

CITY OF UKIAH - GENERAL SIGN REGULATIONS

SIGN PERMITS REQUIRED

Sign Permits are required for the erection, enlargement, alteration, improvement, or demolition of signs. Signs proposals that would not comply with the sign regulations may be allowed with the site development permit. Building permits are required for all signs determined to be a structure or structural alteration, or more than 6 feet in height. This includes all electrical work. Encroachment permits for signs within or projecting into the public right of way are required.

SIGN PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Each application shall include two sets of plans and specifications. The plans shall include details, methods of attachment or support, location, and materials to be used. Details and methods of attachment shall be stamped and signed by an architect or engineer.

SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMITS

Many signs are exempt from sign permit requirements, but must still conform to height, size, location and other requirements. Examples include real estate signs (6 square feet for single-family or duplex, and 16 square feet for multiple-family units; 32 square feet for commercial signs in commercial zones), temporary non-commercial signs, traffic signs, address signs, and political signs. Murals require Planning Commission approval. Ukiah City Code Section 3224 provides the complete list.

PROHIBITED SIGNS

Certain signs are prohibited. Examples include flashing, rotating and blinking signs that pose a threat to the public's health and safety, signs emitting noises, signs conflicting with traffic signs, signs on moving vehicles attracting people to a place of business, signs within 30 feet of a corner, or signs on or projecting above the roof of a building. Ukiah City Code Section 3226 provides the complete list.

BANNER SIGNS

Banners, pennants and balloons (but not other gas-filled figures) are allowed for 30 consecutive days for a business opening, and a maximum of 45 days per year for special activities or to promote the business. A sign permit application (\$25 fee) will be reviewed by the Director of Planning and Community Development to ensure it does not pose a hazard to safe movement of traffic and does not block permanent identification signs on neighboring properties. Ukiah City Code Section 3225(K).

SANDWICH BOARD (PORTABLE) SIGNS

One sandwich type sign per parcel (not more than 6 square feet per side, and 4 feet in height) is allowed in commercial and industrial zones. Allowances are made for more than one business per parcel. The sign must be removed after close of business. An encroachment/sign permit (\$70 fee) with location, design and insurance requirements is required for signs located on public property (sidewalks, public right of way). Ukiah City Code Section 3227(A)(5).

PERMANENT SIGNS

Permanent signs attached to a building, window signs, and freestanding signs require a sign permit subject to height, size, location and other requirements. Permanent signs projecting over the sidewalk or public right of way also require an encroachment permit. Ukiah City Code Section 3227.

SIGN MAINTENANCE

All signs shall be maintained in a safe, presentable, and good structural material condition, including the replacement of defective parts, painting, repainting and cleaning.

The above is a generalized summary. Contact Ukiah Planning and Community Development Department, (707)463-6203, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482 or: www.cityofukiah.com - 'City Hall' pull down - Municipal Code, Division 3, Chapter 7. Please note that some of the regulations are new and may not yet appear online (rev 4/08)