

COMMON SIGNS

ZONING CODE REGULATIONS

The Zoning Code regulates the size and location of signs throughout the City of Wheat Ridge. This handout summarizes requirements for the most common types of signs in **standard commercial, industrial and mixed use zone districts**. This handout does not address all types of signs; please refer to the table in Section 26-710 of the Municipal Code or contact the Community Development Department.

Permanent Signs

FREESTANDING

Permit Required

- Size limits apply:
 - Based on building size
- 1 per street frontage, not to exceed 2 per development
- Setbacks apply:
 - 5' setback if under 7' tall
 - 10' setback if 7' - 15' tall
 - 10' setback if adjacent to residential properties



NOTE: THE SIGNS IN THIS HANDOUT ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. Where it is difficult to determine the public right-of-way due to lack of curb, gutter, and/or sidewalk, the boundary should be presumed to be 10' from the edge of pavement or back of curb. Where a sidewalk exists, the boundary should be presumed to be 2' from the outside edge of sidewalk. Temporary signs found to be located within the city right-of-way or in violation of sight triangle requirements shall be removed by an enforcement officer with no requirement of notice. (Sec. 26-707)

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WALL SIGN

Permit Required

- Size limits apply:
 - No larger than 1 sqft per linear foot of the wall on which it is affixed
- 1 per street frontage or major interior drive



Temporary Signs

BANNER

Permit *Not* Required

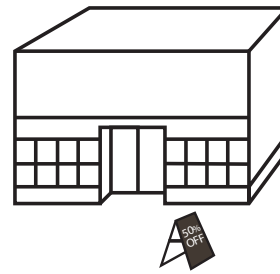
- Size limits apply:
 - ½ the allowance for wall signs
- 1 per business/activity
- Must be securely anchored
- May be placed only on walls facing a public street or major drive
- Not permitted on fences, landscaping, freestanding poles, or utility poles



PORTABLE

Permit Required

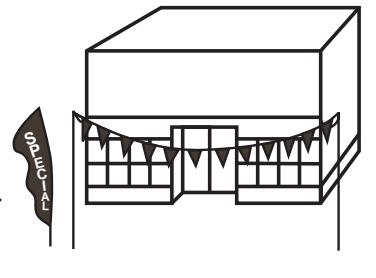
- Maximum 6 sqft per side
- A-frame or pedestal only
- 1 per business; must be on premise
- May only be displayed during business hours
- Setbacks apply:
 - 5' setback if 36" tall
 - 2' setback if ≤ 36" tall
- If on sidewalk, may not interfere with accessibility



PENNANT & STREAMER

Permit Required

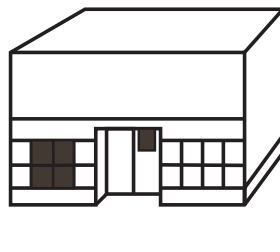
- Time limits apply:
 - Up to 60 days per year
- Must be securely anchored
- Only permitted for sales or special events
- May not interfere with other property, streets, motorists, or pedestrians



WINDOW & DOOR

Permit *Not* Required

- Signs may not obstruct more than 25% of the door or window area



BALLOON & INFLATABLE

Permit Required

- Time limits apply:
 - Up to 60 days per year
- Roof mounting permitted, but height limits apply
- Must be securely anchored
- Only permitted for sales or special events
- May not interfere with other property, streets, motorists, or pedestrians

