

CALDWELL COUNTY MUNICIPAL SIGN REGULATIONS



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Town of Blowing Rock

Sign Regulations

(Excerpt from Town Code)

Article 17 - Signs

16-17.10.6. Temporary Freestanding Signs.

The following regulations shall apply to Freestanding Temporary Signs:

- a) The display of one (1) Temporary Freestanding Sign, not to exceed four (4) square feet in area and five (5) feet in height, shall be permitted per street frontage upon each parcel of land within the Town and its ETJ.
- b) One (1) additional Temporary Freestanding Sign shall be permitted to be displayed per street frontage on parcels larger than five (5) acres in size, where the street frontage exceeds 400 feet in length.
- c) The permitted period of display of a Temporary Freestanding Sign is unlimited; however, such signs shall be subject to the maintenance requirements of this Article.
- d) The limit on the number of permitted Temporary Freestanding Signs shall be periodically modified in accordance with the following: **Beginning on the 30th day prior to the beginning of early voting for any scheduled primary or election occurring within the planning jurisdiction of this Ordinance, as established by the North Carolina Board of Elections, and ending the 10th day following the primary or election, the limit on the number of Temporary Freestanding Signs that may be displayed per parcel is increased to five (5) per street frontage.** All other regulations associated with such signage shall remain in effect during such period of suspension. Following the end of such period of suspension of this regulation, the limit on the number of permitted Temporary Freestanding Signs shall be in force until the following period of suspension.
- e) In the General Business District, the maximum permitted size of Temporary Freestanding Signs is 16 square feet and eight (8) feet in height, subject to the following limitations:
 - i. The larger sign area and height shall only be permitted on parcels which do not contain any other temporary or permanent freestanding signs.
 - ii. The periodic modification of the limit on the number of signs provided for in d), above, does not apply to any sign exceeding six (6) square feet.



Town of Cajah's Mountain
(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

Section 94. Announcement Signs and Structures.

All announcement signs and structures, which include business signs as defined by this Ordinance, shall be approved by the zoning enforcement officer and shall comply with the following regulations:

94.1 Location. No advertising sign or structure shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to interfere with vision clearance along any street, road or highway or at any intersection or junction of two or more traffic arteries. Nor shall any advertising sign or structure be located within the street, road or highway right-of-way.

94.2 Illumination. No flashing or intermittent lights are permitted. All illuminated signs or 51 structures shall be placed so as to prevent the light rays or illumination therefrom being cast upon residential dwellings. However, any sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, stock market quotations or similar services shall be permitted.

94.3 Maintenance. All advertising structures, together with any supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in good repair and in a safe state of preservation. All signs, including political signs, erected to serve temporary purposes shall be removed within 60 days, unless removal is required within 15 days as provided in subsection 94.6.

94.4 Administration. The zoning enforcement officer shall refuse a permit for the erection or construction of any advertising sign or structure which does not meet the requirements of this section. The zoning enforcement officer shall order the removal of any signs that are not constructed or maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section.

94.5 Nonconforming Signs. Within eighteen (18) months of the enactment of this ordinance, the following nonconforming signs within the town limits of Cajah's Mountain shall be eliminated: a) nonconforming signs located within the sight triangle of intersecting streets or driveways; b) portable signs; c) any nonconforming sign which causes a traffic or safety hazard, as determined by the zoning enforcement officer. An inventory of the above signs shall be completed by the zoning enforcement officer and property owners notified within three (3) months of the enactment of this ordinance. (Amended 2/2/99, 4/6/99)

94.6 Portable Signs. Portable signs are expressly prohibited from use within the Town of Cajah's Mountain except when permitted as a temporary use for non-profit organizations provided that a Zoning Permit is secured for such use, and further provided that the use of such signs shall not be permitted for more than 15 consecutive days. A minimum 120-day period shall elapse between uses of temporary portable signs on any lot or for any event for which the sign is permitted.



Village of Cedar Rock

Sign Regulations

(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

Section 71. Advertising Signs and Structures

The purpose of this section is to establish minimum regulations controlling the number, size and placement of signs in such a way as to support and complement the land use objectives set forth in the district-specific regulations of the zoning ordinance. The following signs are exempt from the permit and regulation requirements of this section:

71.1 Official governmental signs. Such as traffic or similar regulatory devices, erected and maintained pursuant to any Federal, State, County or Village governmental function.

