

Sign Code Update

Plan Commission Workshop

September 27, 2017

Timeline

- Code Audit – May 2017
- Plan Commission Workshop #1 – June 14
- Work group sessions – July – August
- Online engagement September 12-14
- PC Workshop #2 – September 13
- Community Assembly Land Use Committee – September 21
- PC Workshop #3 – September 27
- PC Public Hearing – October 11

Follow Up Items

- Temporary Signage
 - Duration of display/time limits
 - Neighborhood cleanups
 - Definition and application of “public nuisance”
 - Required distance from the curb
- Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures

Temporary Signage

Duration of Display/Time Limits

- Addition of 180 day time limit on temporary signs
- Addition of abandoned sign definition and prohibition
- Kept public nuisance language although not the most effective mechanism for removal.

Neighborhood Cleanups

- Inadvisable for neighborhood groups to clean up temporary signs
 - Signs (permanent and temporary) are private property and unsolicited removal could be considered theft
- Clean up events could include signs if there is a training component

Nuisance Definition

- 10.02.070 (A) Nuisance
 - A “nuisance” is the unreasonable or unlawful use by a person of his real or personal property, or the unreasonable, indecent or unlawful personal conduct which materially interferes with or jeopardizes the health, safety, prosperity, quiet enjoyment of property or welfare of others, offends common decency or public morality, or obstructs or interferes with the free use of public ways, places or bodies of water.

Litter and Rubbish Definition

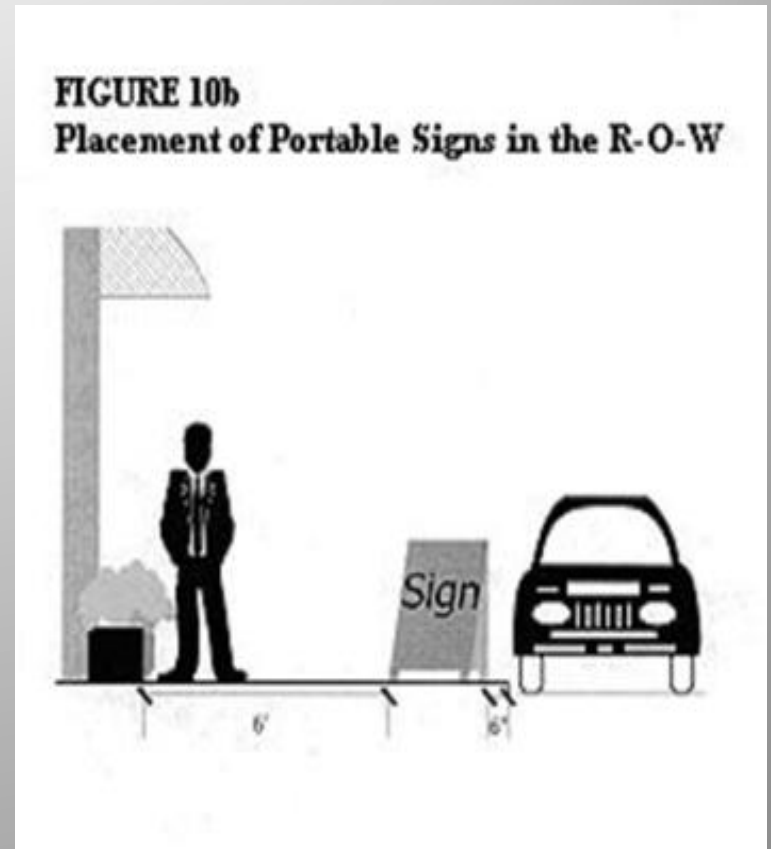
SMC 10.08.010 Litter and Rubbish

- A. The term “litter” as used in this section means and includes refuse, rubbish, garbage, discarded items and all waste material of every kind and description. No person may place:
1. throw, deposit or otherwise dispose of litter in any public place, public park or in the waters within the City limits, except in accordance with the regulations of the solid waste management department;
 2. or deposit litter on the private property of another without the property owner’s permission;
 3. litter accumulated on private property, or burning or smoldering materials, or dead animals, in any receptacle provided by the City for litter disposal; or remove or disturb the contents of any such receptacle except as authorized by the City;
 4. or deposit any litter or any other thing into any garbage can, dumpster or other receptacle located on the property of another, except such containers or receptacles placed in an area open to the public and designated for deposit of litter by the public

Temporary Signs

Distance from Curb

- Current code specifies the temporary signage placed within the ROW must be within 6" of the curb.
- SMC 17C.240.240 (C)(3)(e)
- Allows for “a continuous through pedestrian zone”



Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures

- SMC 17C.370.030(F)(11) specifies that existing neighborhood commercial structures in residential zones shall follow the standards for CC4 zones.

**Table 17C.240-2
Standards for Permanent Signs in
Commercial, Center and Corridor, and Industrial Zones [1]**

SIGNS ATTACHED TO BUILDINGS	
	CC4 [2]
Size Allocation	15 sq. ft.
Maximum Number	1
Maximum Area Per Sign	15 sq. ft.
Minimum Guaranteed Sign Area for a Ground Floor Tenant Space	15 sq. ft.
TYPES ALLOWED	
Fascia, Awning, Marquee, Pitched Roof, Painted Wall	Yes
Projecting	Same
Rooftop	No
FREESTANDING SIGNS	
Maximum Number	1 monument sign per building
When Not Allowed	Not allowed if there is already a wall or projecting sign
Size Allocation for All Freestanding Signs	15 sq. ft.
Size Limit	15 sq. ft.
Maximum Height [6]	5 ft.
[2] Signs in CC zones are subject to the standards and guidelines contained in the Initial Design Standards and Guidelines for Centers and Corridors.	
[6] This height limit is for the total height of the combined sign face and sign structure.	

Table 17C.240-1. Standards for Permanent Signs in RA, RSF, RTF, RMF, and RHD Zones [1]

Use Category/Structure Type [2]	Number of Signs	Max. Sign Face Area	Types of Signs Allowed	Maximum Sign Height	Additional Signs Allowed [3]
Residential Household Living/Multi-family Residential Building, Group Living, Day Care, Nonresidential Category Uses Not Listed Below	1 per building	15 sq. ft.	Fascia, Painted Wall	Top of wall	Directional Signs
			Freestanding	10 ft.	

Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures

- The signage standards [in SMC 17C.240.150, Table 178C.240-1](#) ~~for the CC4 zones~~ shall apply.
Temporary outdoor signage is prohibited except that one sandwich board sign is permitted. If the sandwich board sign is erected in the public right-of-way it must be consistent with SMC 17C.240.~~240~~[220](#).

Other Changes

- Clear View Triangle
- Temporary Signs
 - Physically Attached to Public Property
 - Sandwich board reference
 - Permission of the abutting property owner, resident, or respective agent.
 - Exemption N – Excludes off-premises temporary signs
 - Prohibition G – Includes permanent and temporary off-premises signs