Political Sign Contacts

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To retrieve signs, contact Tina Barber, City Code Enforcement Manager, within 24 hours of removal.

*For more information about posting campaign signs, please reference the information sheets included in this document.



CITY OF TAMPA

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

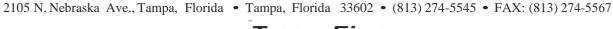
Department of Neighborhood Services

The City of Tampa has adopted regulations in Chapter 20.5, setting certain standards for political signs and their location within the City of Tampa. In addition, all permitted signs may contain non-commercial speech. The following excerpts from relevant sections of Chapter 20.5 are for reference only and the applicable provisions of Chapter 20.5 prevail if there is a conflict. More detailed information may be obtained from the Division of Code Enforcement at 274-5545.

TYPE OF SIGN	PERMITTED/ PROHIBITED		
Signs in right of way	prohibited		Impoundment impound fee imposed
Political signs attached to utility poles, trees, fence posts or any other similar object on private property.	prohibited		*5 day notice
Political signs 8 sq.ft.	allowed	signs must not be larger than 8 sq. ft in size, maximum 6' height & must be located 5' from the property line.	*5 day notice
Window Signs	allowed	all signs must not exceed 25% of window area.	*5 day notice
Vehicles Signs	allowed	Vehicle's main use must be transportation	*5 day notice
Temporary Political Pennants & banners	permit needed	must be displayed no more *5 day notice than 30 days on building for that purpose only. Amount is dependent on location	
Illuminated permit needed Signs		must meet all requirements and obtain an electrical permit from the Building Bureau. Cannot produce more than I' candle of illumination 4' from the base of sign.	*5 day notice

For specific requirements, please review City of Tampa Sign Code (Chapter 20.5) at www.municode.com Code library or contact Construction Services Division at 274-3100.

*5 day notice – if not removed, impoundment-surcharge of up to \$175.00 plus the cost of removal by contractor, if appropriate.





CITY OF PLANT CITY

302 W. Reynolds Street Plant City, FL 33563 (813) 659-4200

TEMPORARY SIGNS

(Applicable for Campaign, Real Estate, and Other Similar Signs)

- 1. Temporary signs are allowed in all zoning districts and a City permit is not required, unless electricity is used (see note #6 below).
- 2. Temporary signs shall not be located within the public right-of-way (which includes most of the linear grassy area adjacent to the roadway). Note: As a guide, utility poles are typically located within the public right-of-way, and where there are sidewalks, the sidewalk and everything between the sidewalk and the street is within the right-of-way.
- 3. Temporary signs may only be placed on private property and only with the consent of the property owner.
- 4. The total temporary signage on a parcel may not exceed 32 square feet.
- 5. Signage shall not obstruct or impair access to public property or right-of-way, traffic control signs, bus stops, or fire hydrants.
- 6. Temporary signs shall not be illuminated or painted with light-reflecting paint, except that a temporary sign located within a commercial or industrial zoning district may be indirectly illuminated in accordance with Section 102-1629.
- 7. Signage and/or banners are not allowed to be tacked, nailed, posted, or affixed in any manner on trees, utility poles, fences, rocks, or other such supporting structures.
- 8. No part of any sign shall be located within 5' of any property line or right-of-way.
- 9. Signs located at street intersections or driveways shall not obstruct motorist view of traffic.
- 10. Temporary signs may be posted for up to 90 days, at which time the sign must be removed or replaced.

For complete code requirements, please see Section 102-1540, and 102-1626 via URL: http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?sid=9&pid=10202

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the signage regulations please contact the Planning and Zoning Division at **813-659-4200 x4126**.

For Code Compliance issues please telephone 813-659-4200 x4141.



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DIVISION 15. - SIGNS AND ADVERTISING II.11

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Sec. 12-989. Temporary Signs.

Sec. 12-40. Definitions.

Event: Any planned occasion, activity, or observable occurrence on private or public property or right-of-way. Events include, but are not limited to, festivals, grand openings and elections, whether privately or publicly held.

Temporary sign: The term "temporary sign" shall mean any sign that is not a permanent sign, and shall include a sign formerly or commonly known as an election sign, a political sign, a free expression sign, a real estate sign, a directional sign, a garage sale sign, a construction sign, a grand opening sign, a banner, an event sign, or any other temporary sign unless otherwise provided herein. The term "temporary sign" shall not include any substitution of message on an existing lawful sign or sign structure.

Window sign: Sign, object or display placed on either side of a window or displayed in the interior of a building and turned with its front toward the window so that it is visible from the exterior of a building.

Sec. 12-982. Signs not requiring permits.

No permit is required for the following types of signs; however, said signs shall be subject to all other provisions of this division:

- (1) A non-illuminated, non-activated nameplate not exceeding two (2) square feet in area and attached flat against a building, providing only the name, address and occupation of the building tenant or owner.
- (2) Flags and insignias of any governments. Flags of the same government must be at least one hundred (100) feet apart, on the same plot.
- (3) Legal notices, identification, informational or directional signs erected by government agencies or in compliance with their regulations.
- (4) Informational signs placed on single-family residential property not exceeding one square foot each.
- (5) No more than two (2) non-illuminated, non-activated directional signs which do not exceed four (4) square feet each and which bear no advertising other than a logo of the property owner or business owner or business for which a local business tax has been paid to the city and a receipt obtained for posting at the location.



