
Table of Contents

ARTICLE 8 – SIGN REGULATIONS.....	2
SECTION 8.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.....	2
SECTION 8.01.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.....	2
SECTION 8.02 GENERAL PROVISIONS.....	2
SECTION 8.02.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	2
SECTION 8.02.02 PERMITS REQUIRED.....	2
SECTION 8.02.03 ILLUMINATION STANDARDS.....	3
SECTION 8.02.04 PLACEMENT AND CLEARANCE STANDARDS	3
SECTION 8.03 PERMITTED PERMANENT SIGNS	4
SECTION 8.03.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.....	4
SECTION 8.03.02 PERMANENT SIGN CLASSIFICATIONS AND TYPES.....	4
SECTION 8.03.03. PERMANENT SIGN ALLOWANCES.....	5
SECTION 8.03.04 SPECIAL SIGNS.....	6
SECTION 8.04 PERMITTED TEMPORARY SIGNS	7
SECTION 8.04.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.....	7
SECTION 8.04.02 TEMPORARY SIGN CLASSIFICATION AND TYPES	7
SECTION 8.04.03 TEMPORARY SIGN ALLOWANCES	7
SECTION 8.04.04 TEMPORARY EVENT SIGNAGE	8
SECTION 8.05 MEASUREMENT DETERMINATIONS.....	9
SECTION 8.05.01 SIGN FACE AREA	9
SECTION 8.06 EXEMPT SIGNS.....	10
SECTION 8.06.01 EXEMPT SIGN TYPES.....	10
SECTION 8.07 PROHIBITED SIGNS	10
SECTION 8.07.01 PROHIBITED SIGN TYPES.....	10
SECTION 8.07.02 REMOVAL AND ATTRITION	12

ARTICLE 8 – SIGN REGULATIONS

SECTION 8.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT

SECTION 8.01.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Article is to provide the minimum control of signs necessary to promote the health, safety, general and economic welfare of the public. This Article intends to lessen hazards and conflicts to pedestrians and vehicular traffic, preserve property values and community character, and prevent unsightly and detrimental development that would detract from the tourist resort appeal of the community. Further, it is the intention of these regulations to prevent and mitigate economic decline and blight by preventing signs from reaching such excessive size or numbers that they obscure one another to the detriment of all concerned by using certain fundamentals of design that strengthen the community's economic base and preserve the right of free speech. This Article regulates signs in a content-neutral manner and is intended to regulate the time, place, and manner of signage, not the content of speech.

SECTION 8.02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 8.02.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. No sign, whether permanent or temporary, shall be allowed within any right-of-way (ROW), including but not limited to the foundation, sign supports, or any portion of the sign face or leading edge.
 - 1. Exceptions: Signs required for public safety, traffic control, construction activity, or other similar hazards, approved by the City, state, or other federal agency, meant to alert, direct, or warn drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, or other users of the ROW.
 - 2. Other explicit allowances per this Article.
- B. It shall be unlawful to erect or construct, or cause to be erected or constructed, maintain or cause to be maintained, any sign not expressly authorized and permitted by, or exempted from, these regulations.
- C. These sign regulations are intended to complement the requirements of the Florida building and electrical codes, and the requirements of the City. Wherever there is inconsistency between these regulations and the Florida Building Code (FBC), the FBC shall apply.
- D. Compliance with the requirements of these regulations shall not constitute a defense to an action brought to abate a nuisance under the common law.
- E. All signs, including their supports, braces, guys and anchors, electrical parts and lighting fixtures, and all painted and display areas, shall be maintained in accordance with this Article and the building and electrical codes of the City, and no rubbish or debris that would constitute a fire or health hazard shall be permitted under or near the sign.
- F. All permanent signs, and the illumination thereof, shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in conformity with applicable provisions of the building code and electrical codes of the City.

SECTION 8.02.02 PERMITS REQUIRED

- A. No person shall erect, construct, alter, repair, or relocate any sign that requires a permit without first obtaining a building permit for such work from the City, unless exempt per Section 8.06 Exempt Signs or otherwise expressly exempted per this Article.

-
- B. No permit shall be issued until the City determines that such work is in accordance with the requirements contained in this ordinance, and such work will not violate any building, electrical or other adopted codes of the City.
 - C. All required building or sign permit applications shall be submitted to the Community Development Department for review.
 - D. The application shall contain all the information required for a proper review of the proposed sign, and includes but is not limited to the documents required below and shall be accompanied by the required permit fee.
 - 1. Agent Affidavit
 - 2. Site Plan
 - 3. Sign renderings
 - 4. Square footage calculations of signs and façade, if applicable
 - 5. Total number of signs
 - 6. Electrical plans if applicable
 - 7. Any previously approved and valid agreements for signage
 - 8. Other documents deemed necessary by the Community Development Director or designee.

