

## Section 17C.240.060 Exemptions

The following signs ~~do not require~~ are exempt from a sign permit (unless otherwise noted), ~~The area and number of such signs shall not be included in the area and number of signs permitted for any site or use, however, all other relevant requirements of this chapter shall apply. nor shall the area and number of such signs be included in the area and number of signs permitted for any site or use.~~ This shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility of its erection and maintenance and its compliance with the provisions of this chapter or any other law or ordinance.

A. Flags. ~~Any flags, provided that they conform to all provisions of this chapter for signs. The flag, emblem, or insignia of a nation or other governmental unit or nonprofit organization subject to the guidelines concerning their use set forth by the government or organization which they represent.~~ Freestanding flagpoles require a sign-building permit for structural review.

B. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings, stained glass windows, and dates of erection, when cut into the surface or the facade of the building or when projecting not more than two inches.

C. Governmental signs. Signs installed by the City, County, or a federal or State governmental agency for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Emergency and warning signs necessary for public safety or civil defense;
2. Traffic and/or wayfinding signs erected and maintained by an authorized public agency;
3. Signs required to be displayed by law;
4. Signs showing the location of public facilities including public and private hospitals and emergency medical services; and
5. Any sign, posting, notice, or similar sign placed by or required by a governmental agency in carrying out its responsibility to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

~~Traffic or other municipal signs, signs required by law or emergency, railroad crossing signs, and legal notices, and any temporary signs as are authorized under policy approved by the city council.~~

~~C.D.~~ Signs of public utility companies indicating danger or which serve as an aid to public safety or which show the location of underground facilities ~~or of public telephones.~~

~~D.E.~~ Flush-mounted wall signs, used to identify the name and address of the occupant for each dwelling provided the sign does not exceed two square feet in sign area.

~~E.F.~~ Signs located in the interior of any building or within an enclosed lobby or court of any building or group of buildings, which signs are designed and located to be viewed exclusively by patrons of such use or uses. Non-visible signs. Signs not visible beyond the boundaries of the lot or parcel upon which they are located, or from any public right-of-way. Such freestanding signs require a building permit for structural review.

~~F. Decorations, such signs in the nature of a decoration, clearly incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday.~~

~~G. Painting, repainting, or cleaning of an advertising structure or the changing of the advertising copy of message thereon shall not be considered an erection or alteration which requires a sign permit unless a structural change is made. Changes to the face or copy of changeable copy signs, digital signs, electronic messaging signs, provided such changes do not change the material or appearance of the sign as originally permitted by the City.~~

~~G.H. The normal repair and maintenance, (painting, repainting, cleaning) of conforming or legal nonconforming signs that does not involve structural alteration of the sign or supporting structure.~~

~~H.I. Sculptures, fountains, mosaics, murals, public art and design features which do not incorporate advertising or identification otherwise constitute a sign.~~

~~I.J. "No trespassing," "no dumping," "no parking," "private" signs identifying essential public needs (i.e., restrooms, entrance, exit, telephone, etc.) and other informational warning signs, which shall not exceed three square feet in surface area.~~

~~Directional signs erected by the City on arterial streets directing the public to public, civic, or nonprofit facilities. Such signs shall be erected at the discretion of the director of public works and shall be subject to City design guidelines. In addition, with the approval of the design review board, the director of public works may allow the erection of directional and wayfinding signs as are necessary to designate commercial areas or significant tourist sites within the City, provided said signs are consistent with such policies as may be adopted by City Council.~~

~~J.K. Publicly approved non-illuminated interpretive signs, or historical signs, or tablets displayed by a public, educational non-profit agency, or private development pursuant to SMC 17E.060.830 SMC 17E.060.820 and through SMC 17E.060.840, strictly for the purpose of informing or educating the public.~~

~~L. Illuminated wall highlights that do not contain words, logos, or corporate images~~

~~M. Interior signs. Signs or displays located entirely inside of a building and located at least three (3) feet away from transparent doors and windows.~~

~~N. Temporary signs (provided they comply with 17C.240.220, Temporary Signs).~~