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1163.01 PURPOSE.

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to define allowable "Signs" or "Signage" within the City of Harrison for the sake of general safety, general welfare and the protection of the community's aesthetic values as outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

(b) By controlling the noise, odors, debris, light pollution, and other similar undesirable characteristics of land use, that, if not regulated, can become a nuisance to adjacent properties or the community in general or could depreciate the value of properties within the community.

(c) Specifically, it is the intent to provide the municipality with sign standards in accord with aesthetic standards deemed acceptable to the community. To assure that safety related codes are met and therefore limit the risk to life and property by providing a safe and effective means of locating a business, residence, or event. This ordinance also takes into consideration the safety issues related to pedestrian traffic environments as well as vehicular traffic of all types.
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1163.02 DEFINITIONS.

(a) **ABANDONED SIGN.** A sign associated with an abandoned use, a sign that remains after the termination of the business, or a sign on its immediate premises not adequately maintained and not repaired within the specified time as prescribed in Section 1163.13

(b) **ANIMATED SIGN.** Any sign that uses movement or change of artificial and natural lighting or noise to depict action or create a special effect or scene. Section 1163.05

(c) **APPLICATION FEE.** A fee payable to the City of Harrison through the Building and Zoning Department as may be required for specific applications and/or permits required under the Sign Ordinance. Section 1163.12

(d) **ATM (AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES).** An electronically operated device used to conduct financial transactions on-site, by means of direct computerized access. Such devices may be accessible by automobile and/or pedestrians. Section 1163.07(a)

(e) **AWNING.** Any structure made of cloth, fiberglass, metal or other material attached to a building and projecting into a yard or above a Public Right-of-Way. Section 1163.16

(f) **BANNER.** A non-rigid cloth, plastic, paper, canvas, or other non-rigid material sign typically related to a special event or promotion. Section 1163.10(d)

(g) **BARBER POLE.** A pole with spiral stripes positioned at a barbershop. Section 1163.07(b)

(h) **BENCH SIGN.** Any sign painted on, located on, or attached to any part of the surface of a bench, seat, or chair placed on or adjacent to a public roadway, sidewalk, bike path or other pedestrian pathway). Section 1163.05

(i) **BILLBOARD.** An off-premise sign directing attention to a specific business, product, service, entertainment or other activity sold, offered, or conducted off-site. Section 1163.05

(j) **BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.** The City of Harrison's official government department that is responsible for all matters related to building permits, site developments, zoning law enforcement, and has the authority to issue, enforce and rescind permits for Signs.

(k) **BUS SHELTER SIGN.** Any sign painted on or affixed to any bus or other public transportation shelter. Section 1163.05

(l) **CANOPY.** Any structure made of cloth, metal or other materials with framed structural support, other than an Awning, which is attached to a building and is projecting over a walkway, sidewalk, or any other pedestrian or vehicular pathway. Section 1163.09(b); 1163.16

(m) **CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN.** A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged by mechanical, electronic or manual means. Section 1163.05

(n) **CHANNEL LETTERS.** The outline of a letter, border, or similar object with a vertical side wall to confine the lighting on the face either to restrict vision at an angle or to prevent light spillage over adjacent areas.

(o) **CITY SPONSORED EVENT.** A special event or activity that is open to the general public and sponsored or supported by the City of Harrison, Ohio. Section 1163.06

(p) **CONSTRUCTION TRAILER SIGNS.** Signs painted on or affixed to construction trailers, vans, or other vehicles temporarily in use on a construction site where the purpose is to identify the construction company and the location of the site for delivery vehicles. Section 1163.07(c)

(q) **DEVELOPMENT SIGN.** A sign indicating such things as the names of future business tenants, names of the architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors, or similar artisans, owners, financial supporters, sponsors and similar individuals or firms, having a role or interest with respect to the development, structure, or project. Section 1163.07(d)

(r) **DIRECTIONAL SIGN.** A temporary or permanent sign without advertising that indicates points of entry or exit locations, off-street parking areas, instructions for use, or other functional or directional information. Section 1163.07(e)

(s) **DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (DRD).** That specific area within the City of Harrison that is within the defined boundaries as established by the City of Harrison Comprehensive Zoning Code. Section 1163.10(b); 1163.11(f)

(t) **DRIVE-THRU MENU BOARDS.** An on-premise sign used by restaurants to communicate their menu to patrons using the facility's drive-thru window. Section 1163.11(g)

(u) **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY SIGN.** A sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures or images that can be electronically changed by remote or automatic means, including graphics, excluding videos. This definition includes light emitting diode (LED) screens. Section 1163.05(f)

(v) **ENTRY FEATURE SIGN.** A ground-mounted on-premise sign that identifies an entrance to a residential subdivision and/or multi-family development. Section 1163.11(d)

(w) **ESTABLISHED GRADE LINE.** The average finished grade for that area of the site where the sign is to be located, provided however that the height of the sign shall not be artificially increased by the use of mounding earth or raising by means of a structure or foundation. All references to sign height are from the established grade line unless otherwise noted. Section 1163.16

(x) **EXTENSION.** A wall or other structure which is connected to and extended from a building.

(y) **FLAG.** Any fabric or bunting containing the officially recognized and adopted colors, patterns, or symbols used as the official symbol of a political, government, corporate, club, school, or religious entity. Section 1163.07(f)

(z) **FLAG POLE.** A structure which has the express purpose of supporting a flag or flags. Section 1163.07(f)

(aa) **FLASHING SIGN.** Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means whatsoever. Section 1163.05

(bb) **FOUNDATION PERMIT.** A specific permit, issued by the Building and Zoning Department, granting permission to build per the approved foundation construction plans.

(cc) **FREE-STANDING SIGN.** A sign that is located on the ground but is not permanently or temporarily mounted to the ground and could therefore be moved.

