

## CHAPTER 152: SIGNS

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### *PORTABLE SIGNS*

#### **§ 152.01 DEFINITION.**

For the purposes of this subchapter, the term *PORTABLE SIGN* shall mean a freestanding sign, including A-frame signs and sandwich boards, designed and constructed to be easily moved from one location to another frequently, but not necessarily displaying changeable copy. Cigarette signs and gas pricing signs at service stations shall be defined as *PORTABLE SIGNS*.  
(`97 Code, § 11-26) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

#### **§ 152.02 SCOPE.**

The regulations in this subchapter shall apply to all portable signs in the city.  
(`97 Code, § 11-27) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.03 SIZE.**

Portable signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in size.  
(`97 Code, § 11-28) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.04 SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) Portable signs shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the curb or edge of the pavement, completely out of the city right-of-way.

(B) Portable signs shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the side property lines. Further, portable signs shall not obstruct visibility of motorists or pedestrians.  
(`97 Code, § 11-29) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.05 INDEMNIFICATION, RIGHTS OF CITY.**

The owner of any portable sign shall indemnify and hold the city harmless from any damages which may result from the placement of the portable sign. The owner shall give the city the right to impound the sign should it be placed in violation of this subchapter.  
(`97 Code, § 11-30) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.06 LIGHTING.**

Portable signs may be internally or indirectly lighted; however, the light or sign shall not be a flashing, intermittent, moving or similarly lighted sign. Any sign constructed of or containing material capable of reflecting light or images, producing glare or mirrored images shall not be permitted. If the portable sign is lighted, the electrical connection shall be in conformity with the electrical code and regulations of the city. No portable signs which are internally or indirectly lighted or otherwise as defined in this section shall be allowed in any zoning use district other than commercial or church.  
(`97 Code, § 11-31) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.07 NUMBER PER CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.**

Only one portable sign per certificate of occupancy shall be allowed.  
(`97 Code, § 11-32) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.08 EXCEPTIONS REQUIRING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.**

If there is insufficient private property on which to place a portable sign and if there is sufficient public right-of-way adjacent to the property so that a portable sign could be placed on public right-of-way on behalf of the property owner or lessee immediately adjacent thereto, the city is authorized to enter into a franchise or license agreement with the applicant, owner or lessee of the adjacent property to use the portion of public right-of-way for the placing of a portable sign that in all other respects conforms to the regulations of this subchapter and the other ordinances, rules and regulations of the city. The franchise or license agreement shall be for a period not to exceed one year and shall terminate on December 31 of the year in which it was issued. The license or franchise fee shall be on file in the City Secretary's office. The city may amend or change the franchise or license fee by appropriate resolution. ('97 Code, § 11-33) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

**§ 152.09 VIOLATIONS; REMEDIAL ACTION.**

The owner or occupant of any property on which there is located a portable sign in violation of any of the regulations in this subchapter, or the owner or lessee of any portable sign which is in violation of the regulations herein shall be given notice by the city stating the nature of violation and ordering that the violation be corrected or removed from the property within 72 hours. If the violation is not corrected or the sign removed within 72 hours, the city shall have the right to impound the sign and to charge a reasonable storage fee and an impoundment fee. ('97 Code, § 11-34) (Ord. 1989-C, passed 2-14-89)

