

HOMEWOOD SIGN ORDINANCE

ANNOTATED OUTLINE OF PROPOSED UPDATE

CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA
CHAPTER 5 – BUILDINGS; CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
ARTICLE V. SIGNS

Sec. A. Purpose and Scope.

This is an update of the current purpose that simplifies and removes content references.

- (1) Applicability
- (2) Conflicting ordinances
- (3) Liability and responsibility
- (4) Regulations
- (5) Severability
- (6) Effective date

Sec. B. Prohibited Signs

- (1) Abandoned signs
- (2) Animated signs
- (3) Blinking signs
- (4) Flashing signs
- (5) Inflatable signs, such as but not limited to balloons, gas inflated signs or similar signs
- (6) Off-premise signs, except for lots fronting Interstate 65
- (7) Pole signs
- (8) Portable signs, except a-frame ground signs
- (9) Signs attached or painted on trees, rocks or natural features
- (10) Signs incorporating noisy mechanical devices or emitting smoke or steam
- (11) Signs in the right-of-way, except for attached signs projecting over a public sidewalk

- (12) Signs which pose a traffic hazard
- (13) Snipe or bandit signs
- (14) Vehicle-mounted signs

Sec. C. General Requirements.

This section will cover findings and interpretation issues including nonconforming signs.

- (1) Permitted signs and restrictions
 - a. Clearance
 - b. Double sided
 - c. Illumination
 - d. Traffic visibility
 - e. Viewpoint Neutrality
 - f. Sound
 - g. Construction
 - h. Maintenance and Repair
 - i. Notations
- (2) Table 1
 - a. Sign Area Measurement
 - b. Sign Height Measurement
 - c. Location
 - d. Restrictions (number of signs)
 - e. Signs Allowed by Zoning Districts Matrix

General Requirements will include a matrix that keys type of sign to zoning districts, indicates if it requires a permit, temporary or permanent, number signs, maximum sign area, and maximum copy height. This matrix will replace the need for the establishment of sign districts and sign district map.

Sec. D. Freestanding Sign Requirements.

This section covers height, area, limitations for off-premise signs and illustrations for the following types.

- (1) Monument Signs
- (2) Sidewalk Signs
- (3) Billboard Signs

Sec. E. Attached Sign Requirements.

This section covers height, area, location restrictions and illustrations for the following types.

- (1) Roof Signs
- (2) Wall Signs
- (3) Canopy Signs
- (4) Awning Signs
- (5) Marquee Signs
- (6) Window Signs
- (7) Restrictions (number of signs)

Sec. F. Specific Area Signs.

- (1) Downtown
- (2) Brookwood Mall
- (3) Wildwood Centre
- (4) West Homewood

Sec. G. Definitions.

This section will add to or replace terms that are not used or used in a different manner than those in Appendix A – Zoning, Article II Definitions. Best practices recommend this section consolidate all definitions applicable to signs into this one location.

Sec. H. Administration and Enforcement.

This section will be updated to reflect the new ordinance and include sign permit requirements and penalties for violations.