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- (6) Non-illuminated, nonreflective memorial signs or signs bearing the name of the building and date of erection, provided that said signs do not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and either carved into, embossed on or permanently embedded in masonry, bronze or other noncombustible materials, in such a way that they are an architectural detail of a building.
- (7) No more than two (2) non-illuminated, non-activated signs of eight (8) square feet or less each, located on buildings or property owned or leased by public, charitable or religious institutions.
- (8) Reserved.
- (9) Signs and required regulatory information which are an integral part of, and not simply attached to, gasoline pumps or other similar dispensing or servicing devices.
- (10) Signs not exceeding two (2) square feet which advertise that the business for which an occupational license has been issued at the location accepts credit cards; provided that such signs are attached to the commercial building.
- (11) Time or temperature signs which contain no advertising and do not exceed eight (8) square feet.
- (12) Window signs conforming to the provisions of the section related to window signs.
- (13) Reserved.
- (14) Hanging identification signs placed in the near proximity and associated with a business entrance, affixed to the underside of a covered walkway and not primarily viewable from a street right-of-way, not exceeding four (4) square feet in size.
- (15) Vinyl or plastic lettering affixed to any awning or canopy, and conforming to the provisions of the section related to awning/canopy type signs. (Note: installation of awning and/or canopy structure does require a building permit.)
- (16) Changeable copy lettering within any approved changeable copy sign area, and conforming to the provisions of the section related to changeable copy type signs.
- (17) Replacement of "panels" within existing wall signs and/or directory panel signs, and conforming to the provisions of the section related to wall and/or directory panel type signs.
- (18) Temporary signs.

Sec. 12-983. Prohibited signs.

The following signs classified by location, type and content are prohibited:

- (1) Location.
 - a. By zoning districts. Any sign not specifically permitted within a zoning district shall be prohibited within such zoning district.



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b. On public property.

- 1. No sign shall be permitted to extend into, above or be placed in or on any portion of a public street, avenue or alley, nor shall any sign be painted, pasted, posted, printed or nailed to or on any curb, sidewalk, tree, light standard, utility pole, hydrant or bridge, or in any manner displayed within the public property or public right-of-way lines of any street, avenue or alley within the city, except upon the written approval of the city manager or designee. Said written permission shall be filed in the office of the director.
- 2. No temporary sign shall be posted in any public right-of-way, in any public park or on any other public property. The prohibition contained in this subsection shall in no way apply to-signs posted by the city, supervisor of elections.
- c. Obstructing egress. No sign shall be erected so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window, or door opening intended as a means of egress, nor shall any sign be placed in such a manner as to interfere with any opening required for ventilation.
- d. Encroaching onto public lands. Any private sign located on or over public land or public right-of-way, unless authorized by the city council, shall be considered unlawful and shall be subject to immediate removal by the department of public works at the direction of the city manager or designee and at the sign owner's cost.
- e. Blocking utilities and drainage. Signs and their supporting structures shall maintain clearance and non-interference with all surface and underground utilities. Furthermore, placement shall not interfere with natural or artificial drainage or surface or underground water.
- f. Hillsborough River. Unless otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful to erect, relocate, maintain or use any sign in or upon the Hillsborough River, or other body of water within the limits of the city.
- g. Hazardous or dangerous. No permit shall be issued for the erection, construction, display or use of any sign which, in the opinion of the city manager or designee is hazardous or dangerous or a potential impediment to rescue personnel in the event of an emergency, or which constitutes a public nuisance.
- h. Roof signs. Roof signs shall not be permitted except for those placed on mansard roofs.
- i. Ground-mounted roof signs. Ground-mounted signs which extend above and encroach over the surface of a roof are not permitted.
- j. Signs which advertise a business. Signs which advertise a business and are located on a building facade, mansard roof, parapet wall or awning which faces and is contiguous to property zoned and used for single-family residential purposes.

(2) Type.

a. Billboards. No billboard signs shall be permitted in the city.



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- b. Portable and vehicular signs. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided within this division, no portable sign, sandwich sign, or snipe sign shall be permitted within the city, and no motorized vehicle or trailer shall be parked upon public or private property within the city for the obvious purpose of advertising; provided that commercial vehicles may be identified only by business name, type of business, business address, business telephone number, and contractor's state/county license number when required.
- c. Motion pictures. No sign shall be permitted which employs motion picture projection or has moving parts or gives the illusion of motion except as permitted by this division.
- d. Certain illuminated signs. No signs with externally directed or flashing lights shall be permitted. Signs with exposed neon are also prohibited, except as may be conditionally permitted elsewhere in this LDC.
- e. Nuisance. No sign shall be permitted which emits audible sound, vapor, smoke, odor particles or gaseous matter.
- f. Interference with communications prohibited. No sign shall be permitted which may cause radio, television or other communication interference.
- g. Certain painted signs. Painted wall signs in excess of fifty (50) square feet or twenty (20) percent of the building facade, whichever is less. Painted wall signs are those in which the painted lettering or graphics are applied directly to the exterior surface of the building or facade. This prohibition shall only apply to wall signs.

(3) Content.

- a. Obscene matter. No person shall display upon any sign or other advertising structure an obscene, indecent or immoral matter.
- b. Traffic safety. No sign shall be erected or continued in use within the city, which:
 - 1. Obstructs the sight distance in a straight line approach along a public or private right-of-way.
 - 2. Uses admonitions such as "stop," "go," "slow," and "danger," which might be confused with traffic direction signs.
 - 3. Would, by its location, color or nature, tend to be confused with or obstruct sight of traffic signs or traffic signals by motorists or pedestrians, or which would otherwise constitute a hazard to the safe and efficient operation of vehicles, or would create a condition which might endanger the safety of persons.
- c. Corporate or commercial flags, including flags containing logos.



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Sec. 12-988. Advertising.

- (a) Posting advertisements on unoccupied buildings or temporary structures. No sign or other advertisement shall be posted, erected, displayed or constructed on any unoccupied building or temporary structure within the city, except as may be otherwise specifically permitted in this section.
- (b) Advertising leaflets; restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person to scatter upon any street of the city leaflets, posters, bills or other loose sheets of paper constituting advertising matter, or to affix such leaflets, posters, bills or other loose sheets of paper on any public place along or on the streets, alleys or sidewalks of the city so that the same may be scattered by the wind.
- (c) Advertising material, placing in or on automobiles.
 - (1) No owner of private property within the city, which is utilized by the general public for parking, shall permit any vehicle, including, but not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds, boats, trailers, trucks, campers, mobile homes, recreational vehicles and other conveyances, (hereinafter "vehicle") with a temporary sign to be parked abutting, adjacent to, or facing any street, right-of-way, sidewalk or public property. Owners of private property may erect one or more signs that comply with the requirements of Section 715.07, F.S. Both the owner of the real property on which the vehicle is parked and the registered owner of the vehicle shall be liable for violation of this subsection; provided, however, that the owner shall have a complete defense in any action to enforce this section and the vehicle owner shall be solely liable for the violation, upon proof by the owner of the real property that the owner:
 - a. Has erected-in compliance with Section 715.07, F.S.; and
 - b. Has made good faith attempts to enforce said signs.
 - (2) Owners of vehicles shall not be permitted to park said vehicles with temporary signs on any publicly owned property abutting, adjacent to, or facing any street, right-of-way or sidewalk, except while conducting business or visiting said public facility.

