ALLOWED TEMPORARY SIGNS¹

(Pursuant to MTMC 19.135.060.I)



1. New Business or Change in Ownership (grand opening advertisement)

a. Temporary sign

• Type: A-board (sandwich board) or

single-faced, non-illuminated,

weighted²

• Number: One (1)

• Size: 15 square feet (total display

area on all sign faces)

• Where: See No. 4, where allowed

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How often: One-time only, within six

(6) months after receiving

first City business license

• How long: Up to 90 days from date

permit is issued or 180 days from date business license is issued, whichever

is sooner

A permit is required and a fee applies.

b. Grand opening signs³

• Type: Flags, pennants, banners, search lights, balloons, streamers, and other similar advertising to notify the public of its opening. No light emitting device shall be used between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

• Number: Not applicable

• Size: Not applicable

• Where: On site of business being

advertised

• Times per year: One-time only, within one (1) year from the date the business license is issued

• How long: Three (3) weeks, maximum



2. Existing Businesses (applies to any business or community group)

Special Event Signage

• Type: Signs, banners, streamers,

posters, festoons, clusters of

lights, flags, pennants, balloons, non-flashing portable reader board signs and search lights

• Number: Not applicable

• Size: Not applicable, except for

portable reader boards, 30 square feet, maximum

• Where: On-site

• How often: Three (3) per year

• Time interval between events: 45 days or more apart

How long: 10 days each, maximum



3. Banners over streets

(Pursuant to MTMC 19.136.040)

Applies only to non-profit organizations and governmental agencies to announce a community event. Contact City Hall for more information. A separate banner permit application and fees apply.

Weighting method to be approved by Community and Economic Development Department.

Multi-household residential development in RM zones are also permitted to use grand opening signs as noted.



4. Where are temporary signs allowed? (Pursuant to MTMC 9.135.060.I.1.a.ii and iii)

a. Allowed locations

- On private property of the business or organization
- Landscape planter areas
- Interior walkways provided that:
 - The sign is placed adjacent to business advertized, and
 - At least four (4) feet of continuous walkway is clear between sign and edge of sidewalk

b. Not allowed locations

- Within a public right-of-way (including public sidewalk and land in public rightof-way)
- Mounted to, or placed on, a building
- On a vehicle
- In a parking stall
- In a driveway
- In a vehicle turnaround area
- Anywhere it will create a sight obstruction

Special note

Signs displaying a public service message installed by a governmental agency are allowed, consistent with traffic safety requirements.

For more information contact

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