

Signs in Louisville - Commercial Areas

This summary is intended to aid business and property owners in understanding sign requirements in Commercial areas within Louisville, but does not include all adopted codes and procedures related to signs. All signs are subject to the City of Louisville Sign Code, adopted by Ordinance 1779, Series 2019, and as may be amended from time to time. The adopted Sign Code and permitting procedures are available at www.LouisvilleCO.gov/SignCode. Questions can be directed to the Department of Planning and Building Safety at 303-335-4592 or to planning@LouisvilleCO.gov.

Permanent Signs

WALL SIGNS

- Internally, externally, halo lit or neon. Neon not allowed on office only sites
- Signs oriented to US 36 may have additional 50% in area and 100% in height

Single Tenant Commercial

- One per primary frontage plus one additional for each 100 lin ft of frontage, one per secondary
- 1 sf per lin ft not to exceed 100 sf (primary), .5 sf per lin ft, not to exceed 100 sf (secondary)
- 3 ft maximum sign height, mounted no higher than roofline

Multi-Tenant Commercial

- One per tenant at primary frontage, one per tenant at secondary
- 1 sf per lin ft not to exceed 100 sf (primary), .5 sf per lin ft, not to exceed 50 sf (secondary)
- 4 ft maximum sign height, mounted no higher than roofline

Office only

- One per primary frontage, one per secondary
- 1 sf per lin ft not to exceed 40 sf per sign or 100 sf for all signs (primary), .5 sf per lin ft not to exceed 24 sf per sign or 60 sf for all signs
- 2 ft maximum sign height for buildings less than 25 ft tall or 3 ft maximum sign height for buildings taller than 25 ft, mounted no higher than roofline

FREESTANDING SIGNS

- Internally, externally or halo lit
- Signs oriented to US 36 may have additional 50% in area and 100% in height

Single Tenant Commercial

- One per primary frontage, one per secondary, not to exceed two signs
- 48 sf (primary), 24 sf (secondary)
- 8 ft high (primary), 5 ft high (secondary) maximum

Multi-Tenant Commercial

- One per primary frontage, one per secondary, not to exceed four signs
- 60 sf if less than 60,000 sf in floor area, 96 sf if more than 60,000 sf in floor area (primary), 32 sf (secondary)
- 12 ft high (primary), 6 ft high (secondary) maximum

Single Tenant Office

- One per primary frontage, one per secondary, not to exceed two signs
- 40 sf (primary), 16 sf (secondary)
- 6 ft high (primary), 5 ft high (secondary) maximum

Multi-Tenant Office

- One per primary frontage, one per secondary, not to exceed three signs
- 48 sf if less than 60,000 sf in floor area, 60 sf if more than 60,000 sf in floor area (primary), 24 sf (secondary)
- 12 ft high (primary), 6 ft high (secondary) maximum

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AWNING SIGNS

- One per awning, 40% of area of awning face
- May not be illuminated

CANOPY SIGNS

- One per primary entry in pedestrian areas
- 2 sf of copy area per 1 lin ft of canopy
- May be internally illuminated

WINDOW SIGNS

- 25% of window, first story only
- Internally, externally, halo lit, or neon illumination

PROJECTING SIGNS

- One per tenant per frontage, no more than two per tenant
- 12 sf, 4 ft projection, 12 ft high maximum
- May not be illuminated

MENU SIGNS/DIRECTORIES (DISPLAY SIGNS)

- One per drive-thru lane, one wall mounted per tenant
- 8 sf for wall mounted, 32 sf for drive-thru, 7 ft high maximum
- Internally or externally illuminated, electronic message center permitted

Temporary Signs

The following Temporary Signs are allowed in Commercial areas within Louisville. Temporary Signs are not intended to be used as a replacement for a permanent sign, and may not be illuminated. Temporary Signs are not allowed within right-of-way and must be located on private property. A sign permit is required only for a Banner. For a complete understanding of all Temporary Sign regulations or to apply for a permit, visit www.LouisvilleCO.gov/SignCode

SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS

- One per tenant
- 6 sf
- Must be placed on walkways not in right-of-way located adjacent to the business and on the same frontage as the primary entry.
- Must be removed each day at the close of business
- A minimum of 4 ft of sidewalk clearance must be maintained at all times
- High quality materials and artistic designs should be used, no plastic board or plastic letters are allowed

WINDOW SIGNS

- 25% of window, first story only
- 60 days per calendar year
- Temporary Window Sign allowance is in addition to permanent Window Sign allowance.

BANNERS (FABRIC SIGN)

- One per tenant
- 60 sf or wall sign allowance, whichever is less
- 60 days per calendar year

SITE SIGNS

- One per frontage
- 32 sf, 8 ft high maximum
- Site Signs are allowed on property with active listings for sale or for rent, or on properties with an active building permit

YARD SIGNS

- One per tenant per building frontage
- 6 sf, 4 ft high maximum
- 60 days per calendar year

For questions on the Sign Code, or any other questions related to planning and zoning in the City of Louisville, please contact:

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