SECTION 8.02.03 ILLUMINATION STANDARDS

- A. Sign lighting may not be designed or located to cause confusion with traffic lights.
- B. Illumination shall comply with any applicable lighting and/or glare regulations located within Article 6 of this Code.
- C. Illuminated signs shall not have lighting mechanisms that project more than 18 inches perpendicularly from any surface of the sign over public space.
- D. All sign lighting shall be continuous lighting and shall not have any lighting element that flashes, flickers, fades, or other similar non continuous lighting scheme.

SECTION 8.02.04 PLACEMENT AND CLEARANCE STANDARDS

- A. Near Street and Driveway Intersections
 - 1. Signs located near street and driveway intersections shall meet all standards of the latest edition of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Greenbook.
- B. In or Over Public or Private Right-of-Way
 - 1. Signs shall not be placed in, upon, or project over a public or private ROW or easement, except as allowed by this Article in specific situations.
- C. Blocking Emergency Access
 - 1. No sign or sign structure shall be erected that impedes use of any fire escape, emergency exit or standpipe, or any other emergency ingress or egress.
- D. Relationship to Building Features
 - 1. A building sign shall not extend more than six inches (6") beyond any edge of the surface to which it is attached, nor disrupt a major architectural feature of the building.
- E. Maximum Projection
 - 1. A projecting building sign that is oriented perpendicularly to the building façade may extend no more than four feet perpendicularly from the surface to which it is attached.

SECTION 8.03 PERMITTED PERMANENT SIGNS

SECTION 8.03.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. All permanent signs require a permit unless expressly exempted by this Article.
- B. The sign face area of any non-conforming sign located on the premises shall be included for purposes of determining the maximum allowable building or free-standing sign face area.
- C. All signage shall be constructed of material that is rigid or in a manner that it is permanently affixed to a rigid material, in the case of a vinyl wrap, and shall not require tie downs.
 - 1. The intent of this section is to prevent permanent signs that are made in a banner material or style or tied down or wrapped around a permanent sign structure.
- D. Free Standing or Ground Signs
 - 1. Multiple street frontages: Any premises with multiple street frontages may allocate its total allowable ground sign face area among its permitted ground signs on any street frontage, provided each street frontage is allowed only one ground sign which shall not exceed a maximum square foot allowed per the appropriate district as identified in Table 8.03-1.

SECTION 8.03.02 PERMANENT SIGN CLASSIFICATIONS AND TYPES

- A. The following permanent sign classifications are adopted by the City of Destin to regulate signage within the jurisdiction of the city limits.
 - 1. Permanent Commercial - a sign that is constructed or used for ninety-one (91) days or more, and utilizes any writing, graphic or pictorial presentation, number, illustration, or decoration, which promotes, advertises, or attracts attention to any type of commerce or non-ideological message.
 - 2. Permanent Non-Commercial - a sign that is constructed or used for ninety-one (91) days or more, and utilizes any writing, graphic or pictorial presentation, number, illustration, or decoration, which promotes an ideal, belief, or other thought.
- B. The following types of signs are allowed as designated in this Article.
 - 1. Attached, i.e., a "building sign" or a sign that is attached to a structure that is occupiable or useable.
 - 2. Free Standing, i.e., a "ground sign" that is independent of another structure.
- C. Digital Signs
 - 1. Digital signage may be permitted as part of the property's allowable sign square footage, providing that the digital portion of the sign does not exceed thirty (30) square feet.
 - 2. All digital signage shall comply with all applicable regulations within this Code, including but not limited to glare, lighting, and display regulations.