71.2 Identification signs. Not to exceed two (2) square feet in area bearing only property identification numbers and names, post office box numbers, and names of occupants of the premises, which are not illuminated and are not of a commercial nature.

71.3 Instructional signs displayed strictly for the direction, safety or convenience of the public, such as signs that identify restrooms, parking area exits and entrances, signs warning of danger, and no trespassing signs.

71.4 Non-illuminated temporary signs. Such as but not limited to, political signs and posters when located entirely on private property, and less than six (6) square feet in area, provided all such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the election.

71.5 Temporary construction or development signs. Signs denoting the architect, engineer, or contractor and placed on premises where construction, repair or renovation is in progress. Such signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet, are limited to one (1) per lot, may not be erected prior to the issuance of a building permit, and must be removed within seven (7) days of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

71.6 NCDOT Temporary Portable Signs. Signs utilized by the County of Caldwell or North Carolina Department of Transportation are exempt from the provisions of this section of the sign regulations. With proper authority being given, construction contractors and public utility companies are permitted to erect temporary construction and maintenance signs at the work sites to protect the public, equipment and workmen, provided that such signs conform to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways issued by the United States Department Of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 1971, or any subsequent revisions thereof approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

71.7 Temporary real estate signs. Shall not exceeding four (4) square feet may be erected and limited to two (2) per lot and must be removed within seven (7) days of closing.

71.8 Miscellaneous temporary signs. Signs advertising events in the Village shall be removed immediately following the event.



Town of Gamewell
(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

All announcement signs and structures, which include business signs as defined by this Ordinance, shall be approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and shall comply with the following regulations:

(A) Location. No advertising sign or structure shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to interfere with vision clearance along any street, road or highway or at any intersection or junction of two or more traffic arteries. Nor shall any advertising sign or structure be located within the street, road or highway right-of-way.

(B) Illumination. No flashing or intermittent lights are permitted. All illuminated signs or structures shall be placed so as to prevent the light rays or illuminations therefrom being cast upon residential dwellings. However, any sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, stock market quotations or similar services shall be permitted.

(C) Billboards. No billboards or other off-site signs are permitted within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance.

(D) Portable Signs. No portable or other temporary signs are permitted within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance.

(E) Maintenance. All advertising structures, together with any supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in good repair and in a safe state of preservation. **All signs, including political signs, erected to serve temporary purposes shall be removed within 10 days.**

(F) Administration. The zoning enforcement officer shall refuse a permit for the erection or construction of any advertising sign or structure which does not meet the requirements of this Section. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall order the removal of any signs that are not constructed or maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(G) Nonconforming Signs. Nonconforming signs will be allowed to remain in good repair, for a period of two years after the adoption of this Ordinance, after which time all signs must conform to the regulations of this Article. The following signs are exempt from regulation under this section: Non-illuminated signs not exceeding six square feet in area that are customarily associated with residential use and that are not of a commercial nature, such as (i) signs giving property identification names or numbers of occupants, (ii) signs or mailboxes or newspaper tubes (iii) signs posted on private property relating to private parking or warning the public against trespassing or danger from animals, and (iv) church directional signs.

All political and or yard/garage sale signs after ten days from an election day must be removed or be subject to a fine to be determined by the Section 32.74 (F) of the Gamewell's Zoning Ordinance.



Granite Falls

(excerpt from the Granite Falls zoning ordinance)

1404.4 On Public Right-of-way.

Signs may be located in a required yard, subject to the following limitations:

(1) No sign in a residential district shall be less than five (5) feet from any street or railroad right-of-way line, except for the types of signs described in 1428.1 and 1428.4.

(2) No sign shall be permitted on any public right-of-way or easement in any zoning district, except political signs subject to criteria below. Signs placed as such may be removed by Town Staff and destroyed without notice.

a. Compliant Political Signs Permitted. During the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning date of "one stop" early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day, persons may place political signs in street rights-of-way as provided in this section. Signs must be placed in compliance with subsection (b) of this section and must be removed by the end of the period described in this subsection. For purposes of this section, "political sign" means any sign that advocates for political action. The term does not include a commercial sign.

b. Sign Placement. The permission of any property owner of a residence, business or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected must be obtained. Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:

i. No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.

ii. No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.

iii. No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.

iv. No sign shall be higher than 42 inches (3.5 feet) above the edge of the pavement of the road

Section 1414 - On Private Property

Temporary signs of candidates for election or for issues on a ballot shall be allowed on private property in any zoning district providing such signs do not exceed sixteen (16ft²) square feet in area per display face and two faces per sign. All such signs may not be erected prior to thirty (30) days before the beginning date of "one stop" early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and must be removed within ten (10) days after the primary or election day. In all cases, the property owner and the political candidate shall be equally responsible for removal of the signs. Political signs placed in the right-of-way of a public

street are subject to the limitations set forth in Section 1404.4. **Political signs are prohibited on Town owned property.**

Additionally, signs in truck beds or on vehicles are not permitted to be used as political signs.