(dd) **GARAGE/YARD SALE SIGNS.** Signs used for the purpose of identifying a location where a resident is hosting a sale of personal items for a specific period of time at a residential address. Section 1163.13; 1163.07(g)

(ee) **GOVERNMENTAL SIGN.** Any devise erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental functions or required by law, ordinance, or other governmental regulations. Section 1163.07(h)

(ff) **GROUND SIGN.** Any sign which is physically attached to the ground by use of a foundation structure. Also known as a Monument Sign. Section 1163.09(a)

(gg) **HOLIDAY SIGNS.** Signs clearly in the nature of decorations that are customarily associated with any national, state, local, or religious holiday. Section 1163.07(i)

(hh) **ILLUMINATED SIGN.** Any sign lighted by or exposed with artificial lighting either by light within the sign or directed toward the sign for the purpose of illuminating the sign's message. Section 1163.08(c)

(ii) **INFLATABLE SIGN.** Any sign or device which is capable of being expanded by any gas or forced-air means used on a permanent or temporary basis to attract attention to a product or event. This definition also includes hot-air, cold-air, or forced air balloons tethered from, or otherwise anchored to, any structure or the ground. Section 1163.11(h)

(jj) **INFORMATION SIGN.** A sign displaying information necessary for the convenience and safety of residents or visitors, and containing no advertising. Section 1163.07(j)

(kk) **JOINT IDENTIFICATION SIGN.** A ground sign that identifies the name, through type, graphics or other symbols, of a shopping center, office park, industrial park, or other building complex containing three or more uses on the same lot, allowed in addition to the permitted signs of the individual occupants. Section 1163.11(e)

(ll) **MODEL HOME SIGN.** A sign used to identify a particular structure within a development, being used for the express purpose of demonstrating a builder's capabilities, while marketing and/or selling within that development. Section 1163.07(k)

(mm) **NON-CONFORMING SIGN.** A pre-existing legal sign which does not conform to the standards set forth in this Chapter. Section 1163.11(b)

(nn) **OPEN HOUSE SIGN.** A temporary sign used to communicate a public showing of a structure available for sale, rent, or lease. Section 1163.07(l)

(oo) **OFF-PREMISE SIGN.** Those signs legally located on property other than where the Special Event or City Sponsored event is to take place. Such signs usually promote an event scheduled to take place at a specific location other than where the Off-Premise Sign is located. Section 1163.05

(pp) **ON-PREMISE SIGN.** A sign located on the property on which a Special Event or City Sponsored Event is to take place. Section 1163.10(a); 1163.10(b)

(qq) **OPEN HOUSE SIGN.** A sign promoting an open house event for property that is available for sale, rent, or lease. Section 1163.07(l)

(rr) **PERMANENT SIGN.** Any permitted or legal Non-Conforming Sign intended to remain in place until a change of occupancy occurs. Section 1163.09

(ss) **PERMIT FEE.** A fee collected by the City of Harrison's Building and Zoning Department as part of obtaining a specific permit for certain types of Signs or certain work related to signage.

(tt) **POLE SIGN.** A sign supported by one or more poles placed into the ground for the express purpose of holding up a Sign or Signs.

(uu) **POLITICAL SIGN.** Those signs with the express message related to a candidate running for public office or an issue on a forthcoming election ballot. Section 1163.07(m)

(vv) **PORTABLE SIGN.** Any sign that is designed to be, or capable of being moved, or transported, and is not permanently affixed or attached to any building, structure, or ground. Any sign which is part of a vehicle (operable or inoperable), or trailers of any type, intentionally parked as to be a display for any period of time, is considered to be a Portable Sign as is referred to as a Portable Wheeled Sign. Section 1163.05

(ww) **PORTABLE WHEELED SIGN.** Any sign which is part of a vehicle (operable or inoperable), or trailers of any type, intentionally parked as to be a display for any period of time, is referred to as a Portable Wheeled Sign, and is also considered to be a Portable Sign for purpose of the Sign Ordinance. Section 1163.05

(xx) **PRIMARY IMAGE.** The name of the institution or business identified on a sign. The primary image must be displayed in text.

(yy) **PROJECTED IMAGE.** An image projected onto a building, structure, or sign. Section 1163.05

(zz) **PROJECTING SIGN.** A sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support, or suspended from a pole attached to a building. Such signs must be perpendicular to the building face upon which they are attached. Section 1163.16

(aaa) **PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING SIGN.** A temporary sign or banner to that is meant to attract attention for a business product or event. Section 1163.08

(bbb) **PUBLIC INFORMATION SIGNS.** Public Information Signs established by the city, including "Block Watch," "Tree City, USA," and other such signs, provided that they do not exceed three square feet in area. Such signs shall be consolidated with other Governmental Signs whenever possible. If the sign is located in the public Right-Of-Way, it must be approved by the City of Harrison Engineer.

(ccc) **PUBLIC BANNERS.** Banners established by the City of Harrison to promote the community and city-sponsored events, and located on light posts in the public Right-Of-Way, provided that such Public Banners are restricted to eight square feet in area. Section 1163.07(n)

(ddd) **RACEWAY.** An elongated physical enclosure used to mount individual Channel Letters or lettering, used to conceal related transformers and or wiring.

(eee) **REAL ESTATE SIGN.** A sign pertaining to the sale or lease of the lot or tract of land on which the sign is located, or the sale or lease of one or more structures or a portion thereof located on such lot or tract of land. Section 1163.07(o)

(fff) **REFACING.** Any alteration to the face of a sign involving the replacement of materials or parts. Refacing does not refer to replacing the entire sign structure or the removal of the sign.

(ggg) **RIGHT-OF-WAY.** A strip of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main, shade trees, or other special use.

(hhh) **ROOF LINE.** The vertical from the average elevation of the proposed finished grade at the front of the building, to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof, or the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the mean height level between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

(iii) **ROOF SIGN.** Any sign erected on or above the roof line of a building. Section 1163.05

(jjj) **SANDWICH BOARD SIGN.** A sign with two hinged boards which can be placed on the ground.

(kkk) **SCOREBOARD.** A changeable copy sign that records and displays the score of a sporting event. May be a permanent or portable structure. Section 1163.07(p)

(lll) **SEASONAL BUSINESS.** A business that is only open for operations for a temporary time period during a year. Section 1163.10(e)

(mmm) **SECONDARY IMAGE.** Any and all text, graphics, Logos, or images displayed on a sign in addition to the name of the institution or business, including but not limited to pictorial representations, tag lines, products and phone numbers.

(nnn) **SETBACK.** The distance from the property line and/or right-of-way line to the nearest part of the applicable building, structure, or sign, measured perpendicularly to the property line and/or right-of-way line where the two points are at their closest distance of measurement.

(ooo) **SIDE AND REAR ENTRANCE SIGNS.** Signs located on secondary street frontage or secondary entrances to parking areas. Section 1163.16

(ppp) **SIGN.** A sign is defined as any name, number, symbol, identification, description, display, illumination, object, graphic, sign structure, or part thereof, whether permanent or temporary, which is affixed to, painted on, represented directly or indirectly upon, or projected onto a building, structure, lot, or other device, whether mobile or affixed to the ground, and which directs attention to any object, product, place, activity, person, institution, organization, information, message, or business. This definition includes all signs visible from any public Right-Of-Way or adjacent property as well as back-lighted translucent panels or strip lighting affixed to a wall, roof, awning or other overhanging structure, where any such panels or lighting serves to identify and attract attention rather than illuminate space for human activity.