SECTION 8.03.03. PERMANENT SIGN ALLOWANCES

Table 8.03-1 Sign Dimension Allowance

	<u>Permanent Commercial</u>		<u>Permanent Non-Commercial</u>	
	<u>Free Standing</u>	<u>Attached</u>	<u>Free Standing</u>	<u>Attached</u>
<u>Residential Districts</u>				
<u>Total sq. ft.</u>	<u>See Section 8.03.04.F.</u>	<u>Permanent Commercial Signage is not allowed in any Residential District.</u>	<u>32 sq. ft.</u>	
<u>Max individual Sign sq. ft.</u>			<u>16 sq. ft.</u>	
<u>Max Height</u>			<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>
<u>Front Setbacks</u>			<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Mixed Use Districts</u>				
<u>Total sq. ft.</u>	<u>See Table 8.03-2</u>	<u>Footnote 2 & 3</u>	<u>60 sq. ft.</u>	<u>60 sq. ft. / Footnote 2 & 3</u>
<u>Max individual Sign sq. ft.</u>		<u>100 sq. ft.</u>	<u>10 sq. ft.</u>	
<u>Max Height</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>
<u>Front Setbacks</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>SHMU & NHMU District</u>				
<u>Total sq. ft.</u>	<u>See Table 8.03-2</u>	<u>Footnote 2 & 3</u>	<u>60 sq. ft.</u>	<u>Footnote 2 & 3</u>
<u>Max individual Sign sq. ft.</u>		<u>100 sq. ft.</u>	<u>10 sq. ft.</u>	<u>15 sq. ft.</u>
<u>Max Height</u>	<u>12'/ Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>
<u>Front Setbacks</u>	<u>10' / Footnote 4</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Waterfront Sign</u>	<u>See Table 8.03-2</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>See Table 8.03-2</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>CG, CTS, IN, INST, A Districts</u>				
<u>Total sq. ft.</u>	<u>See Table 8.03-2</u>	<u>Footnote 2 & 3</u>	<u>150 sq. ft.</u>	<u>Footnote 2 & 3</u>
<u>Max individual Sign sq. ft.</u>		<u>100 sq. ft.</u>	<u>10 sq. ft.</u>	<u>15 sq. ft.</u>
<u>Max Height</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>
<u>Front Setbacks</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>REC & CON Districts</u>				
<u>Total sq. ft.</u>	<u>60 sq. ft.</u>		<u>Permanent Non-commercial signage is not allowed in the Recreation or Conservation Districts.</u>	
<u>Max individual Sign sq. ft.</u>	<u>60 sq. ft.</u>			
<u>Max Height</u>	<u>12'/Footnote 1</u>	<u>Footnote 1</u>		
<u>Front Setbacks</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>N/A</u>		

Note: Multiple individual signs (not exceeding the max. individual sign area) may be used to achieve the maximum sign area (square footage) outlined above.

1. In no case shall a sign protrude above the roofline, cornice line, parapet, or the highest point of a façade of any structure, whichever is lower.
2. Single-occupancy Building: Fifteen percent (15%) of the façade not to exceed 150 sq. ft.
3. Multi-occupancy Building: Fifteen percent (15%) of the lease space/unit façade, not to exceed 150 sq. ft. in the aggregate, whichever is less. All occupants or units shall have a right to a minimum of 25 sq. ft. of signage.
4. Signs shall be set back ten feet from all property lines. However, if the property is located along U.S. Highway 98 in the South Harbor Mixed Use or North Harbor Mixed Use districts, the sign support structure shall be set back ten feet from the front property line, and the sign face area may extend into the setback area by four feet. In no instance may a sign impede the sight vision triangle, clear vision triangle, or pedestrian and/or vehicular movement/access.

Table 8.03-2 Supplemental Free Standing or Ground Sign Allowance			
<u>All Districts</u>	<u>Face square footage</u>	<u>1 sq. ft. per linear foot of street frontage not to exceed 150'</u>	
	<u>Number of signs per street frontage</u>	<u>Less than 500' of street frontage</u>	<u>1 sign</u>
		<u>500' or more</u>	<u>2 signs</u>
	<u>Sign spacing</u>	<u>Minimum of 150' within the same property</u>	
<u>SHMU Waterfront signs</u>	<u>Number of signs</u>	<u>1 sign fronting the Destin Harbor per property</u>	
	<u>Sign face square footage</u>	<u>0.5 sq. ft./linear foot of water frontage, not to exceed 80 sq. ft.</u>	

SECTION 8.03.04 SPECIAL SIGNS

A. Lifeguard Station Signs

1. Each lifeguard station may display one sign of not more than nine (9) square feet.
 - a. These signs do not require a sign permit.

B. Utility Signs:

1. Signs placed by public utilities on or near the location of underground utility lines and facilities, high voltage lines and facilities, and other utility facilities and appurtenances shall be permitted not to exceed three (3) feet in height, and four (4) square feet in area.
 - a. These signs do not require a sign permit.
 - b. This section does not apply to buried utility line markers.

C. Public Traffic Controls Signs

1. These signs do not require a sign permit when placed by or required by the governing authority with jurisdictional authority.

D. Signs placed on public/private right-of-ways or accessways shall meet the standards and minimums outlined in the MUTCD.

