



# Fairfax County Sign Ordinance

On March 19, 2019, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted new sign regulations.

These regulations are found in Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance and apply to all properties located in Fairfax County.

Section 7100.4 of the Ordinance includes permitted minor sign types (sometimes referred to as "temporary signs") for nonresidential land uses, which include: general minor signs, window signs and A-frame signs. No minor sign can be illuminated.

# Information on Minor Signs for Nonresidential Uses

**Permitted Minor Sign Types for all Nonresidential Land Uses Include:**

## Subsection 7100.4.E – Minor Signs

- Allowed sign area is on a *per lot* basis and depends on the type of street the lot is located on:
  - For lots fronting on a major thoroughfare, up to 32 square feet of minor signs is allowed.
  - For all other lots, up to 24 square feet is allowed.
- Signs can be building-mounted or freestanding. However, no more than 2 freestanding signs are allowed per lot, *regardless of the number of tenants*, with a maximum height of 4 feet.

## Subsection 7100.4.F– Window Signs

- Window signs are allowed but cannot cover more than 30% of the window in which they are located.

## Subsection 7100.4.G– A-frame Signs

- One A-frame sign is allowed per use, up to 16 square feet in size and 4 feet in height.
- The sign must be located within 25 of the building or designated site entrance and cannot impede any type of traffic.



### Complaints:

If you have any concerns and/or complaints, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at 703.324.1300 (TTY 711) or send an email to:

[DCCodeComplianceE-mail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DCCodeComplianceE-mail@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### Contact Us:

If you have any questions regarding minor signs please contact the Signs Permit Section at 703.324.4300 (TTY 711) or send an email to: [DPDMailforZPB-SPS@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:DPDMailforZPB-SPS@FairfaxCounty.gov)

For more information regarding the Sign Ordinance, please check out our website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning/sign-ordinance>