No signs are allowed on Town of Granite Falls Recreation Center property or within the adjacent street right-of-way.

If you have any questions, please contact Town Planner Greg Wilson (828) 396-3131.



Town of Hudson/Hudson Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Policy for signs and campaigning at the McCreary Family Recreation Center

- Signage can be placed in grass area on side of Recreation Building and in parking lot medians.
- Tents are allowed in parking lot area, but must be anchored down (using sand bags, weights, or blocks)
- All campaign volunteers are required to clean up their area at the end of the day.
- Signage must be picked up within 3 days after the Election. After the 3 days, staff will remove all signage and hold for 30 days. Signs not picked up by the end of 30 days will be disposed of.

If you have any questions, please contact Recreation Director Chuck Raby

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City of Lenoir

Political Sign Regulations

(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

Part II – Code of Ordinances

Appendix A – Zoning

Article XI. Sign Regulations

1103 General Provisions Applying to All Signs – The following regulations shall apply to all zones with the City of Lenoir and its extraterritorial zoning districts.

1103.1 Signs to be Located on Private Property – Subject to the rules for political signs below, no sign shall be permitted on any public right-of-way or easement, and may be removed and destroyed without notice. It shall be unlawful to post or place any signs or advertisements on any building, fence, pole or other property belonging to another without the consent of the owner thereof.

(a) Compliant Political Signs Permitted. During the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning date of one-stop early voting under G.S. 163-227.2 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day, persons may place political signs in street rights-of-way as provided in this section. Signs must be placed in compliance with subsection (b) of this section and must be removed by the end of the period prescribed in this subsection. For purposes of this section, “political sign” means any sign that advocates for political action. The term does not include a commercial sign.

(b) Sign Placement, The permission of any property owner of a residence business, or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign would be erected must be obtained. Signs must be placed in accordance with the following:

1. No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
2. No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the pavement on the road.
3. No sign shall obscure motorist visibility at an intersection.
4. No sign shall be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
5. No sign shall be larger than 864 inches.
6. No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.

1104 Prohibited Signs – The following signs are prohibited in all zones:

1104.1 Commercial signs which imitate an official traffic sign or signs which contain words similar to typical advisory and regulatory traffic sign words.

1104.2 Signs with flashing or blinking lights.

1104.3 Signs which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination which may be confused or construed as a traffic control device, or which hide from view any traffic or street sign or signal, or which obstruct the view in any direction at a street intersection.

1104.4 All parts of sign which advertise an activity, business, product or service no longer produced or conducted on the premises upon which the sign is located.

1104.5 Signs placed on vehicles or trailers which are parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying said sign. (This does not apply to signs or lettering on vehicles in operation during the normal course of business).

1104.6 Advertising or signs posted on, attached to, or painted on rocks, trees, fences, utility poles, or other signs.

1104.7 Signs or sign assemblies that obstruct ingress and/or egress to any window, door, fire escape, stairway, ladder, or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress any room or building.

1104.8 Portable signs, nor may portable signs be converted to permanent signs by anchoring or attachment to existing signs.



Town of Rhodhiss

(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

ARTICLE X SIGNS

23.1033. Signs and Structures

The purpose of this section is to establish minimum regulations controlling the number, size and placement of signs in such a way as to support and complement the land use objectives set forth in the district-specific regulations of the zoning ordinance.