1. These signs do not require a sign permit.

E. Off-street Directional Signage

1. For public safety purposes, a maximum of one (1), four (4) square foot sign may be placed per access point of a property with multiple accesses to enhance traffic flow and shall:
 - a. Not contain any branding, logos, or other commercially identifiable features.
 - b. Not count towards any square footage limitation of ground signs.
 - c. Be no closer than five feet (5') to the property boundary.
2. The signs shall require a sign permit to review for compliance with setbacks and the criteria listed above.

F. Residential Commercial Signs

1. In residential districts a free-standing sign may be permitted if the following criteria are met.
 - a. Time: A permanent sign
 - b. Place:
 - i. Located on common property owned by the homeowners, property, or condominium, or other owners association or group at the entrance to a residential development.
 - ii. Setback a minimum ten feet (10') from the ROW/property line.
 - c. Manner: not to exceed sixty (60) square feet and no taller than twelve feet (12') high as measured from grade.

SECTION 8.04 PERMITTED TEMPORARY SIGNS

SECTION 8.04.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Temporary signs may not require a permit from the City, if they satisfy the restrictions imposed by this section and other relevant parts of this Article.
- The City Manager or designee may require a temporary sign permit review and regulations that pertain to permanent signage based on potential or real community impact of the signage.
- B. A temporary sign may:
- Be a light source, such as a search light or laser, if approved in conjunction with a special event permit and shall have a letter of approval from the Eglin Air Force Base commander or designee.
 - A temporary sign other than a light source must be:
 - Constructed of rigid material; and
 - Secured at all corners or edges to prevent wave action or from moving due to wind forces.
 - Not be an electric/digital sign.
- C. Any temporary sign not complying with the requirements of this section is illegal and subject to immediate removal.

SECTION 8.04.02 TEMPORARY SIGN CLASSIFICATION AND TYPES

- A. The following temporary sign classifications are adopted by the City of Destin to regulate signage within the jurisdiction of the city limits.
- Temporary Commercial - a sign that is not constructed in a manner as to be permanent and shall not be used for more than ninety (90) days, whether consecutively or not within a calendar year, and utilizes any writing, graphic or pictorial presentation, number, illustration, or decoration, which promotes, advertises, or attracts attention to any type of commerce.
 - Temporary Non-Commercial - a sign that is not constructed in a manner as to be permanent and shall not be used for more than ninety (90) days, whether consecutively or not within a calendar year, and utilizes any writing, graphic or pictorial presentation, number, illustration, or decoration, which promotes an ideal, belief, or other thought.
- B. The following types of signs are allowed as designated in this Article.
- Attached, i.e., a "building sign" or a sign that is attached to a structure that is occupiable by or useable.
 - Free Standing, i.e., a "ground sign" that is independent of another structure.

SECTION 8.04.03 TEMPORARY SIGN ALLOWANCES

Table 8.04-1 Temporary Sign Dimension Allowance				
	Temporary Commercial		Temporary Non-Commercial	
	Free Standing	Attached	Free Standing	Attached
Residential Districts				
Total sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sq. ft.	6 sq. ft.	6 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.
Max. Height	6'	Footnote 1	6'	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
Mixed Use Districts				
Total sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.

Max. Individual Sign sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.
Max. Height	8'	Footnote 1	6'	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
SHMU & NHMU District				
Total sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.
Max. Height	8'	Footnote 1	6'	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
Waterfront Sign	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited
CG, CTS, IN, INST, A Districts				
Total sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.	16 sq. ft.
Max. Height	8'	Footnote 1	6'	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
REC & CON Districts				
Total sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	Temporary non-commercial signage is not allowed in the Recreation or Conservation Districts.	
Max. individual Sign sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.		
Max. Height	8'	Footnote 1		
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A		

Note: Multiple individual signs (not exceeding the max. individual sign area) may be used to achieve the maximum sign area (square footage) outlined above.

1. In no case shall a sign protrude above the roofline, cornice line, parapet, or the highest point of a façade of any structure, whichever is lower.

SECTION 8.04.04 TEMPORARY EVENT SIGNAGE

- A. During a special event, temporary signage, whether free-standing or attached, may be allowed according to the following regulations and Table 8.04-2
- B. Commercial Special Event Signage
 1. All commercial special events proposing to utilize temporary signage shall apply for a special event sign permit.
 2. All commercial special event sign permits are valid for no more than 40 calendar days a year per event.
 3. No property may have more than two (2) special event sign permits issued within any calendar year.
 4. Signage shall not go up earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the event start date.
 5. Signage shall be removed no later than ten (10) days after the first day of the event.
- C. Non-Commercial Special Event Signage
 1. No non-commercial special event requires a special event sign permit.
 2. Signage shall not go up earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the event start date.
 3. Signage shall be removed no later than ten (10) days after the conclusion of the event.

