

Section 17C.240.070 Prohibitions

The following are prohibited and existing ones must be removed:

- A. Flashing signs or lights. A sign that contains an intermittent or flashing light source, or a sign that includes the illusion of intermittent or flashing light by means of animation, or an externally mounted intermittent light source, except as consistent with the standards contained in Table 17C.240-4. ~~Signs containing strobe lights.~~
- B. Abandoned sign structures.
- C. Signs placed on or painted on a motor vehicle or trailer parked with the primary purpose of providing signs not otherwise allowed by the code.
- D. Permanent balloon signs.

~~Temporary signs (except as provided for in SMC 17C.240.240(C), Temporary Signs).~~

- E. Hazardous signs. Any sign that is dangerous or confusing to motorists on the public right-of-way, including any sign which by its color, wording, design, location or illumination resembles, conflicts, imitates or interferes with the effectiveness of any official traffic control device or which otherwise impedes the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

~~Signs that imitate or resemble official traffic lights, signs or signals or signs that interfere with the effectiveness of any official traffic light, sign, or signal.~~

- E.F. Signs which are located upon or projecting over public streets, sidewalks, or rights of way except as provided for awnings and marquees in SMC 17F.040.140, and sandwich board signs in SMC 17C.240.230, and signs extending into the right-of-way allowed in SMC 17C.240.180(B), and temporary signs in SMC 17C.240.220 (E).

- F.G. Off premises signs (except as expressly allowed in other sections of this chapter provided for in , Temporary Signs, such as real estate signs and community banners; , Signs Permitted in Conjunction With Bus Bench Signs, and , Off-premises Signs). No permanent sign shall be located on a vacant lot, parcel or easement. No permanent sign shall be located on a lot, parcel or easement as the principal use of that lot, parcel or easement. Signs may only be established as an accessory use to a principally permitted use.

- G.H. ~~Strings of banners, pennants, and other graffiti like material with advertising copy except grand opening displays and special event signs as allowed in SMC 17C.240.240(G).~~

- H.I. Signs erected, constructed or structurally altered that are required to have a permit that were erected, constructed, or altered without a permit.

- J. Except as otherwise allowed under this chapter or other ordinances, laws, or regulations of the City of Spokane, it shall be unlawful for any person, except a public officer or employee in the performance of his public duty, to affix, post, paint, nail, fasten, place, or locate any sign, card, banner, handbill, poster, or advertising advertisement or notice of any kind, or cause the same to be done, upon public streets, highways, public right-of-

~~way or any publicly owned or maintained property within the City of Spokane, or upon any City owned or maintained structure, including but not limited to, any building, any curbstome, traffic control device, street sign, utility pole, hydrant, fence, lamp post, guardrail, tree or shrubbery or any other structure situated within any such areas or to affix the same to a wire or appurtenance thereof, except as may be authorized by the ordinances, laws, or regulations of the City of Spokane, the State of Washington or the United States.~~ City-owned or maintained structures include, but are not limited to, bridges, overpasses, street medians, retaining walls, fences, street furniture, and shelters, among other structures located upon public streets, highways, public right-of-way or other public property. ~~The prohibition contained herein shall not apply to political campaign signs which are permitted pursuant to the regulations set forth in SMC 17C.240.240(G)(6).~~

K. No sign may impede free ingress and egress from any door, window or exit way required by building and/or fire code regulations.

I.A. Flashing signs.