

## Chapter 16.26 SIGN REGULATIONS.

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### Section 16.26.10 Permit Process.

**(1) Sign Permit Required.** No person shall erect, install, or paint any sign, or change the face of any sign whether it be temporary or permanent in nature, without obtaining a sign permit from the Planning Department, except as outlined in this chapter. This includes new signs, signs to be added to existing buildings or uses, and existing signs that are to be enlarged, changed or modified.

**(2) Permit Issuance Before Sign Placement.** Any new or existing signs installed or maintained without a permit except as allowed under this chapter, will be required to be removed or will be charged a penalty fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or double the applicable sign permit fee, whichever is greater, at the time the owner/operator of the sign makes application for a sign permit with the Planning Department. This paragraph does not limit the ability of the county to require the signs to be removed or to prosecute any criminal penalties for placement of the illegal sign.

**(3) Permits For Prior Non-Conforming Signs.** All existing signs that do not conform to this chapter, but are allowed as prior non-conforming signs, must obtain a sign sticker from the Planning Department prior to May 1, 2000. The obtaining of this sticker will create a record of eligible non-conforming signs and confirm the non-conforming use until such time as the sign must be updated under this chapter. Any non-conforming sign that does not display a sticker confirming the non-conforming eligibility prior to May 1, 2000 shall lose its eligibility as a non-conforming sign and will be required to be updated to conform with this chapter. There will be no application fee required to obtain a non-conforming eligibility sticker except for the actual cost of the manufacturing of the sticker itself. Such stickers must be displayed in the lower left-hand corner of each sign.