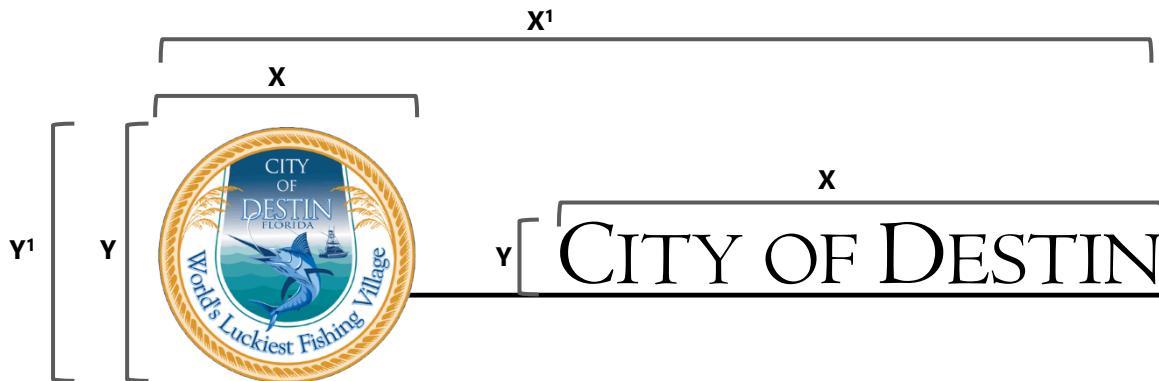
Table 8.04-2 Temporary Event Sign Allowance		
	Temporary Commercial Event	Temporary Non-Commercial Event
Total sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.
Max individual Sign sq. ft.	10sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.
Max Height	See Table 8.04-1	See Table 8.04-1
Front Setbacks		

Note: Multiple individual signs (not exceeding the max. individual sign area) may be used to achieve the maximum sign area (square footage) outlined above.

SECTION 8.05 MEASUREMENT DETERMINATIONS

SECTION 8.05.01 SIGN FACE AREA

- A. The sign face area of a sign shall be measured as the area enclosed by straight lines drawn to the extremities of the letters, numbers, recognizable symbols, trademarks, or brands. (See Figure 8.04-3 Sign Measurements)
- B. Special Situations:
1. Where a sign is composed of letters, pictures, symbols, or logos attached directly to a facade, window, door or marquee, and the letters, pictures, symbols, or logos are not enclosed by a border or trimming, the sign face area shall be the area within the smallest square or rectangle, the sides of which touch the extreme points of any letters, pictures, symbols, or logos.
 2. Where two sign face areas are placed back-to-back on a single sign structure, and the faces are at no point more than four feet apart, the area of the sign shall be counted as the area of one of the faces.
 3. Where four sign face areas are arranged in a square, rectangle or diamond, the area of the sign shall be the area of the two largest faces. Where a sign is in the form of a three-dimensional object, the area shall be determined by drawing a square or rectangle, the sides of which touch the extreme point or edges of the projected image of the sign and multiplying that area by two. The "projected image" is that image created by tracing the largest possible two-dimensional outline of the sign. See Figure 8.04.-3 below.



'X' x 'Y' = square footage of sign face
(X¹ x Y¹) used if using both elements as one (1) sign per 8.05.01.A

Figure 8.04-3 - Sign Measurements

SECTION 8.06 EXEMPT SIGNS

SECTION 8.06.01 EXEMPT SIGN TYPES

- A. The following signs are exempt from the permitting requirements of this Code provided they still meet all other applicable Code requirements and provided further they are not placed or constructed to create an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare:
1. Address numbering for properties or buildings provided they meet Fire and building codes.
 2. Signs of two square feet or less provided that such sign, or combination of signs, do not constitute a sign prohibited by this Article.
 3. Signs less than three square feet when required by any local state or federal law or regulation.
 4. Holiday lights and decorations.
 5. Signs authorized by statute or ordinance when erected on public property by governmental agencies that have jurisdiction.
 6. Legal notices or official instruments when required by law.
 7. One sign or tablet per building, of four-square feet or less when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials and attached to the surface of a building.
 8. Signs incorporated into machinery, material, or equipment by a manufacturer.
 9. Signs carried by a person not exceeding six (6) square feet.
 10. Temporary signs as permitted by this Article.
 11. Standards of political, religious, governmental, or other jurisdictional authority provided these do not contain any commercial speech. These are commonly referred to as "flags."