(qqq) **SIGN FACE.** The surface intended for the display of information on the sign.

(rrr) **SIGN PERMIT.** A document providing legal permission from the Building and Zoning Department to install, repair, or replace a sign.

(sss) **SIGN STRUCTURE.** The supporting unit of a sign face, including but not limited to frames, braces and poles.

(ttt) **SPECIAL EVENT.** An activity that is open to the general public and organized or sponsored by a public, private, non-profit, or religious organization that is educational, cultural, or recreational in function. Charitable events sponsored by for-profit organizations are also considered Special Events. Special Events are not organized or sponsored by the City of Harrison, Ohio.

(uuu) **STREAMER.** A ribbon-shaped or cord-like rope which may have flags and/or banners attached to it, and which is suspended from, or stretched or hung between two or more supports. Section 1163.05

(vvv) **STREET ADDRESS SIGN.** A sign bearing only the street address of the properties on which they are located. Section 1163.07(q)

(www) **TEMPORARY SIGN.** Those Signs that are used for a period not to exceed 30 days and are not built for, nor intended to be for, permanent use. Section 1163.07(r)

(xxx) **TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGN.** Those signs with the express intent of controlling pedestrian or vehicular traffic flow in accordance with government laws and regulations. Traffic Control Signs are usually posted by government authorities. Section 1163.07(s)

(yyy) **TREE LAWN.** That portion of a public right-of-way between the back face of the curb and the leading edge of the sidewalk on a property even if the sidewalk has not yet been built but is recorded on the Site Plans.

(zzz) **VIDEO ELECTRONIC MESSAGE DISPLAY SIGN.** A sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures or images that can be electronically changed by remote or automatic means, including graphics and videos excluding light emitting diode (LED) screens. Section 1163.05

(aaaa) **WALL SIGN.** Any sign attached to or erected against the inside or outside wall of a building or structure, with the exposed display surface of the sign in a plane parallel to the plane of the building or structure, and extending less than 14 inches from the building or structure. Section 1163.09(b)

(bbbb) **WINDOW SIGN.** Any signs, posters, symbols and other types of identification or information about the use of the premises, directly attached to the window of a building or erected on the inside of the building and visible from any public right-of-way or adjacent property. Section 1163.09(c)

(cccc) **WIRE SIGNS.** Any portable sign that is affixed to thin gauge metal supports and installed by manual means. Section 1163.05
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1163.03 PERMIT REQUIRED.

(a) All Signs located within or hereafter annexed to the municipality known as City of Harrison Ohio, shall comply with this chapter. No person shall locate, retain, or cause a Sign to be located, relocated, altered, modified, or retained unless all provisions of this chapter have been properly met. To ensure proper compliance with these regulations, a Sign Permit shall be secured from the City of Harrison Building and Zoning Department for each Sign, unless such Sign is specifically exempted.

(b) Any Sign requiring a foundation and/or electricity must obtain not only a Sign Permit but may also be required to get certain permits for the foundation and/or electric work from the Building and Zoning Department.

(c) An Application Fee will be required at the time of submitting the application(s). A Permit Fee will be required when, and only when, the Sign Permit is approved.

(d) Plans for Signs to be located within the DRD-Downtown Redevelopment District must first be approved by the Harrison Planning Commission before a Sign Permit is issued.
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1163.04 ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Application Procedure for Sign Permits. When applying for a sign permit, the following materials must be submitted:

(1) A completed application and fee for each requested sign.
(2) Scale elevation drawing(s) of proposed sign(s).
(3) Foundation and anchoring drawing(s) of proposed sign(s).
(4) A dimensional site plan showing the locations of proposed sign(s) and adjacent buildings or other structures.
(5) For wall signs, a building elevation drawn to scale showing the proposed wall sign and the dimension from established grade to the top of the sign.
(6) For ground signs, a sign base landscaping plan.
(7) For multi-tenant commercial and industrial properties, drawing(s) showing all proposed and existing signs at the entire property.

(b) Director of Building and Zoning Authority and Responsibility.

(1) The Director of Building and Zoning or his/her authorized representative shall regulate and enforce the requirements of this Chapter and shall be in charge of issuing all Sign Permits.

(2) The Director of Building and Zoning or his/her authorized representative shall have the power to approve or disapprove all requests for temporary Sign Permits. (Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-4-08.)

1163.05 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

The following Signs are prohibited:

(a) Animated signs.
(b) Bench Signs.
(c) Billboards.
(d) Bus Shelter Signs.
(e) Changeable copy, except for gasoline station price signs and drive-thru menu boards under Section 1163.11(c).
(f) Video Electronic Message Display Signs.
(g) External neon and neon look-alike signs.
(h) Flashing signs.
(i) Laser lights.
(j) Off Premise Signs, except for Special Event Signs, City Sponsored Event Signs, and Development Signs.
(k) Portable Signs.
(l) Portable Wheeled Signs.
(m) Projected images.
(n) Roof Signs.
(o) Search lights.
(p) Signs with moving or moveable parts.
(q) Spinners.
(r) Streamers.
(s) Wire signs.

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1163.06 PROHIBITED SIGN LOCATIONS.

Signs may not be installed in any of the following locations:

(a) In any Public Right-Of-Way, except for Traffic Control Signs, Government Signs, and City Sponsored Event Signs;
(b) In any utility easement or no-build zone unless they are for the purpose of identifying utilities in such easements;
(c) In any public park or other public property unless posted by the City of Harrison;
(d) On any Traffic Control Sign poles, fences, utility poles, trees or other natural objects;
(e) In any location where the view of approaching and/or intersecting traffic would be obstructed. No sign shall be located so as to interfere with the safe movement of vehicles or pedestrians entering, leaving, or crossing a public Right-Of-Way;
(f) In any residential area, except as expressly permitted in Section 1163.16.
(g) On any Off Premise location without the prior written authorization granted by the owner on whose property the sign is to be placed.

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1163.07 SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT.

The following do not require a Sign Permit but are subject to the restrictions described:

(a) Atm Signs. Signage for Automated Teller Machines shall be limited to one square foot of sign area and must have an opaque background. It may be internally illuminated.