Sec. 12-989. Temporary Signs

- (a) Scope. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the City's Land Development Code or in any other ordinance or code provisions of the City, the provisions of this Section shall govern the regulation of temporary signs, and take precedence over any other provisions that pertain to temporary signs unless specifically exempted or excepted herein.
- (b) Findings of Fact. The City Council finds that the location and maintenance of temporary signs affects the public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this community, and that in order to preserve and enhance the city as a desirable community in which to live and do business, a pleasing, visually attractive environment is of foremost importance. The City Council further finds that the regulation of temporary signs within the city is a highly contributive means by which to achieve this desired end, and that uncontrolled and unlimited temporary signs would degrade the aesthetic attractiveness of the natural and manmade attributes of the community and thereby undermine the economic value of tourism, visitation and permanent growth.



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- (c) Purpose and Intent. It is the purpose of this Section to promote the public health, safety and general welfare through reasonable, consistent and non-discriminatory standards for temporary signs. The temporary sign regulations in this Section are not intended to censor speech or to regulate viewpoints, but instead are intended to regulate the secondary effects of speech, and especially insofar as those secondary effects may adversely affect aesthetics and traffic and pedestrian safety. It is the intent of the City Council that the temporary sign regulations shall provide uniform sign criteria which regulate the size, height, number and placement of signs in a manner that is compatible with the character of the city, and which minimizes possible restrictions on personal liberties, property rights, commerce, and the free exercise of Constitutional rights while achieving the city's goal of creating a healthy, safe and attractive environment that does not contain excessive clutter and visual distraction in rights-of-way, adjacent properties, the commercial district and residential neighborhoods. These sign regulations have been adopted with the intent of enhancing the visual environment of the city and promoting its continued well-being regarding the regulation of temporary signage, and are further intended to:
 - 1. Encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication in the city;
 - 2. Maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment and the city's ability to attract sources of economic development and growth;
 - 3. Improve pedestrian and traffic safety;
 - 4. Minimize the possible adverse impact of temporary signs on nearby public and private property;
 - 5. Lessen the visual clutter that may otherwise be caused by the proliferation, improper placement, illumination, animation, excessive height, and excessive size (area) of temporary signs which compete for the attention of pedestrian and vehicular traffic;
 - 6. Allow temporary signs that are compatible with their surroundings, while precluding the placement of temporary signs that contribute to sign clutter or that conceal or obstruct adjacent land use or signs;
 - 7. Encourage and allow temporary signs that are appropriate to the zoning district in which they are located;
 - 8. Regulate temporary signs in a manner so as to not interfere with, obstruct the vision of or distract motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians;
 - 9. Preserve, conserve, protect, and enhance the aesthetic quality and scenic beauty of all zoning districts of the city;
 - 10. Protect property values by precluding to the maximum extent possible temporary signs that create a nuisance to the occupancy or use of other properties as a result of their size, height, illumination, brightness, or movement; and
 - 11. Enable the fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations.



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(d) Criteria Required for Temporary Signs. The criteria for temporary signs are set forth below. A temporary sign is unlawful if it does not meet the criteria established for the zoning district in which the sign is located.

Temporary Sign Design Standards and Limitations				
	R-7, R-7.5,	A-U, PRS, R-MF, R-MFA, PD, CO,		
Zoning Districts	R-9, R-10, PD-	CG, PROF, P/QP, E-I, LI, Shopping		
Zoning Districts	R	Centers		
		4 if ≤ 200 lineal feet		
Maximum Number of Signs	4	of street frontage		
per Parcel		1 per 50 lineal feet of street		
per Parcei		frontage if > 200 lineal feet of		
		street frontage		
Maximum Sign Area	6 sq ft / sign	32 sq ft / sign		
Maximum Sign Height	5 feet	8 feet		
Minimum Sign Setback	5 feet	5 feet		
Minimum Spacing between Signs	15 feet	15 feet		
(Temporary or Permanent)	13 1661	13 1661		
	Event:			
	Maximum of 90 days before event;			
Duration of Display	Remove within 7 days after event			
Duration of Display				
	Non-Event:			
	Maximum of 30 days			

- (e) Prohibition of Temporary Signs on Public Property or Right-of-way. Other than government signs, temporary signs on public property or within right-of-way are prohibited.
- (f) Display of Temporary Sign Requires Permission of Real Property Owner. A temporary sign on any parcel shall not be erected or maintained if the placement of the same does not have the permission of the owner of the real property.
- (g) A Temporary Sign May Not Display Any Lighting and Must Remain Static. A temporary sign may not be lit, activated, or animated by any means.
- (h) A Temporary Sign May Not Obstruct a Permanent Sign or The Visions Between Pedestrians and Vehicles. A temporary sign may not obstruct the view of a permanent sign as viewed from any public road, street or highway or any public sidewalk, and may not obstruct the visions between pedestrians and vehicles using the public right-of-way, including but not restricted to, those meeting intersection visibility requirements.
- (i) A Temporary Sign May Display Multiple Messages. A temporary sign may display multiple independent messages on any portion of the sign area.
- (j) A Temporary Sign is not Subject to Permitting. A temporary sign does not require a permit from the City.



