

ZONING

155 Attachment 3

**Table of Permitted and Regulated Signs
Dorchester County, Maryland
[Amended 6-13-2000 by Ord. No. 274; 12-2-2008 by Bill No. 2008-13]**

Type of Sign	Number Allowed Per Use	Maximum Sign Area (square feet)	Maximum Height For Freestanding Signs (feet) ^a	Illumination Permitted	Permit Required	Time Limit	Zoning Districts Allowed
1. On-Premises							
Bed-and-breakfast home Inns	1	16	6	Yes ^f	Yes	None	All
Construction site: identification of architect, engineer and/or contractor	b	32	8	No	No	Project completion or abandonment	All
Farm signs identifying the name of the farm, displaying the name of the owner and the nature of the farm and its products	1	32	8	No	No	None	All
Garage or yard sales, roadside stands	2	6 each	6	No	No	Coincident with use	All
Home occupation identification	1	4	6	No	No	None	All
Institutional: club, school, library, church, firehouse, nursing home, cemetery, etc., identification or bulletin board	1	32	20	Yes	No	None	All
Legal notices, official traffic signs	No limit	None	None	No	No	None	All
Name and address of occupant, owner of property	1	2	6	Yes ^f	No	None	All, where permitted
Permitted business, commercial and industrial establishments, except home occupations	b	2 per linear foot of building frontage* to a maximum of 400 per lot ^c [*If the building has multiple frontage, an additional 1 square foot of sign area is permitted for each additional linear foot of building frontage.]	20	Yes	Yes	None	B-1, V, B-2, I-1, I-2
	b	32 ^e	20	No	Yes	None	All other zones
Shopping center or industrial park identification sign, stating the name of the facility and the major tenants ^e		1 per linear foot of lot frontage to a maximum of 200	20	Yes			B-1, V, B-2, I-1, I-2
Place; identification of a residential development, public facility, historic facility, farm, agricultural district, etc.	1	16	6	Yes	No	None	All
Political	No limit	No limit	8	No	No	None	All
Public interest: cautionary messages, including "No Hunting," "No Trespassing," etc., or informational messages, including "Exit," "Parking," etc.	No limit	2 each	8	No	No	None	All
Real estate sale, lease or rental	1 per road frontage	6 each	6	No	No	None	All

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	1 per road frontage	32 each	8	Yes	No	None	B-1, B-2, I-1, I-2, V ^d
Subdivision real estate signs advertising more than one lot	1 per road frontage	32 each	8	Yes	No	None	All
Farm sale signs							
Special and new business sales, promotional displays	^b	No limit	No limit	Yes	No	Event duration, not to exceed 30 days per event and 2 events per year.	All, where such sales are permitted
Special event: advertising of special civic or cultural events sponsored by governmental, club, religious or charitable organization	2	No limit	No limit	Yes	No	Event duration, not to exceed 30 days per event and 2 events per year.	All
2. Off-Premises							
General advertising, including directional, informational and business signs	2	16	8	No	Yes	None	B-1, B-2, I-1, I-2, V ^d In all other zones, except for advertising on bus stops and similar structures, a special exception is required.
Special event: advertising of special civic or cultural events sponsored by governmental, club, religious or charitable organization	4	32 each	8	Yes	Yes	30 days per event	All
Shelters at bus stops	2	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	§ 155-50J(1)	All

NOTES:

- ^a Sign height is measured from the center line of the right-of-way adjacent to the property to the top of the sign.
- ^b The combined total of all signs on a lot shall not exceed the maximum permitted sign area.
- ^c i. Flat wall signs may not exceed 50% of a wall surface.
ii. One freestanding sign per lot is permitted. The maximum allowable area for a freestanding sign is a maximum of 50 square feet.
iii. Shopping centers and industrial parks are exempt from the maximum sign area limit of 400 square feet per lot.
- ^d Permitted business, commercial, institutional and industrial establishments.
- ^e Permitted in addition to the permitted individual business, commercial and industrial establishment signs.
- ^f External means only such as by spotlight.