(b) Barber Poles. According to state law, all barber shops must display either a Barber Pole or a Window Sign reading "Barber." If a Barber Pole is displayed, it may not exceed 28 inches in height and the traditional red-white-blue stripe pattern is allowed to revolve and have internal illumination. Barber Poles or barber window signs do not require a Sign Permit but the method of mounting them may be subject to certain Building Codes.

(c) Construction Trailer Signs.

(d) Development Signs.

(1) Both commercial and residential developments can have one On-Premise Development Sign per entrance to the development from a dedicated or non-dedicated roadway.

(2) Both commercial and residential developments can have a maximum of two Off-Premise Development Signs, which have a message conveying directions how to get to the development.

(3) Such Signs shall be limited to 32 square feet in area and be a maximum of eight feet in height.

(4) Can not be illuminated.

(5) Such signs may not interfere with the safe movement or lines of sight of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(e) Direction Signs. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:

(1) Are limited a maximum of four square feet in area and three feet in height.

(2) Do not interfere with safe vehicular or pedestrian traffic circulation, or obstruct the view of drivers entering or exiting other private roads or public roads, highways or thoroughfares.

(3) Contains only information such as "in," "enter," "entrance," "out," "exit," "do not enter" or similar language or graphical images as approved by the Building and Zoning Department. No advertising or logos are permitted.

(4) Are located on the property to which they refer to and not be placed within a Public Right-Of-Way.

(f) Flags. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:

(1) No more than three Flags may be flown per eligible parcel of land.

(2) Flag Poles cannot exceed 35 feet in height.

(3) Flag Poles are required to be anchored by a firm foundation pre-approved by the Building and Zoning Department and therefore a Foundation Permit must be issued by the Building and Zoning Department for all Flag Poles. Poles of various heights are restricted to having certain maximum sizes of flags flown on them to prevent overloading the pole and presenting a potential danger to the community. The area of such flags must be determined according to the following table:

Pole Height	Maximum Flag Size
35'	5' by 9'6"
30'	5' by 8'
25'	4' by 6'
20'	3' by 5'

(g) Garage/yard Sale Signs. May be posted no more than three calendar days immediately preceding the start of the event.

(h) Governmental Signs.

(i) Holiday Signs. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:
  (1) Are limited to an aggregate total of 60 days in any one given year, and to be displayed not more than 60 consecutive days.
  (2) May be illuminated, animated and/or flashing, provided no safety or visibility hazards are caused by such illumination.
  (3) Animated and/or flashing Holiday Signs are permitted for residential uses only, provided no safety or visibility
  (4) Gas inflatable Holiday Signs must obtain a Sign Permit before installation.

(j) Information Signs. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:
  (1) Are allowed only when they display information necessary for the safety and convenience of residents and visitors, such as "beware of dog" and "no trespassing".
  (2) May not exceed two square feet in area.
  (3) May not contain advertising.

(k) Model Home Sign.
  (1) Requires a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.
  (2) Such Signs must not exceed eight square feet in area.
  (3) May not be internally illuminated.

(l) Open House Signs. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:
  (1) Regulations apply equally to both residential and commercial/industrial properties.
  (2) Are limited to only three such signs for each open house.
  (3) Shall be installed not more than three calendar days immediately preceding the open house and must be removed within two hours following conclusion of the open house event.
  (4) May not exceed seven square feet in area or three feet in height.
  (5) Must not be located in such a way that would interfere with the safe movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(m) Political Signs.

(n) Public Banners.

(o) Real Estate Signs. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:
  (1) Are limited to one unlighted single or double-faced freestanding sign per street frontage.
  (2) Are located on the property to which they refer to and not be placed within a Public Right-Of-Way.
  (3) For residential properties, such signs are limited in size to six square feet in area and three feet in height.
  (4) For commercial and/or industrial properties, such signs are limited to 16 square feet in area and 4 feet in height for lots with less than 10 feet of street frontage and 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height for lots with street frontage of 100 feet or more.
  (5) Must not be located in such a way that would interfere with the safe movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(p) Scoreboards. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:
  (1) This applies to all types of Scoreboards including, but not limited to, portable Scoreboards, those constructed into a building structure, or free-standing Scoreboards.

(2) Provided the top of the Scoreboard does not exceed the Roof-Line of the tallest building on the premises, or if there is no building on the premise, then the Roof-Line of the nearest building adjacent to the premise, provided it does not exceed 20 feet in height.

(3) Providing that the Scoreboard illumination does not spread onto adjacent properties, nor cause nearby property owners harm or discomfort by the lights or lighting.

(4) Those Scoreboards built into a building structure or are mounted by any means into the ground, may be subject to other Building Code regulations and should be pre-approved by the Building and Zoning Department.

(q) Street Address Sign. Do not require a Permit, provided they conform to the following:

(1) For residential properties, such numbers must consist of Arabic numerals no less than three inches but not more than eight inches in height and located in such an area as to be readily visible from the street.

(2) For non-residential uses, maximum height of the numbers varies according to front Setback.

A. For Setbacks of less than 100 feet, the maximum height is 12 inches.

B. For setbacks between 100 and 200 feet, the maximum height is 18 inches.

C. For Setbacks over 200 feet, the maximum height is 24 inches.

(3) Shall contrast to the color of the surface on which they are mounted and shall be clearly identifiable from the street.

(r) Temporary Window Signs. Temporary Window Signs do not require a Sign Permit when in accordance with the following:

(1) Such signs are limited to one sign per window, with the total area of each sign not exceeding 25% of the area of the window in which it is placed, or six square feet, whichever is less, and limited to an aggregate maximum of 24 square feet per business.

(2) Erected for no longer than 30 calendar days. All previously displayed signage must be removed and not reinstalled for 14 calendar days.

(3) The name of the company or business is limited to a maximum of 25% of the actual size of the Temporary Window Sign.

(s) Traffic Control Signs.

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1163.08 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIGNS.

(a) Design Requirements.

(1) Signs shall not resemble the color, shape, design or other characteristics of any Traffic Control Signs, Directional Signs or Warning Signs directed or maintained by the state, city, or any railroad, public utility, or similar agency concerned with the protection of the public health and safety.

(2) The Primary Image of the Sign shall display only the name of the business in text or by Logo. Additional text, graphic, or image displayed on the Sign Face will be considered a Secondary Image and shall not exceed 20% of the maximum permitted area of the Sign Face.

(3) Any Multi-Faced Sign shall consistently display the same name, message and graphics on all of the Sign Faces.