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- (k) Regulation of Interior Facing Signage. Section 12-989 allows for the regulation of interior facing temporary signs, except for interior of school yards, ball/play fields or similar uses where such signage is designed to face the interior of such locations and is not to be viewed or seen from adjacent roadways.
- (l) Administrative Waiver for Temporary Signs.
 - 1. The city manager or designee may grant an administrative waiver from Section 12-989(d) provided the deviation does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the temporary sign criteria. Any other deviation from the temporary sign section shall require a sign variance from city council in accordance to Section 12-159 of this Code.
 - 2. Temporary Sign Waiver Application and Process. An application shall be submitted to the city manager or designee with appropriate information, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Description and explanation of the requested temporary sign waiver.
 - b. A graphic of the proposed temporary sign(s) that identifies the height, sign area, dimensions, sign supports and method of how the sign will be attached to either the ground or structure, etc.
 - c. Property owner contact information, deed, and legal description
 - d. Where applicable, the applicant shall submit a letter from the property owner granting permission to display the proposed sign(s).
 - e. A site plan of the property identifying the location of proposed temporary sign(s) in relation to existing signs, driveway entrances, intersections, streets, property line, sight triangles or visibility at entrances, landscaping, public infrastructure, parking spaces and vehicle use areas, buildings, etc.
 - f. Additional information that will support the requested waiver application.
 - 3. Waiver applications shall be reviewed by the city manager or designee within ten (10) business days of the receipt of a Temporary Sign Waiver Application. The city manager or designee shall provide written notice to the property owner, applicant, and/or authorized agent with regards to the reasons for approval or denial of the requested temporary sign waiver(s).
 - 4. Waivers to the temporary sign section of this Code shall be allowed to be approved by the city manager or designee, based on the following criteria:
 - a. The application of the provision of this section of the LDC to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship;
 - b. Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved;



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c. Relief, if granted would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this section of the LDC. In permitting any waiver for a temporary sign from the terms of this section of the LDC, the city manager or designee shall prescribe any conditions it deems to be necessary or desirable to promote the public interest and shall fully set forth, in its findings, the reasons for permitting or denying a waiver from the temporary sign section of the LDC. Any waiver granted shall be the minimum practicable waiver.

5. Appeal process.

- a. Any person adversely affected by a decision of the city manager or designee in the enforcement or the interpretation of any of the terms or provisions of the temporary sign section of the LDC may appeal such decision to the city council.
- b. Such appeal shall be made by filing a written request to the city clerk within ten (10) business days of the determination of the city manager or designee. Appeals shall be heard by the city council on the earliest available agenda following the submittal of the written request to the city council. The applicant also shall have the opportunity to present the reason for appeal and evidence in support of the appeal to the city council. The city council shall:
 - 1) Affirm the decision of the city manager or designee, or
 - 2) Reverse the decision. Decisions of the city council may be challenged in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with applicable law.

Secs. 12-990-12-1006. Reserved.



ARTICLE VII - SIGNS[1]

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, adopted Nov. 9, 2004, repealed former Art. VII, in its entirety, and enacted provisions designated as a new Art. VII to read as herein set out. Prior to inclusion of said ordinance, Art. VII pertained to similar subject matter. See also the Table of Amendments for a detailed analysis of inclusion.

PART 7.00.00 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7.00.01. - Short Title

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Hillsborough County Sign Regulations."

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

Sec. 7.00.02. - Purpose and Intent

The purpose of these Sign Regulations is to provide the minimum control of signs necessary to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Hillsborough County, Florida, by lessening hazards to pedestrians and vehicular traffic, by preserving property values, by preventing unsightly and detrimental signs that would detract from the aesthetic appeal of the county and lead to economic decline and blight, by preventing signs from reaching such excessive size or numbers that they obscure one another to the detriment of the County, by ensuring good and attractive design that will strengthen the county's appearance and economic base, and by preserving the right of free speech and expression in the display of signs.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

Sec. 7.00.03. - Applicability of Other Code or Regulatory Requirements

- A. Building and Electrical Codes. Signs shall be constructed and maintained in strict compliance with the adopted Hillsborough County and state building codes and national electrical codes and all other regulations which apply to structures. In the event any of the provisions of these Sign Regulations are in conflict with other applicable requirements, the more restrictive requirement shall apply.
- B. Relation to Zoning Regulations
 - 1. Signs, which are considered structures for the purposes of these Sign Regulations, shall comply with the land use regulations for the zoning district in which they are located provided that signs may be located in a setback area required by the zoning district if location within such setback area is permitted by these Sign Regulations.
 - All site planned controlled zoning districts shall comply with all conditions imposed in said zoning district.



C. Compliance With Wind Pressure Design Standards

- Signs shall be designed according to generally accepted engineering practices to withstand wind pressures specified in the then current version of the Florida Building Code. Loads shall be distributed to the structural members of the sign in such a way that these members will not be overstressed.
- 2. For the purpose of determining wind pressure, all signs shall be classified as either open or solid. Signs in which the projected area exposed to wind consists of 70 percent or more of the gross area of the sign as determined by its overall dimensions shall be classified as solid signs. Signs in which the projected exposed area is derived from open letters, figures, strips, and structural framing members, the aggregate total area of which is less than 70 percent of the gross area so determined, shall be classified as open signs.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

Sec. 7.00.04. - Maintenance

- A. All signs, including their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be maintained so as to present a neat, clean appearance. Painted area and sign surfaces shall be kept in good condition. Illumination if provided, shall be maintained in safe and good working order.
- B. Weeds and grass shall be kept cut in front of, behind, underneath and around the base of signs for a distance of ten feet, and no rubbish or debris shall be permitted under or near such signs.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

PART 7.01.00 - EXEMPT SIGNS

The following signs are exempt from the permit requirements of Section 7.07.01, provided, however, that such signs must comply with all other requirements of the Sign Regulations.