SECTION 8.07 PROHIBITED SIGNS

SECTION 8.07.01 PROHIBITED SIGN TYPES

The following signs are expressly prohibited:

- A. Signs that are in violation of the Florida building or electrical code.
- B. Any sign declared by the City Manager or designee to be an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare by reason of an unsafe condition.
- C. Signs that obstruct the vision of pedestrians, cyclists or motorists traveling on or entering public streets or signs within the clear visibility triangle per LDC Section 6.02.03.
- D. Signs tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, utility poles or fences.
- E. Signs in any public ROW not
1. Authorized by governing municipality
 2. Required by any municipality or government agency
 3. Required for public safety or traffic control
- F. Signs that emit audible sound, odor, or visible matter such as smoke or steam.
- G. Flashing lights or signs with lights or illumination that flash, move, rotate, scintillate, blink, flicker, or vary in intensity or color; provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit a sign with a fixed or changing display composed of a series of lights that may be changed through electronic means, provided further that said display may not change more than once every fifteen (15) seconds.

-
- H. Strings of light bulbs regardless of how mounted when used on premises with a commercial land use classification other than traditional holiday decorations and strings of lights used to enhance landscaping.
 - I. Wind signs.
 - 1. Standards, colors, or ensigns as exempted in Section 8.06.01 are not included in this prohibition.
 - J. Signs that inflate or are inflatable.
 - K. Signs that incorporate projected images.
 - L. Signs that emit sound that is intended to attract attention.
 - M. Signs that involve the use of live animals.
 - N. Signs with visible moving, revolving, or rotating parts or visible mechanical movement of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, or mechanical means, except for traditional barber poles.
 - O. Signs with optical illusion of movement by means of a design that presents a pattern capable of giving the illusion of motion.
 - P. Portable signs.
 - Q. Abandoned or discontinued signs. In determining whether a sign is abandoned or discontinued, the following criteria shall be considered:
 - 1. Whether the sign identifies correct directions to, location of, or description of the goods or services available on the premises where the sign is located.
 - 2. The existence or absence of a current local business tax receipt for the premises where the sign is located.
 - 3. Whether utility service is being provided to the premises where the sign is located; the use of the premises where the sign is located.
 - 4. The condition of the sign.
 - 5. Whether ad valorem property taxes have been paid on the premises where the sign is located or on the sign itself.
 - 6. Any other facts or circumstances which would indicate whether the owner of the sign has intentionally or voluntarily relinquished further use of the sign.
 - R. Signs or sign structures that interfere in any way with free use of any fire escape, emergency exit, or standpipe, or that obstruct any window to such an extent that the light or ventilation is reduced to a point below that required by any provision of this Code or other ordinances of the City.
 - S. Signs that resemble any official sign or marker erected by any governmental agency, or that by reason of position, shape, or color, would conflict with the proper functioning of any traffic sign or signal, or be of a size, location, movement, content, color, or illumination that may be confused with or construed as, or conceal, a traffic control device.
 - T. Signs that are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any motorist, cyclist, or pedestrian using or entering a public way, or that are a hazard or a nuisance to occupants of any property because of glare or other characteristics.
 - U. Signs that are painted, pasted, or printed on any curbstone, flagstone, pavement, or any portion of any sidewalk or street, except house numbers and traffic control signs.
 - V. Signs placed upon benches, bus shelters or waste receptacles, except as may be authorized in writing pursuant to F.S. § 337.407.

-
- W. Signs erected over or across any public street except as may otherwise be expressly authorized by this Code.
 - X. Vehicle signs.
 - Y. Obscene signs.
 - Z. Roof signs.
 - AA. Off-premises signs.

SECTION 8.07.02 REMOVAL AND ATTRITION

1. All nonconforming digital/electronic signage will be granted ten (10) years to remain, as of the adoption date of this code. After this period, if the nonconforming digital/electronic sign has not been removed, it shall be removed at the owner's expense.
 - a. If the sign is not removed after an appropriate amount of time as determined by Code Compliance, further compliance action shall be taken to include daily fines until the removal of the sign is completed.
2. When a Change of Use or Development Order application is submitted for a property in which a legal nonconforming on-premises sign is located, said sign shall be considered an illegal sign and shall be removed immediately, at the expense of the new owner, prior to the approval of the application.