(4) Reverse sides of Signs shall be unobtrusive and must blend with the surroundings.

(5) Reverse sides of all Permanent Signs and structural supports must be completely enclosed.

(b) Landscaping.

(1) The base of all permanent Ground Signs shall be effectively landscaped with living plant material and maintained in good condition at all times.

(2) The minimum landscaped area shall extend at least two feet beyond all Sign Faces or supporting structures in all directions.

(3) Exposed foundations must be constructed with a finished material such as brick, stone, or wood, or be screened with evergreens to the top of the anchor bolts.

(4) The landscaped area shall include all points where the Sign's structural supports attach to the ground.

(c) Lighting.

(1) Signs shall be illuminated only by the following means when lighting is permitted:

A. By a white, stable, stationary light of reasonable intensity, directed solely at the Sign Face and/or otherwise prevented from beaming directly onto adjacent properties or Public Right-Of-Ways. Light fixtures shall be screened from view by site grading or evergreen shrubs. No exposed light sources are permitted.

B. By white interior light of reasonable intensity with Primary and Secondary Images lit or silhouetted on an opaque background. The background must be opaque. No additional background lighting or illuminated borders or outlines shall be permitted.

C. In the B-1, B-2, to a level of 20 foot candles on the surface of the sign. Illumination of signs in the DRD district will be determined by Planning Commission.

D. In all other non-residential zoning districts, internal or external lighting with a maximum illumination of 50 foot candles on the surface of the sign.

(2) The level of illumination emitted or reflected from a Sign shall not be of an intensity sufficient to constitute a demonstrable hazard to vehicular traffic on any Public Right-Of-Way or parking lot from which the sign may be viewed.

(d) Animation And/or Movement.

(1) Animation and/or movement of the Sign's message or images are prohibited.

(2) Animation and/or movement includes electronic and mechanically produced special effects such as star bursts, fireworks, sparkler, moving pictures, live video, recorded video, revolving images, shimmy movement, zooming in and out, and other things incorporated into a message for the purpose of drawing extended attention from a motorist or pedestrian.

(Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-4-08.)

1163.09 PERMANENT SIGNS.

All Permanent Signs shall also comply with the following general requirements and with the height, area and setback requirements of Section 1163.14, or as may be specifically described elsewhere in the Chapter.

(a) Ground Signs.

(1) Ground Signs shall be limited in number to one per lot or multiple lots if devoted to one specific use or user. Buildings on corner lots having at least 100 feet of frontage on two public right-of-ways may be entitled to two Ground Signs, one facing each public right-of-way, if they meet the following criteria:

A. The total combined height of both Signs shall not exceed 1.333 times the maximum permitted height of a single Ground Sign for that use.

B. The total combined area of both Signs shall not exceed 1.333 times the maximum permitted area of a single Ground Sign for that use.

C. The two Signs shall be no closer than two-thirds the length of the longest public right-of-way frontage. The distance shall be measured by drawing two straight lines, measured from the edge of each sign, forming a ninety degree angle.

(2) The maximum allowable size for any ground sign shall be in accordance with Section 1163.16.

(3) Refer to Section 1163.16 for height limitations according to use. The height shall be measured from the established grade line to the highest point of the sign or its frame/support. The height may not be artificially increased by the use of mounding.

(4) All ground signs must be set back a minimum of eight feet from any public right-of-way or property boundary line unless such signs are specifically exempted of this requirement, refer to Section 1163.16.

(5) Such signs shall not be located in such a way that they interfere with the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(b) Wall Sign.

(1) Wall Signs shall not protrude more than 14 inches from the wall or face of the building to which it is attached, whether or not a raceway is used.

(2) Wall Signs may be attached to a building's wall or an architecturally integrated extension which faces a street, parking lot or service drive, or may be attached to a Canopy which projects beyond the building, provided that no part of the Sign may extend above the Roof Line or Canopy.

(3) Refer to Section 1163.16 for height limitations according to use. The height of a Wall Sign is measured from the established grade to the top of the Sign.

(4) Corporate Signs in the form of a Wall Sign, along an interstate, have no height limitation but in no case shall the Sign extend above the Roof Line of the building.

(5) Signs may be attached to a building facade which faces a street, parking lot or service drive. It may be attached to a Canopy which projects beyond the building, provided that no part of the sign extends above the roof or canopy.

(6) The maximum allowable size for any Wall Sign shall be one square foot for every lineal foot of width of the building face to which the sign is attached, but shall not exceed the maximum size allowed for the use in Section 1163.14 unless located along the interstate.

(7) Wall Signs shall be limited in number to one per building or use. For buildings or uses on corner lots having at least 100 feet of lot frontage on each of two public rights-of-ways, a second Wall Sign is permitted facing the second public right-of-way.

(c) Permanent Window Sign.

(1) Window Signs shall be permitted for the use specified in Section 1163.02 in addition to any permitted Wall Sign or Ground Sign.

(2) The sum of the area of the Window Signs and the area of the Wall or Ground Sign may not exceed the maximum allowable area for the wall or ground sign.

A. Placement. Window Signs shall be limited to the ground floor or first floor windows only.

B. Number Of Signs. Window signs shall be limited to one sign per window.

(3) Size. The total area of all such Window Signs is not to exceed 25% of the total window area of the establishment or 10 square feet, whichever is less. The maximum allowable area on the second floor may not exceed that of the first floor. (Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)

1163.10 TEMPORARY SIGNS.

Those Signs that are used for periods of time of up to one year and are not built, nor intended to be, for permanent use are considered to be Temporary Signs.

(a) City-sponsored Event Signs.

(1) Require a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.

(2) Are limited to a maximum of six Off-Premise Signs and two On-Premise Signs. Such locations shall be identified on the application for permit.

(3) Shall not be displayed more than 30 calendar days prior to the event's starting date and must comply with all regulations regarding Off-Premise Signs. These signs must be removed by the event within 72 hours of the event ending.

(4) Are not to exceed 32 square feet in size.

(5) Can not be illuminated.

(6) Shall not contain any commercial advertising messages. If a business or organization is sponsoring the event, the title and logo of the business or organization may be used on the Sign, but shall not exceed 30% of the Sign Face.

(7) May be promoted by installing banners along designated light poles within the DRD – Downtown Redevelopment District. The installation and removal of these banners is coordinated through the City of Harrison Building and Zoning Department. Such banners do not count toward the maximum allowance of six Off-Premise Signs.

(b) Special Event Signs.

(1) Require a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.