- A. Signs required by law or ordinance to be erected within the public right-of-way.
- B. Flags.
- C. Signs of six square feet or less, except bench signs.
- D. Signs required by law when erected on public property by governmental agencies having jurisdiction.
- E. One sign or tablet per building, of four square feet or less, when cut into any masonry surface, or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible material, and attached to the surface of a building.
- F. Signs incorporated into machinery or equipment by a manufacturer.
- G. Signs carried by a person.
- H. Temporary signs as permitted by Section 7.03.01(E)(4)(a)(c) & (e).
- I. Window signs



(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 10-9, § 2, Item J(10-0177), 5-27-10, eff. 10-1-10)

PART 7.02.00 - PROHIBITED SIGNS/NONCONFORMING SIGNS

Sec. 7.02.01. - Prohibited Signs; Generally

Any sign not permitted by these Sign Regulations is prohibited.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

Sec. 7.02.02. - Prohibited Signs; Specifically

The following signs are prohibited, and no variance may be granted which would authorize same.

- A. Abandoned signs.
- B. Animated signs, provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit a changeable copy sign.
- C. Banners, pennants, festoons, searchlights, twirling signs, or inflatable signs except as may be specifically permitted in these Sign Regulations.
- D. Snipe signs.
- E. Sandwich signs.
- F. Vehicle signs.
- G. Signs which imitate or are made to resemble official traffic or government signs and signals.
- H. Tri-vision signs.
- I. Portable signs.
- J. Off-premises signs.
- K. Signs which emit audible sound, vapor, smoke, odor, particles or gaseous matter.
- L. Signs that interfere in any way with the free use of any fire escape, emergency exit, or standpipe or that obstruct any window to such an extent that the light or ventilation is reduced to a point below that required by any provision of this Code or other applicable regulation.
- M. Signs attached to trees, utility poles or fences.
- N. Signs located within a required site distance pursuant to Florida Department of Transportation Design Standard Index No. 546, or successor regulation.
- O. Roof signs.
- P. Unless otherwise required by law, any sign located in or upon any river, bay or other body of water within the geographic limits of unincorporated Hillsborough County, Florida.



(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

Sec. 7.02.03. - Nonconforming Signs

- A. Any sign which did not conform to the Hillsborough County Sign Regulations on the day before the adoption of this Ordinance, and which should have been removed or modified under prior law is an illegal nonconforming sign. The adoption of this Ordinance shall not affect the requirement that all such illegal nonconforming signs be removed or made to conform to these Sign Regulations.
- B. Unless otherwise subject to the provisions of §70.20 F.S., any sign made nonconforming by this Ordinance shall be considered a nonconforming sign and shall be removed or made to conform to these Sign Regulations within ten years from the effective date hereof.
- C. A nonconforming sign may not be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its degree of nonconformity, but any sign or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its degree of nonconformity.
- D. A nonconforming sign shall not be structurally altered to prolong the life of the sign. Reasonable repair and maintenance of nonconforming signs, including change of copy, is permitted. Reasonable repair and maintenance means the work necessary to keep the sign, including the sign structure, in a good state of repair, but does not include replacement of materials in the sign structure. Reasonable repair does not include (i) any modification that changes the structure, or type of structure, such as conversion of a wooden sign structure to a metal sign structure, (ii) any modification, including the addition of embellishments, that changes the sign area or the height above ground level, (iii) any modification that enhances the visibility of the signs copy, or the period of time that the copy is visible, (iv) any modification that adds changeable faces, or (v) any modification that adds artificial lighting, or changes the existing lighting such that illumination is increased.
- E. Should a nonconforming sign be damaged or destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its value as assessed by the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser at the time of damage or destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in compliance with these regulations.
- F. Should a nonconforming sign be moved for any reason, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.
- G. A nonconforming sign shall be considered an abandoned sign and shall be removed if it has not been used, or if the property on which it is located has become vacant or unoccupied, for a period of 180 consecutive calendar days or more.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

PART 7.03.00 - PERMITTED SIGNS

The following On-premises signs are permitted as set forth herein:

- A. Building Signs are permitted in all zoning districts except residentially zoned districts subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. Maximum height: A Building Sign shall not be permitted above the roofline, cornice line, parapet, or the highest point of a façade.



- 2. Maximum sign area: Each Premises, and in the case of multi-occupancy buildings, each unit, shall be permitted to display Building Sign(s), the Aggregate Sign Area of which shall not exceed 1¼ square feet per each linear foot of building frontage facing a public street or parking lot, but in no event more that 200 square feet of Aggregate Sign Area. For each unit not facing a public street or parking lot, the Aggregate Sign Area shall not exceed 1¼ square feet for each lineal foot of unit frontage for the elevation on which the building sign will be installed, but in no event more than 200 square feet of Aggregate Sign Area. Each Premises shall be entitled to a minimum Aggregate Sign Area of 20 square feet.
- Other limitations: Building Signs shall not project more than four feet from the building wall to which the sign is attached, nor shall a Building Sign project into the public right-of-way
- B. Canopy Signs are permitted in commercial and manufacturing zoning districts subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. Canopy Signs shall be allowed in addition to Building Signs.
 - The aggregate sign area of all Canopy and Building Signs combined per elevation shall not exceed the aggregate sign area permitted for Building Signs.
 - Canopy Signs shall not be permitted above the roofline of the canopy structure.
- C. Ground Signs: Ground signs are permitted in all zoning classifications subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. General Ground Sign provisions
 - a. Maximum Height: No ground sign shall exceed 30 feet in height if located adjacent to an expressway or arterial highway or 15 feet in height if located adjacent to a collector or local street. Height shall be measured from the existing grade of the street which provides access to the premise, nearest the base of the sign to the highest point of the sign structure.
 - b. Setback: Except as provided in Subparagraph (c) hereof, all ground signs shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from the right of way line and not within the required site distance pursuant to Florida Department of Transportation Design Standard Index No. 546. All ground signs shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from any side yard property line.
 - c. Monument Signs: Monument signs shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the right-of-way line, but shall be permitted an increase in height of one foot for each one foot of additional setback provided from the right-of-way line up to a maximum height of 30 feet when adjacent to expressways and arterials or 15 feet when adjacent to collectors and local roads.
 - 2. Non-Residential Zoning District
 - a. Maximum Number:
 - Each Premises having street frontage of 300 feet or less shall be permitted one ground sign
 - ii. Each Premises with street frontage of 300 feet or more shall be permitted to have one ground sign for each additional 300 feet of street frontage.
 - iii. Where a Premise fronts on more than one public street, the distance requirements found in Section 7.03.00.C.2.a.i.—ii. shall apply to each frontage.



