutes an exact replica of the existing sign face.~~ The design, color scheme, translucency, graphics and text must exactly match those existing. If any portion of the replacement face(s) is not an exact replica of the original sign face, the replacement face(s) must be brought into compliance with this subchapter in so far as practicable.

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- (3e) Existing Signs; continuance. Except as otherwise specifically provided, nothing in this section shall require the removal or discontinuance of a ~~legally existing~~ nonconforming permanent display sign which is attached to the property, as distinguished from a temporary or portable sign, that is not altered, rebuilt, enlarged, extended or relocated.

Amend §153.164, Table of Height, Area and Setback Requirements, to read in full as follows:

**§ 153.164 TABLE OF HEIGHT, AREA AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.**

Sign Type	Wall Signs		Ground Signs			Window Signs
	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Minimum Setback (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>						
<b>Permanent Signs</b>						
School/Church	20	8	15	6	8	Not permitted
Day Care (Conditional Use)	8	8	8	6	8	Not permitted
Entry Feature Sign	Not permitted	n/a	20	6	0	Not permitted
Sexually Oriented Business	32	15	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	10
<b>Temporary Signs</b>						
Development	Not permitted	n/a	32	8	0	Not permitted
Model Home	Not permitted	n/a	8	6	8	Not permitted
Residential For Sale/For Lease	Not permitted	n/a	7	3	0	7
<b>NONRESIDENTIAL</b>						
<b>Permanent Signs</b>						
School, Church, Library	20	8	15	6	8	Not permitted
Development	32	8	32	8	8	Not permitted
Day Care/Nursing Homes	20	8	15	6	8	Not permitted
Office (Admin., Professional)	50	15	50	15	8	10
General Commerce (Retail, Restaurant, Lodging, Consumer Service, Personal Service, Entertainment, Wholesaling, Bank, Hospital, Manufacturing, Research)	80	15	50	15	8	10
Joint Identification	Not permitted	n/a	80	15	8	Not permitted
<del>Service-Gasoline</del> Stations	See § 153.161(F)					
<b>Temporary Signs</b>						
Banners	30	15	30	15	0	30

Sign Type	Wall Signs		Ground Signs			Window Signs
	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)	Maximum Height (ft.)	Minimum Setback (ft.)	Maximum Area (sq. ft.)
<b>Commercial and Industrial For Sale/For Lease</b>	<b>See § 153.1601(DF)</b>					