

Sign Location Plan

### Purpose

The intent is to **permit Signs that** are of quality design and are appropriate in size, material, and illumination for the location in which they are being placed.

# **Types of Signs**

- Freestanding Signs
- Wall Signs
- Special Signs
  - ✓ Subdivision Signs
  - ✓ Directional Signs
  - ✓ Banners
  - ✓ Flagpole-Style
  - ✓ Rectangular Flags
  - ✓ Sandwich Board/Sidewalk Signs
  - ✓ Agricultural Use Signs
  - ✓ Readerboard Signs
- Temporary Signs
  - ✓ Real Estate Signs
  - ✓ Special Sales Events Signs
  - ✓ Special Event Signs
  - ✓ Campaign Signs
  - ✓ Public Notice Signs
- Billboards

# Charleston County Zoning and Planning

# About Us

The Zoning & Planning Department administers the County's *Comprehensive Plan* and the *Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance* (*ZLDR*) and prepares various studies and plans related to the current and future use of land in Charleston County.

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# SIGN ORDINANCE

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#### Example of Construction Detail

Find sign regulations in Article 9.8 of the Charleston County Zoning & Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR). Additional sign regulations may apply for properties located in Overlay Zoning Districts.

#### **Sign Violations**

The penalties for Sign violations in unincorporated Charleston County are a maximum fine of \$500 plus court fees and/or up to 30 days in jail. Each sign is considered an individual offense, and each day a sign remains posted is an individual offense.

#### **Building and Electrical Standards**

All permanent Signs must meet the structural and installation requirements of the Standard Building Code and electrical standards of the National Electrical Code as enforced by the Charleston County Building Inspection Services.

The standards set forth in the ZLDR seek to safeguard life, health, property, general welfare, and traffic safety.

#### **Permit Required**

No Sign shall be erected without a Zoning Permit in accordance with the procedures of the *ZLDR*, except those exempt pursuant to ZLDR Art. 9.8.

#### **Purpose of Permitting**

The ZLDR seeks to enhance the visual environment of the County by discouraging Signs that contribute to visual clutter.



#### Prohibited Signs

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- Flutter Flags
- Flashing Signs
- Animated Signs
- Signs Imitating Traffic Devices
- Signs Imitating Traffic Signs
- Signs Imitating Emergency Services
- Signs in Marshes
- Signs in Rights-of-Way
- Snipe Signs
- Signs Parked on Vehicles
- Roof Signs
- Off-Premises Signs

Any prohibited sign is subject to impoundment without notice.