(2) Are limited to a maximum of six Off-Premise Signs and two On-Premise Signs. Such locations shall be identified on the application for permit.

(3) Shall not be displayed more than 30 calendar days prior to the event's starting date and must comply with all regulations regarding Off-Premise Signs. These signs must be removed by the event within 72 hours of the event ending.

(4) Are not to exceed 32 square feet in size.
(5) Can not be illuminated.
(6) Shall not contain any commercial advertising messages. If a business or organization is sponsoring the event, the title and logo of the business or organization may be used on the Sign, but shall not exceed 30% of the Sign Face.
(7) May be promoted by installing banners along designated light poles within the DRD - Downtown Redevelopment District. The installation and removal of these banners is coordinated through the City of Harrison Building and Zoning Department. Such banners do not count toward the maximum allowance of six Off-Premise Signs.

(c) Promotional Advertising Sign.
(1) Requires a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.
(2) Such Signs must not exceed thirty two square feet in area.
(3) Lettering can not be hand painted.
(4) Only one Promotional Advertising Sign can be used at a time.
(5) Promotional Signs are limited to a maximum of 30 calendar day duration per event, and no more than four events per calendar year.
(6) No two Promotional Signs can be posted consecutively without a minimum of two calendar week between events, with the only exception being the calendar period between Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day.

(d) Banners.
(1) Requires a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.
(2) Such signs are permitted only for City-Sponsored Events, Special Events, and Promotional Advertising purposes in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Section 1163.10.
(3) Banners must not exceed thirty two square feet in area.
(4) Banners shall be safely secured to a building, structure, or stake. Banners shall have ventilated faces to reduce wind load.
(5) Banners shall not be illuminated.
(6) Only one Banner can be used at a time.
(7) A scaled diagram of the Banner, a site plan showing where the device is to be located, and a description of how the Banner is to be ventilated and secured are required.
(8) Banners are limited to a maximum of 30 calendar day duration per event, and no more than four events per calendar year.
(9) No two Banners can be posted consecutively without a minimum of two calendar week between events, with the only exception being the calendar period between Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day.

(e) Seasonal Business Signs.
(1) Require a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.
(2) Such Signs shall be limited to 32 square feet in area and be a maximum of eight feet in height.
(3) Lettering can not be hand painted.
(4) Only one sign per street frontage is permitted.
(5) Such signs may not interfere with the safe movement or lines of sight of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(f) Sandwich Board Signs.
(1) Sandwich board sign includes all free-standing signs, such as menu boards or other advertising signs which advertise goods or services available within the business premises of the entity utilizing such a sign. Location of this type of sign shall be limited to the DRD zoning district only and shall be considered as temporary signs.

(2) Placement and regulation of sandwich board signs. A sandwich board sign shall not be placed closer than one foot from the vertical edge of any street curb or in such a manner that it obstructs pedestrian traffic along the public sidewalk on which it is placed or in a manner that obstructs the view of vehicular traffic on adjacent streets. Sandwich board signs shall be no wider than 36" and no higher than 42" as measured from the sidewalk. The base of a sandwich board sign shall not exceed four square feet in area. Sandwich board signs shall not be placed within any permanent curb cut or within any permanent or temporary vehicular driveway.

(3) Permits. Notwithstanding any limitation on the placement of temporary signs, permits for the placement of sandwich shall be as described in Chapter 1173 of the Harrison Zoning Code.

(4) Number of sandwich board signs permitted shall be limited to one (1) sign per business. One additional sign shall be permitted if the business has frontage on more than one street.

(5) Off-premise signage shall be allowed, however, a minimum of 80% of the sign face of the sandwich board sign shall directly promote the business upon the premises it is placed. The remaining 20% may promote other businesses or products relative to the on premise business.

(6) Design Requirements.

1. Sandwich board signs shall not resemble the color, shape, design or other characteristics of any traffic control signs, directional signs or warning signs directed or maintained by the State, City or any railroad, public utility or similar agency concerned with the protection of the public health and safety.

2. Hand lettered signs are not permitted. Exception: Chalk boards are permitted and hand lettering is allowed on this type of sandwich board sign. (Ord. 3-14. Passed 2-18-14.)

1163.11 SIGNS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

For all Permanent and Temporary Sign types listed below, permits must be obtained in accordance with the Zoning Code. In addition to the requirements and regulations previously listed, the following special conditions shall apply.

(a) Corporate Office Signs along Interstate.

(1) For the purpose of this section, the Interstate is hereby defined to include improved property with frontage adjoining Interstate 74.

(2) The term Property will refer to the building or sign owner's property and/or the Commercial Development as a whole, that adjoins the Interstate property.

A. Such building is entitled to a Wall Sign or a Ground Sign facing the interstate in addition to other permitted signage. In all cases, a maximum of two Signs shall be permitted.

B. For Wall Signs, the permitted Sign area is based upon the number of building stories above natural grade and the building set back from the interstate's right-of-way line.

1. Single story buildings that are set back at least 50 feet from the interstate shall be entitled to 100 square feet of signage.

2. Multi-story buildings (two or more) set back less than 50 feet from the interstate shall be entitled to a maximum 100 square feet of Wall Signs regardless of number of stories.

C. Wall Signs may not extend above the Roof Line of the building. They may not be attached to a penthouse or roof structure including but not limited to mechanical equipment or roof screening.

D. Any such Wall Sign shall be individual Channel Letters and shall be limited to one color.

E. For Ground Signs, the permitted sign size is based upon the building setback. Buildings set back at least 100 feet from the interstate, shall be entitled to a sign no greater than 80 feet in area and not more than 12 feet in height.

F. Buildings set back less than 100 feet from the interstate shall be entitled to a Sign no greater than 50 feet in area and not more than eight feet in height. All signs along the I-74 corridor shall conform to all setback, design, location, and other requirements not specifically addressed in this section.

(b) Nonconforming Signs. All pre-existing illegal Nonconforming Signs must be removed in accordance with this subchapter. The Building and Zoning Department shall issue an order for the sign to be removed within 15 calendar days. The cost of removal will be assessed to the property owner. If the property owner refuses to pay for removal of the sign, the cost of such removal shall be assessed to the property owner's tax records. All Pre-Existing Legal Signs that do not conform to the standards of this subchapter must be brought into conformity under any of the following conditions:

(1) Upon any change in the use of the property for which such property was intended at the time this subchapter became effective.

(2) Upon the discontinuance of the present use of property for a period of more than six months.