16.00.00. Purpose.

The purpose of this Code is to provide the minimum control of signs necessary to promote the health, safety, and general welfare by lessening hazards to pedestrians and vehicular traffic, by preserving property values, by preventing unsightly and detrimental development that would detract from the tourist resort appeal of the community and lead to economic decline and blight, by preventing signs from reaching such excessive size or numbers that they obscure one another to the detriment of all concerned, by securing certain fundamentals of design that would strengthen the community's economic base, and by preserving the right of free speech.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03)

16.01.00. General provisions.

16.01.01. Relationship to building and electrical codes. These sign regulations are intended to complement the requirements of the building and electrical codes of the City. Wherever there is inconsistency between these regulations and the Florida Building Code, the Florida Building Code shall apply.

16.01.02. No defense to nuisance action. Compliance with the requirements of these regulations shall not constitute a defense to an action brought to abate a nuisance under the common law.

16.01.03. Maintenance. All signs, including their supports, braces, guys and anchors, electrical parts and lighting fixtures, and all painted and display areas, shall be maintained in accordance with this Code and the building and electrical codes of the City, and no rubbish or debris that would constitute a fire or health hazard shall be permitted under or near the sign.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 4, 10-1-07)

16.02.00. Exempt signs.

The following signs are exempt from the permitting requirements of this Code provided they must still meet all other applicable Code requirements and provided further they are not placed or constructed so as to create an immediate threat to the public health, safety or welfare:

- A. — Signs of two square feet or less provided that such sign, or combination of signs, does not constitute a sign prohibited by section 16.03.00 of this Code.
- B. — Signs authorized by statute or ordinance when erected on public property by governmental agencies having jurisdiction.
- C. — Legal notices and official instruments when required by law.
- D. — Holiday lights and decorations.
- E. — One sign or tablet per building, of four square feet or less when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials and attached to the surface of a building.
- F. — Signs incorporated into machinery, material or equipment by a manufacturer.
- G. — Signs carried by a person.
- H. — Temporary signs as permitted by section 16.05.00.
- I. — Flags.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 5, 10-1-07)

16.03.00. Prohibited signs.

16.03.01. Generally. It shall be unlawful to erect, cause to be erected, maintain or cause to be maintained, any sign not expressly authorized by, or exempted from, this Code.

16.03.02. Specifically. The following signs are expressly prohibited:

- A. — Signs that are in violation of the building code or electrical code of the City.
- B. — Any sign declared by the Director of Community Development to be an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare by reason of an unsafe condition.
- C. — Signs that obstruct the vision of pedestrians, cyclists or motorists traveling on or entering public streets or signs within the clear visibility triangle (see LDC 8.03.06). No sign shall be erected or placed in such a manner as to impede the vision between a height of two feet and ten feet above grade. The signs support structure shall not be wider than ten inches.
- D. — Signs tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, utility poles or fences. As a limited exception to this provision, signs made of composite, wood, or plastic may be placed on the decorative white picket fences located in the Crystal Beach Neighborhood Zoning Districts, as defined in section 7.12.00 of the Land Development Code.
- E. — Signs that emit audible sound, odor, or visible matter such as smoke or steam.
- F. — Flashing lights or signs with lights or illumination that flash, move, rotate, scintillate, blink, flicker, or vary in intensity or color; provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit a sign with a fixed or changing display composed of a series of lights that may be changed through electronic means, provided further that said display may not change more than once every ten seconds.
- G. — Strings of light bulbs regardless of how mounted when used on premises with a commercial land use classification other than traditional holiday decorations and strings of lights used to enhance landscaping.
- H. — Signs, commonly referred to as wind signs, consisting of one or more banners, pennants, ribbons, spinners, streamers or captive balloons, or other objects or material fastened in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to pressure by wind, except for flags.
- I. — Signs that incorporate projected images, emit sound that is intended to attract attention, or involve the use of live animals.
- J. — Signs with visible moving, revolving, or rotating parts or visible mechanical movement of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, or mechanical means, except for traditional barber poles.
- K. — Signs with optical illusion of movement by means of a design that presents a pattern capable of giving the illusion of motion.
- L. — Portable signs.
- M. — Abandoned or discontinued signs. In determining whether a sign is abandoned or discontinued criteria which include the following shall be considered: whether the sign identifies correct directions to, location of, or description of the goods or services available on the premises where the sign is located; the existence or absence of a current local business tax receipt for the premises where the sign is located; whether utility service is being provided to the premises where the sign is located; the use of the premises where the sign is located; the condition of the sign; whether ad valorem property taxes have been paid on the premises where the sign is located or on the sign itself; any other facts or

circumstances which would indicate whether the owner of the sign has intentionally or voluntarily relinquished further use of the sign.