b. Maximum Sign Area

- i. The maximum allowable Aggregate Sign Area for each ground sign shall not exceed one square foot for each lineal foot of public street frontage on the street where the sign is located or 100 square feet, whichever is less and no single sign face shall exceed 50 square feet in Aggregate Sign Area.
- ii. If a premise is permitted to have more than one ground sign, then all allowable ground signs may be combined into a single ground sign which shall not exceed 200 square feet in Aggregate Sign Area, and no single face shall exceed 100 square feet in Aggregate Sign Area.
- c. Ground signs shall be placed no closer than 150 feet apart on the same premises.

3. Residential Zoning Districts

- a. Each residential dwelling will be permitted to have one ground sign not exceeding six square feet of Aggregate Sign Area and not exceeding six feet in height. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to permit a sign if private restrictions prohibit or restrict the display of signs.
- b. Residential support uses: Each residential support use will be permitted to have one ground sign not exceeding 32 square feet of aggregate sign area and not exceeding eight feet in height.
- c. Residential entry signs: Not more than two ground signs are permitted to be installed or erected at each entrance to a platted subdivision, multiple family development (apartments, condominiums and mobile home parks) provided the combined Aggregate Sign Area of said signs shall not exceed 50 square feet.
- D. Flags: Each premise shall be permitted to display an unlimited number of flags, and the aggregate sign area of such flags shall not be included in the calculation of building signs for said premise; provided that any flag displayed on a premise shall only be displayed from a flagpole, as that term is defined in these regulations.

E. Temporary Signs

- Sign Types: A temporary sign may be a ground or building sign but may not be illuminated
 by electricity and must be constructed of rigid materials except as permitted in
 subparagraph of this Paragraph D.
- 2. Maximum Size: Unless otherwise provided in subparagraphs (f) and (g) of this paragraph (D) each premise may display temporary signs whose Aggregate sign areas shall not exceed 32 square feet. However, any double faced sign allowable under subparagraph 4(e) of this section shall be permitted 64 square feet of Aggregate sign area if no single face exceeds 32 square feet of Aggregate sign area, and if no other temporary sign is displayed on the premises.
- 3. Maximum Height: Unless otherwise provided in subparagraph (g) of this paragraph (D) temporary signs shall not exceed eight feet in height.
- 4. Each Premises shall be permitted temporary signs as follows:
 - a. One real estate sign
 - b. One grand opening sign, which may be a banner, provided that the sign shall not be displayed for more than 14 days during any 12 consecutive calendar months.



- c. One construction sign provided that such sign shall not be displayed more than 60 days prior to the beginning of actual construction of the project, and shall be removed no later than the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for all or any portion of the construction project. In the event a construction sign is displayed but construction is not initiated within 60 days after the sign is erected, or if construction is discontinued for a period of more than 60 days, the construction sign shall be removed.
- d. One temporary sign for a premises that has no permanent sign provided that such temporary sign may not be displayed for a period of more than 60 days or until installation of the permanent sign, whichever shall occur first.
- e. Non-commercial signs displayed before, during or after an event or occurrence scheduled to take place at a specific time and place. All such signs shall be removed within 20 days after the end of the scheduled event or occurrence to which they relate.
- f. One balloon sign, not to exceed 30 feet in height, may be displayed per premises in non-residential districts or within non-residential designated areas of planned development districts for not more than ten consecutive calendar days nor more than 20 calendar days in a single year. The size limitation in subparagraph (D)(2) of this section shall not apply to balloon signs permitted by this subparagraph.
- g. Temporary pennants or banners may be displayed for a period not to exceed 90 consecutive calendar days, nor more than 180 days in a calendar year, provided (i) no such pennant or banner may displayed at a height of more than 18 feet; (ii) the quantity of temporary pennants and banners shall not exceed one linear foot per ten square feet of outdoor display area covered; (iii) shall be displayed only in non-residential zoning districts, as well as within non-residential designated areas of planned development districts; (iv) shall be attached to poles designed expressly for that purpose and shall not be affixed to vehicles, buildings or utility poles; (v) shall be of a uniform dimension throughout the premises; (vi) shall be made of mylar material; and (vii) shall be maintained in a state of good repair, and pennants or banners that are frayed, torn or otherwise in disrepair are prohibited.
- h. Temporary pennants may be continuously displayed for up to a one year period provided that the quantity of pennants shall not exceed one-half lineal foot per ten square feet of outdoor display area covered.
- 5. A Pole Banner shall have a maximum dimension of 2.5 feet horizontally and six feet vertically and may be single or double sided. Only one Pole Banner is allowed per light pole. The clearance between the bottom of the Pole Banner and ground shall be a minimum of eight feet. No portion of a Pole Banner shall project over any vehicular travel route or parking space. The Pole Banners shall be maintained in a state of good repair and shall not be frayed or torn. This subsection does not apply to Pole Banners located in public Rights-of-Way, which are regulated by separate ordinance.
- F. Window Signs: Window signs shall be permitted, provided that such signs, in Aggregate Sign Area, do not cover more than 25 percent of the total window surface area of the premises facing a public street or parking lot. Window Signs shall not be included in calculating the Aggregate Sign Area for building signs.