(3) Upon alterations to the existing sign, the following regulations shall apply:

A. Structural. No display sign shall hereafter be altered, rebuilt, enlarged, extended, or relocated except in conformity with the provisions of this subchapter.

B. Repainting or Refacing. The repainting of existing nonconforming signs shall not be considered an alteration within the meaning of this section. Refacing an existing nonconforming sign shall not be considered an alteration as long as the refacing constitutes an exact replica of the existing sign face. The design, color scheme, translucency, graphics and text must exactly match those existing. If any portion of the replacement face(s) is not an exact replica of the original sign face, the replacement face(s) must be brought into compliance with this subchapter in so far as practicable.

C. Existing Signs; continuance. Except as otherwise specifically provided, nothing in this section shall require the removal or discontinuance of a legally existing nonconforming permanent display sign which is attached to the property, as distinguished from a temporary or portable sign, that is not altered, rebuilt, enlarged, extended or relocated.

D. To avoid confusion or debate over whether the Sign was altered, the Sign's owner must provide the Director Of Building and Zoning Department with a minimum of seven calendar days written notice before any repair, repainting, refacing or rebuilding begins. This allows the Director of Building and Zoning Department, or their designee, to inspect the Sign before work begins and record it in the City's file for future comparisons. Failing to do so does not constitute any automatic acceptance that the work was properly performed within the spirit of these exemption guidelines and the Director of Building and Zoning Department could rule that the Sign has now been altered and therefore no longer qualifies for the exemption.

(c) Gasoline Stations. Gasoline stations, whose principal business is the sale of motor fuel, may display Signs in addition to those herein above authorized. Such Signs shall be limited to the following:

(1) One non-illuminated, double-faced Sign not exceeding five square feet on a side is permitted for each set of motor fuel pumps identifying "self service" or "full service."

(2) Price and grade information can be displayed only on the permitted Sign. Changeable copy for these purposes shall include liquid crystal display (LCD), light emitting diodes (LED), or other similar electro/mechanical displays. This is the only circumstance in which such changeable copy may be used.

(3) Signs limited to the identification of the brand name, Logo or type of fuel sold and other signs as may be required by law shall be permitted on the motor fuel pumps. Fuel pumps shall not be illuminated. No Signs projecting above the pumps may be permitted, except as required by law.

(4) Any other such Signs as may be required by law.

(d) Entry Feature Signs.

(1) Such signs shall be limited to Monument Signs only. Pole Signs are prohibited.

(2) Such signs must consist entirely of natural materials, such as wood, brick and stone.

(3) Such Sign must meet City of Harrison lighting and landscaping requirements.

(4) No more than one such Entry Feature Sign shall be permitted per entrance to the development from a dedicated or non-dedicated roadway, and such Signs shall be installed on the property to which they refer.

(5) If the subdivision/development is entitled to two or more Entry Feature Signs, the distance between the signs shall not be less than two-thirds the length of the longest Right-Of-Way frontage for the development. The distance shall be measured by drawing two straight lines parallel to the Right-Of-Ways, from the edge of each sign, forming a 90 degree angle.

(6) The graphic area of such signs shall not exceed 20 square feet and the height of the monument shall be limited to six feet.

(7) Such signs may not interfere with the safe movement or lines of sight of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(8) If an Entry Feature Sign is to be located within the Public Right-Of-Way, it must be reviewed and approved by the Harrison Planning Commission and the Harrison City Engineer.

(e) Joint Identification Signs.

(1) One Ground Sign identifying only the name of a building complex shall be permitted if there is a minimum of three users sharing the same site.

(2) Such Signs shall be permitted in addition to the permitted Signs of individual occupants, but shall not list the names of these occupants.

(3) A Joint Identification Sign shall not exceed the maximum permitted height of any Ground Sign identifying the individual occupants.

(4) The area of a Joint Identification Sign shall not exceed 80 square feet.

(5) A second Joint Identification Sign of the same size is permitted if the site has frontage on two streets, provided that the total lot frontage (on two streets) is 1000 feet or greater. The two signs shall be no closer than 75 feet.

(6) For all buildings or complexes designed and/or intended for multi-tenant usage, a plan for all signage conforming to all the requirements of this Chapter must be submitted to the Building and Zoning Department before any Sign Permit for the complex or an individual tenant will be issued.

(f) DRD – Downtown Redevelopment District. Signs within the Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) shall require prior review and approval by the City of Harrison Planning Commission.

(g) Drive thru Menu Boards. A Drive-Thru Menu Board Sign is permitted only when all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
(1) The Sign is located on the property to which it refers.
(2) The Sign does not exceed 32 square feet in size.

(h) Inflatable Signs.
(1) Require a Temporary Sign Permit from the Building and Zoning Department.
(2) Such signs are permitted only for City-Sponsored Events, Special Events, and Promotional Advertising purposes in accordance with the restrictions set forth in 1163.10 and as Holiday Signs in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Section 1163.10.
(3) A scaled diagram of the device and a site plan showing where the device is to be located are required.
(4) Such signs must not be inflated with helium or any other buoyant gas.
(5) Such signs shall be securely attached/tethered to the ground so that they will not shift more than three feet in any direction during wind conditions up to 25 miles per hour.
(6) Such signs shall not be attached or mounted on any platform, roof, or similar structure.
(7) Such signs must be placed so that they will be clear of all utility lines, roads, parking lots and adjoining property in case of collapse.
(8) Such signs may contain no commercial advertising.
(9) Such signs shall not be internally illuminated.

(i) Feather Signs.
(1) Feather/Flutter flags defined as a vertical flag meant to advertise a particular business or product are permitted but must be limited to two flags per business, placed out of the right-of-way and adequately secured and anchored. These devices are to be located no closer than 20 feet from the roadway edge, cannot be wider than three feet at their widest dimension and cannot extend any higher than 15 feet from immediate grade-pavement.

(j) Limiting Advertising Devices along Highways. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no advertising device shall be erected, placed or maintained within 600' of the edge of the right-of-way of any highway system within the City of Harrison except the following:
(1) Directional and official signs and notices that conform to rules adopted by the Director of Public Works.
(2) Signs advertising the sale or lease of the property upon which they are located.
(3) Advertising devices indicating the name of the business or profession conducted on such property or that identify the goods produced, sold or services rendered on such property. Any signs advertising the business or profession not conducted on such property will be considered as an off premise sign and shall conform to the regulations of Section 1163.05.
(4) Advertising devices that are located on the premises of a professional sports facility and that conform to rules adopted by the zoning codes of the City of Harrison. (Ord. 3-14. Passed 2-18-14.)

