

## Chapter 16.26 SIGN REGULATIONS.

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### Section 16.26.14 Safety and Location Standards.

#### **(1) Standards of Construction.**

(a) **Must Comply with Codes.** All signs erected in Wasatch County shall comply with the Building Code adopted by Wasatch County and the Wasatch County Sign Standard effective at the time the permit is issued;

(b) **Licensed Contractor for Electrical.** No sign, fixture or device involving electrical wiring or connections shall be erected or installed in Wasatch County except by a licensed and bonded contractor;

(c) **Engineering.** All signs shall be engineered to demonstrate conformance with the applicable provisions of the Building Code adopted by Wasatch County;

(d) **Materials.** All signs must be built of durable and permanent materials; and

(e) **Underground Power.** Permanent power sources for signs must be concealed underground away from public view.

(2) **Traffic Safety.** No sign or other advertising structure shall be erected which in any manner may be confused with an official traffic sign or signal, or which bears words normally used in such signs, (i.e., stop, go slow, caution, danger, warning, etc). No sign or any advertising structure shall be erected when by reason of its size, location, shape, content, coloring, or manner of illumination might be confused as a traffic control device. No sign shall have lighting, which impairs the vision of anyone traveling upon a public street or distracts any driver so as to create a public nuisance or safety hazard. Specifically, no sign or group of signs may exceed one (1) foot candle in brightness as measured at the property line.

(3) **Clear View of Intersecting Streets.** No sign more than three (3) feet in height above the top of the curb (or the centerline of the street if there is no curb) shall be erected at any intersection for vehicular traffic within a triangular area formed by the intersection of straight lines extended from the back of the curb (or future curb) and a line connecting them at points sixty (60) feet from the intersection of the lines. Monument signs may be erected in the above-mentioned area if they are less than three (3) feet above the curb grade to the top of the sign. The Planning Commission must approve any removal of landscaping in order to accomplish that objective. See attached "Visibility Triangle" exhibit. Any deviations from these requirements must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department after conferring with other departments of the County. Decisions of the Planning Department may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment.

(4) **Specific Clearance and Location Requirements.** The following rules apply for all signs:

(a) Freestanding signs shall not extend over any pedestrian or vehicular access area unless specifically approved by the Planning Department;

(b) No part of any sign shall interfere with the use of any fire escape, exit, required stairway, door ventilator, or window;

(c) No sign shall be erected or maintained which has less horizontal or vertical clearance from communication lines and energized electrical power lines than that prescribed by the laws of the State of Utah or its agencies;

(d) No sign shall be located on publicly owned land or inside street rights-of-way, except signs owned and erected by permission of an authorized public agency or specifically authorized herein;

(e) High profile (freestanding) and low profile signs shall be located at least their height in distance from side property lines in order to prevent damage to adjacent land in case a sign is toppled by accident or an act of God; and

(f) Low profile (monument) signs shall be set back at least three (3) feet from the front sidewalk or right-of-way reserved for any future sidewalk, and from all driveways.

(5) **Maintenance.** Every sign shall be kept in complete operating condition. The landscaped area in which any sign is placed shall be kept free from weeds, garbage and debris. Landscaping shall also be maintained. "Maintenance" includes the repair of facades where signs have been removed, the painting,

cleaning, repairing of the sign. "Maintenance" does not include structural alterations, cosmetic or style changes or enlargements of face changes.

**(6) Landscaping.** All freestanding or monument detached signs installed in Wasatch County must be incorporated into a landscape design or planter box.

Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission must also approve any permanent removal of landscaping for the purpose of situating a sign.

**(7) Pole Covers.** All on-premise freestanding signs must have the structural supports covered or concealed with pole covers (pylon covers) at least twenty four (24) inches wide. The actual structural supports shall not be exposed, and the covers must be architecturally and aesthetically designed to match the building.

**(8) Foundations.** All signs must be permanently mounted on foundations and footings that conform to the building code adopted by Wasatch County.

**(9) Pedestal Required.** All monument signs must have at least a one (1) foot opaque pedestal designed as part of the foundation, which conceals any pole support. The pedestal should run at least fifty (50) percent of the horizontal length of the sign, and there may not be any exposed space between the pedestal and the ground or landscaped area. The Planning Director may review and approve/deny any variation to the pedestal base requirement.

**(10) Lighting.** The light from the illumination of signs shall be carefully directed so that the light is not obtrusive or a nuisance to adjacent properties particularly residential areas.

**(11) Building Identification.** All buildings shall be identified with a numbered or lettered street address in addition to option business identification. The letters or numbers shall be at least four (4) inches in height and shall be placed in a location where they are readily located and readable from the street.