(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 05-10, § 2, 6-16-05, eff. 10-1-05; Ord. No. 09-53, Item R, 6-11-09, eff. 10-1-09; Ord. No. 10-9, § 2, Item J(10-0177), 5-27-10, eff. 10-1-10; Ord. No. 10-26, § 2, Exh. A(10-0759), eff. 2-11-11; Ord. No. 15-15, § 2(Exh. A), Item A.5(15-0498), 6-18-15, eff. 6-25-15)

PART 7.04.00 - SIGNS ON RIGHT-OF-WAY/DANGEROUS SIGNS

Sec. 7.04.01. - Signs on Right-of-Way

No sign shall be erected on the public right-of-way and publicly dedicated easements except signs installed by governmental units having jurisdiction as may be required by law or to protect the public health, safety and welfare, bench signs, and signs authorized to be placed on transit shelters. Pole Banners may be installed and maintained on light poles located in certain, designated segments of public right-of-way, as permitted in accordance with the regulations established in Chapter 42, Article VII of the Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances. Any other sign located upon, within or otherwise encroaching upon the public rights-of-way of Hillsborough County shall be subject to immediate removal by the County at the expense of the owner, agent, lessee or other person determined to have beneficial use of the sign.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 15-15, § 2(Exh. A), Item A.5(15-0498), 6-18-15, eff. 6-25-15)

Sec. 7.04.02. - Dangerous Signs

Any sign determined by the Administrator to be an immediate threat to the public health safety and welfare under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be immediately repaired or removed at the expense of the owner, agents, lessee or other person determined to have beneficial use of the sign.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

PART 7.05.00 - COMMUNITY SIGNS

Sec. 7.05.01. - Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of this part to allow for Community Signs pursuant to adopted Hillsborough County Community-Based Planning Areas. For purposes of this Part only, a "community" shall be defined as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners Community-Based Planning Area in Unincorporated Hillsborough County.

(Ord. No. 08-29, § 2, eff. 2-1-09)

Sec. 7.05.02. - Applicability

A. Unless otherwise specified, these provisions shall apply to all community entry, gateway and special district signs as defined in this Part. However, these provisions shall not apply to previously approved signs at the time of adoption of the standards or requirements set forth in this Part.



- B. In addition to provisions provided herein, permitting for community entry, gateway and special district signs shall be required to meet all other applicable sections of the Land Development Code. Where provisions of this Part are in conflict with any other standards or regulations of the Land Development Code or any other applicable laws, the more restrictive shall apply.
- C. Non-adopted planning areas may have community entry signs within the right-of-way as set forth in this Part. The sign(s) must be located at a community entry as recognized by adjacent adopted community plans.

(Ord. No. 08-29, § 2, eff. 2-1-09)

Sec. 7.05.03. - General Development Standards

Establishment of Community Sign Design Guidelines to be used in the evaluation of Community Sign Permit applications ensure that signs are well designed, compatible with their surroundings, and do not detract from the overall visual quality of the County. There are three (3) Community Sign types: Community Entry Sign; Community Gateway Sign; and, Special District Sign.

A. Standards:

- 1. Community Entry Sign:
 - a. Such signs are government owned and maintained. They shall be installed within the Right-of-Way and along roadways as approved by the Administrator.
 - b. The maximum sign area, height and placement shall be as specified in the latest Hillsborough County Transportation Technical Manual.
 - c. Material and color aluminum, with green reflective sheeting background color and white reflective sheeting capitalized type "C" font lettering and ¾" wide border or as specified and described in latest Hillsborough County Transportation Technical Manual Section 6 and Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications.
 - d. Communities may opt to design, fabricate and supply a like-size custom community entry sign for County approved installation. Maintenance of such sign shall be the responsibility of the community.

2. Community Gateway Sign:

- a. Signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the public right-of-way line and not within the required sight distance pursuant to Florida Department of Transportation Design Standard Index No. 546. All signs shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from any side yard property line. Additionally, sight distance and roadside clear zones must be in accordance with the criteria of the Hillsborough County Transportation Technical Manual. Signs shall be exempt from Part 7.03.00.C.2.c of this Code.
- Such signs shall be located on private property, along roadways of approved community-based plan boundaries.
- c. The maximum sign area for such signs shall be fifty (50) square feet, single-sided. No other advertisement shall be displayed. Community Gateway Sign area shall be calculated separate from any other allowable sign.
- d. The maximum height shall be ten (10) feet to the top of the sign structure.



e. No sign identified in this section shall be permitted without the consent of the real property owner, nor shall such sign be placed in any public right-of-way.

3. Special District Sign:

- a. A special district shall be located as described and identified in Approved Community-Based Planning Area Documents.
- b. Signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the public right-of-way line and not within the required distance pursuant to Florida Department of Transportation Design Standard. All signs shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from any side yard property line. Additionally, sight distance and roadside clear zones must be in accordance with the criteria of the Hillsborough County Transportation Technical Manual. Signs shall be exempt from Part 7.03.00.C.2.c. of this Code.
- c. The maximum sign area for such signs shall be fifty (50) square feet, single-sided. No other advertisement shall be displayed. Special District Sign area shall be calculated separate from any other allowable sign.
- d. The maximum height shall be ten (10) feet to the top of the sign structure.
- e. No sign identified in this section shall be permitted without the consent of the real property owner, nor shall such sign be placed in any public right-of-way.
- 4. Community Gateway Signs and Special District Signs shall not be located on publicly owned land, easements or within the right-of-way except signs required or erected by permission of an authorized government agency. Nothing shall prohibit a duly authorized local official from removing a sign from public property at the expense of such person determined to have ownership of or beneficial use of the sign.
- 5. Any Community Gateway Sign or Special District Sign which are allowed pursuant to this chapter must obtain a permit prior to installation.
- 6. Sign lighting: if provided, signs shall be externally lighted. Interior illumination of sign ('backlighting') is prohibited. All poles or standards, other than those made of wood, used to support lighting fixtures shall be anodized or otherwise coated to minimize glare from the light source. All exterior lighting shall not blink, flash or oscillate. In addition, Exterior Lighting shall be in accordance with Part 6.10.00 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 08-29, § 2, eff. 2-1-09; Ord. No. 10-9, § 2, Item J(10-0177), 5-27-10, eff. 10-1-10)

Sec. 7.05.04. - Removal

Any sign erected or maintained in violation of this Code or erected in violation of any previously existing ordinance or laws may be subject to removal by governmental agencies having jurisdiction as may be required by law or to protect the public health, safety and welfare at the expense of the owner of the property upon which the sign is located or of any such person determined to have beneficial use of the sign. If the sign violation discovered is on private property, then the governmental agency having jurisdiction shall give thirty (30) days written notice, by certified mail or hand delivery, to such person of the violation charged.