1163.12 FEES AND MAINTENANCE.

(a) Fees. Permit and any other fees as determined by Harrison City Council are posted in a fee schedule available through the Building and Zoning Department. The Application Fee is payable at the time of application and the Permit Fee is payable upon receipt of the Sign Permit.

(b) Re-inspection and Maintenance. All Signs for which a Permit shall be issued in accordance with this subchapter shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) The Director of Building and Zoning Department or its designee, shall inspect each Sign once every 24 months following erection of such Sign to determine its continued compliance with the approved permit and plans as they were issued and to insure proper operating conditions and maintenance in accordance with this subchapter. The Sign owner shall be solely responsible for maintaining the appearance, safety and structural integrity of the Sign at all times.

(2) Whenever the inspecting official finds a Sign in need of repair, support, replacement, cleaning, repainting, or any maintenance service necessary to maintain reasonable and proper appearance and public safety, he or she shall issue an order to the owner allowing 30 calendar days to affect needed repairs or maintenance. If the inspecting official determines that the existing condition of the Sign creates an immediate hazard to the health or safety of the general public, he or she shall issue an order to the owner requiring the Sign to be removed immediately.

(3) Failure of an owner to comply with the provisions listed above shall be cause for the inspecting official to order the Permit issued for the Sign void and issue an order for the Sign to be removed at the owner's expense. If the property owner refuses to pay for the removal of the sign, the cost of such removal shall be assessed to the property owner's tax records.
(Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)

1163.13 ABANDONED SIGNS.

(a) A Sign shall be considered abandoned:

(1) When the Sign remains after the discontinuance of a use.

A. A business is considered to have discontinued operations if it is closed to the public for at least 60 calendar days.

B. A seasonal business is considered to have discontinued operations if it is closed to the public for at least 72 hours after the expiration of an 80-day seasonal business permit.

C. Political Signs not recovered within 48 hours after the day of an election shall be considered abandoned.

D. Garage/Yard Sale Signs not recovered within 24 hours after the final day of the event shall be considered abandoned.

(2) Upon the expiration of a Temporary Sign Permit.

(3) When the Sign on its immediate premises is not adequately maintained and the repairs or maintenance ordered under Section 912 are not affected within the 30-day time limit.

(4) When the Non-Conforming Sign does not conform to the provisions of this subchapter and is not brought into conformity upon any change in use or design.

(b) Abandoned Signs shall be removed by the property owner.

(c) Any Abandoned Sign still standing after 15 calendar days following an order for removal may be removed by the Director of Building and Zoning. If the property owner refuses to pay for removal of the sign, the cost of such removal, as determined by the Harrison City Council, will be added to the owner's tax records.
(Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)

1163.14 VIOLATIONS.

(a) If any Sign is installed, erected, constructed, or maintained in violation of any of the terms of this Chapter, the Director of Building and Zoning or his/her authorized representative shall notify, in writing, the owner or lessee thereof to alter such sign so as to comply with this Chapter. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a violation and shall be punishable under Chapter 1175 of the Harrison Codified Ordinances.

(b) In the event of noncompliance, the City may remove or cause to be removed or cause required maintenance to be made to such sign at the expense of the person, firm or corporation who erected such sign, or on whose premises it was erected, affixed or attached. Such person, firm or corporation shall be individually and separately liable for the expense incurred in the removal or maintenance of such sign. (Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)

1163.15 VARIANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of Zoning appeals (BZA) shall have the power to authorize variances in specified cases as described in Article XIII of the City of Harrison Zoning Code. (Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)

1163.16 TABLE OF HEIGHT, AREA, AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.

This information is provided to clarify specific technical requirements described elsewhere within this Chapter.

TABLE OF HEIGHT, AREA AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

	Wall Signs Maximum Area 1 s.f/lin ft of bldg. face	Wall Signs Maximum Height	Ground Signs Maximum Area	Ground Signs Maximum Height	Ground Signs Minimum Setback	Window Signs Maximum Area	Pole Signs/Maximum Height Above Grade/Max Area	Projecting Signs/ Maximum Area	Property Sign Minimum Height above grade	Maximum Total Sign Fac Area
PERMANENT SIGNS										
Residential Districts	6 s.f	10' *	5 s.f	3'	5' from R/W	-	-	Awning/canopy type 6'	8'	-
DRD	24 s.f	16' *	20 s.f	6'	3' from R/W	10 s.f	n/a	10 s.f	8' *	W2X1.25 + 10/ nte 120 s.
B & M Districts Abutting I-74	see chapter 13	16' *	40 s.f	10'	10'	n/a	30'/150 s.f	24 s.f	8'	W2X3.0 s.f n 400 s.f
All Other B Districts	40 s.f	16' *	40 s.f	8'	10'	10 s.f	n/a	18 s.f	8'	W2X1.5 nte 250 s.f
State Street Corridor	40 s.f	12' *	20 s.f	6'	6'	10 s.f	16'	10 s.f	8' *	W2X1.25 +10/nte 150 s
All Industrial Districts	100 s.f	16' *	40 s.f	10'	12'	n/a	n/a	24 s.f	8'	W2X2 s.f nte 300 sf

TEMPORARY SIGNS

A. Size. No temporary sign shall exceed forty (40) square feet in area.

B. **Projection Over Sidewalk. No temporary sign shall extend into the line of a street, sidewalk, alley or other public thoroughfare, except that such a sign may be permitted flat against the wall of the building for a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) days.**

C. **Number. Not more than one (1) temporary sign is permitted per premises.**

D. **Types of Temporary Signs Permitted. Banners, portable signs, streamers, strings of pennants, or inflatable signs, in addition to temporary business or identification sign shall pertain only to promote special occasions associated with the business, industry or other pursuit conducted on or within the premises on which sign is erected or maintained.**

E. **Permits. A permit for a temporary sign shall be issued for a period of fifteen (15) days or thirty (30) days at the option of the applicant. The sign shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of such permit, unless a new permit thereof is obtained. Not more than four 15 day permits or two (2) thirty (30) day permits shall be issued for the erection of a temporary sign on any one (1) address.**

F. **Side and Rear Entrance Signs. In cases where the office or business building has an entrance from the side street of a corner lot, or has a back entrance from a parking lot, additional signage area equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of that permitted on the front of the building, may be used over such entrance.**

G. **40 sf max to Joint Identification Signs.**

*** Maximum Height shall not exceed height of building roof line**

(Ord. 51-08. Passed 11-14-08.)