23.1033.1 Exempt Signs: The following signs are exempt from the permit and regulation requirements of this section:

- a. Official governmental signs. Such as traffic or similar regulatory devices, erected and maintained pursuant to any Federal, State, County or Town governmental function.
- b. Identification signs. Not to exceed two (2) square feet in area bearing only property identification numbers and names, post office box numbers, and names of occupants of the premises, which are not illuminated and are not of a commercial nature.
- c. Instructional signs displayed strictly for the direction, safety or convenience of the public, such as signs which identify restrooms, parking area exits and entrances, signs warning of danger, and no trespassing signs.
- d. Non-illuminated temporary signs. Such as but not limited to, political signs and posters when located entirely on private property, and less than six (6) square feet in area, provided all such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the election.
- e. Temporary construction or development signs. Signs denoting the architect, engineer, or contractor and placed on premises where construction, repair or renovation is in progress. Such signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet, are limited to one (1) per lot, may not be erected prior to the issuance of a Page | 31 building permit, and must be removed within seven (7) days of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- f. NCDOT Temporary Portable Signs. Signs utilized by the North Carolina Department of Transportation are exempt from the provisions of this section of the sign regulations. With proper authority being given, construction contractors and public utility companies are permitted to erect temporary construction and maintenance signs at the work sites to protect the public, equipment and workmen, provided that such signs conform to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways issued by the United States Department Of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 1971, or any subsequent revisions thereof approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

g. Temporary real estate signs. Shall not exceeding four (4) square feet may be erected and limited to two (2) per lot and must be removed within seven (7) days of closing.

h. Miscellaneous temporary signs. Signs advertising events in the Town shall be removed immediately following the event, and provided that no more than three such signs shall be allowed at any time on one parcel.



Town of Sawmills

(Excerpt from Zoning Ordinance)

SIGN REGULATIONS §153.110 GENERAL.

(A) All announcement signs and structures, which include business signs as defined by this chapter, shall be approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and shall comply with the following regulations.

(B) Location. No advertising sign or structure shall be erected, constructed or maintained so as to interfere with vision clearance along any street, road or highway or at any intersection or junction of two or more traffic arteries. Nor shall any advertising sign or structure be located within the street, road or highway right-of-way.

(C) Illumination. No flashing or intermittent lights may permitted. Only one illuminated sign per professional office per building is permitted. All illuminated signs or structures shall be placed so as to prevent the light rays or illuminations from being cast upon residential dwellings. However, any sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, stock market quotations or similar services shall be permitted.

(D) Billboards. No billboards or other off-site signs are permitted within the jurisdiction of this chapter.

(E) Portable signs. No portable or other temporary signs are permitted within the jurisdiction of this chapter.

(F) Maintenance. All advertising structures, together with any supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in good repair and in a safe state of preservation. All signs, including political signs, erected to serve temporary purposes shall be removed within 60 days.

(G) Administration. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall refuse a permit for the erection or construction of any advertising sign or structure which does not meet the requirements of this section. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall order the removal of any signs that are not constructed or maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(H) Traffic safety precautions. The following practices in relation to signs are prohibited, notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter, in order to preserve the safety of pedestrians and vehicular movement: (1) No signs shall use such words as "stop", "slow", "caution", "danger" or similar admonitions which may be confused with traffic directional signs erected by governmental agencies; and (2) No sign shall be erected so as, by its location, color, nature or message, to permit it to be confused with or obstruct the view of traffic signals or signs, or so it would tend to be confused with warning lights of an emergency or public safety vehicle.

(I) Prohibited locations for signs. No sign shall be attached to any utility pole, tree, rock or other natural object.

(J) Signs not subject to control. The following signs are not subject to the control of this chapter: (1) Non-illuminated identification signs on private property not exceeding two square feet in area, not of a commercial nature and bearing only property identification numbers and names, post office box numbers and name(s) of occupants of the premises; (2) Historic markers erected by a governmental body; (3) Legal notices, identification and informational signs and traffic directional signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body; (4) Not more than one sign total, with not more than one per public street frontage, located on private property, directing and guiding traffic on private property, with the permission of the owner, by which bear no advertising matter and do not exceed eight square feet in area on each side and do not exceed six feet in height; (5) Bulletin signs incidental to churches, located on-site, provided they do not exceed 12 square feet in area and have a maximum height of six feet; or (6) Non-illuminated, temporary yard sale signs located entirely on private property and less than 6 square feet containing the date of the sale and/or property address, provided such signs are removed within two days following the sale.

(K) Violation. In addition to the remedies provided in GS §§160D-404c as amended and otherwise as law provided, whenever, by the provisions of this section, the performance of any act is prohibited, or whenever any regulation limitation is posed on the erection or removal of a sign, a failure to comply with the provision shall constitute a violation of this chapter. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall subject the offender to a civil and/or criminal penalty as set forth in §153.999. (Ord. §90F, passed 2-19-2008) Penalty, see §153.999