(Ord. No. 08-29, § 2, eff. 2-1-09)

PART 7.06.00 - PLACEMENT STANDARDS

A. Blocking of Exits, Fire Escape or Standpipe

A sign shall not be erected so that it impedes use of any fire escape, emergency exit or standpipe.

B. Relationship to Building Features

A Building Sign shall not extend beyond any edge of the surface to which it is attached, nor disrupt the articulation provided on a building.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)

PART 7.07.00 - PERMITS AND APPEALS/INSPECTIONS

Sec. 7.07.01. - Permit and Appeals

- A. Permits Required. No person shall erect, alter, repair or relocate any sign that requires a permit without first obtaining a permit from the Administrator. No permit shall be issued until the Administrator determines that such work is in accordance with the requirements contained in these Sign Regulations, and the Administrator determines such work will not violate any building, electrical or other applicable code of Hillsborough County.
- B. Applications. All required Sign Permit Applications shall be filed on forms supplied by the Administrator. The application shall contain the information and documents required by these Sign Regulations and shall be accompanied by the required permit fee.
- C. Permit Application Contents. Except as provided for in 7.07.01.C.10 below, a completed application for a Sign Permit shall include the following:
 - 1. The name, address, tax folio number, and telephone number of the property owner, and to the extent the applicant is one other than the property owner, an affidavit from the property owner authorizing the applicant to act as agent for purposes of the application.
 - 2. The name, address, telephone and registration number of the engineer.
 - The name, address, telephone and license number of the sign contractor/manufacturer.
 - 4. The address, zoning district, building frontage and road frontage of the premises where the sign is to be erected.
 - 5. The type of sign, Aggregate Sign Area, height and location of all signs currently displayed on the premises.
 - 6. The type of sign, Aggregate Sign Area, height and location of the sign or signs proposed to be erected on the premises.
 - 7. A fully dimensioned and scaled site plan showing the lot frontage, building frontage, parking areas, and location of all existing and proposed signs. For Ground Signs, the site plan must show the distance from the right-of-way and edge of pavement.
 - 8. A Sign Plan shall include the following:
 - a. A summary table listing the location, type and area of any existing and proposed signs.



- b. A fully dimensioned and scaled elevation drawings of any proposed sign, showing sign type, height, structure and Sign Area.
- c. For Building Signs, an elevation of the building, showing placement of any sign.
- d. If the sign is to be electrically lighted, additional information regarding the Testing Laboratory or the ETL No., and the name and address of the electrical contractor.
- e. Information regarding the type of construction, sign supports and electrical details.
- Wind load calculations and footer details as required by the County's adopted Building Code.
- 9. All permanent ground and building signs shall have a sign plan prepared and sealed by a Florida registered professional engineer.
- 10. Permit applications for balloon signs, temporary pennants and banners, as described in Section 7.03.00.E.4.f. and g., shall only include the following information:
 - a. The name, address, business name and telephone number of the applicant.
 - b. The address, zoning designation and tax folio number of the property where the sign is to be displayed.
 - c. The type of sign that is to be displayed.
- D. Permit Application Review and Time Limits. Upon receipt of a completed Permit Application and upon payment of the appropriate permit fee by the applicant, the Administrator shall promptly conduct a review of the application, the proposed sign and the premises. the Administrator shall grant or deny the permit application within 30 days from the date the completed application was submitted for approval.

E. Issuance or Denial of Permit

- The Administrator shall issue the permit if the Administrator determines that the application
 meets the requirements contained in these Sign Regulations and determines the proposed sign
 will not violate any building, electrical or other adopted Code of Hillsborough County, or the
 Administrator may issue the permit with conditions.
- 2. The Administrator shall deny the permit if the Administrator determines that one or more reasons for denial exists, including noncompliance with these Sign Regulations and any building, electrical or other adopted code of Hillsborough County. The Administrator shall make a written report of the denial and the reasons therefore. A copy of the report shall be sent by certified mail to the designated return address of the applicant on the application.
- F. Permit Fees. The Permit Fee for signs shall be determined pursuant to the Permit Fee Schedule established by separate ordinance or resolution.
- G. Appeals. Any person denied a permit for a sign file a written appeal pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.05.01 of the Hillsborough County Land Development Code within 30 days after rendition of the denial pursuant to the provisions of Subsection E.
- H. Existing Settlement Agreements: The County acknowledges there exists certain written, and signed settlement agreements which resulted from the resolution of disputed issues related to signs in the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County. The County further acknowledges that these settlement agreements authorize from time to time the relocation of outdoor advertising signs as more particularly set forth in those agreements. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to impair any rights or obligations contained in written sign litigation settlement agreements between Hillsborough County and others which predate the effective date hereof.



(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 05-10, § 2, 6-16-05, eff. 10-1-05; Ord. No. 10-9, § 2, Item J(10-0177), 5-27-10, eff. 10-1-10)

Sec. 7.07.02. - Inspections

Sign inspections shall be made in compliance with the Hillsborough County Construction Code adopted by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. Each sign for which a permit is issued shall have said permit, or a sign tag if issued by Hillsborough County, affixed to the sign in such a way that it is secured to the sign and plainly visible from the public right-of-way. A sign for which a permit is required shall be deemed operated in violation of these Sign Regulations if the permit or sign tag is not affixed in conformity with this section. Any permit issued pursuant to these Sign Regulations shall become void unless the permit or sign tag is displayed as required by this section within 30 days after the permit is issued.

(Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 10-9, § 2, Item J(10-0177), 5-27-10, eff. 10-1-10)

PART 7.08.00 - PROTECTION OF NON-COMMERCIAL SPEECH

Any sign permitted by these Sign Regulations may display a non commercial message. ;hn (Ord. No. 04-47, § 2, 11-9-04)