- N. — Signs or sign structures that interfere in any way with free use of any fire escape, emergency exit, or standpipe, or that obstruct any window to such an extent that the light or ventilation is reduced to a point below that required by any provision of this Code or other ordinances of the City.
- O. — Signs that resemble any official sign or marker erected by any governmental agency, or that by reason of position, shape, or color, would conflict with the proper functioning of any traffic sign or signal, or be of a size, location, movement, content, color, or illumination that may be reasonably confused with or construed as, or conceal, a traffic control device.
- P. — Signs that are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any motorist, cyclist, or pedestrian using or entering a public way, or that are a hazard or a nuisance to occupants of any property because of glare or other characteristics.
- Q. — Signs that are painted, pasted, or printed on any curbstone, flagstone, pavement, or any portion of any sidewalk or street, except house numbers and traffic control signs.
- R. — Signs placed upon benches, bus shelters or waste receptacles, except as may be authorized in writing pursuant to F.S. § 337.407.
- S. — Signs erected over or across any public street except as may otherwise be expressly authorized by this Code, and except as provided in Section 16.03.00.A hereof.
- T. — Vehicle signs with a total sign area on any vehicle in excess of ten square feet, when the vehicle is not regularly used in the conduct of the business advertised on the vehicle. A vehicle used primarily for advertising, or for the purpose of providing transportation for owners or employees of the occupancy advertised on the vehicle, shall not be considered a vehicle used in the conduct of the business.
- U. — Obscene signs.
- V. — Roof signs.
- W. — Off-premises signs. No off-premises sign (other than those signs which have already received City and FDOT permits for construction) shall be constructed or erected after the date of enactment of this ordinance, nor shall any existing off-premises sign be permitted to increase in sign face area or height, or change configuration or structure, or improvements that would increase the overall height of the structure. Any such change or alteration is unlawful, constitutes a nuisance and shall be removed immediately at the expense of the owner thereof. In the event the owner fails to remove the off-premises sign within 30 days after being notified to do so by the Director of Community Development, the City may remove such sign at the owner's expense or may apply to any court having jurisdiction for such relief as may be appropriate to facilitate the removal of the sign and for such other and further relief as City may be entitled to.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 06-23-CN, § 8, 12-18-06; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 6, 10-1-07; Ord. No. 11-06-LC, § 8, 9-19-11; Ord. No. 19-20-LC, § 3, 9-4-19)

16.04.00. Permitted signs.

The following types of on-premises signs are permitted, provided that they meet all of the requirements of this Code:

- A. — *Ground signs.* The permissible number, area, spacing and height of ground signs for each premises shall be determined according to the following:
 - 1. — Permissible number and size of ground signs per street frontage.

-
- (a) — One ground sign not exceeding 50 square feet of sign face area per street frontage for premises with street frontage of 50 feet or less.
 - (b) — For every premises with more than 50 feet but less than 350 feet of street frontage, one ground sign per such street frontage not exceeding one square foot of sign face area for each foot of street frontage to a maximum of 160 square feet.
 - (c) — For each 350 feet of street frontage per premises, one ground sign is permitted and any residual shall be governed by subsections (a) and (b) above. Each ground sign shall not exceed 160 square feet and all signs must be at least 150 feet apart from each other.
 - (d) — For every premises with street frontage of 500 feet or more, two ground signs are permitted, not exceeding the lesser of one square foot for each foot of frontage or 160 square feet per sign. No one sign can be larger than 160 square feet and the two signs must be at least 150 feet apart from each other.
2. — *Waterfront signs.* In the South Harbor Mixed Use District (SHMU) along Destin Harbor beginning at the Destin Bridge and ending at the eastern boundary of said South Harbor Mixed Use District, one ground sign per premises fronting on the waterfront. Such sign shall not exceed the greater of, 0.5 square feet per linear foot of frontage along the waterfront or 80 square feet.
 3. — *Sign setback.* Signs shall be set back ten feet from all property lines. However, if the property is located along U.S. Highway 98 between East Pass Bridge to Gulf Shores Drive, in which case the sign support structure shall be set back ten feet from the front property line and the sign face area may extend into the setback area by four feet.
 4. — *Sign height.* The maximum height for all ground signs is 26 feet.
 5. — The sign face area of any non-conforming ground sign located on the premises shall be included for purposes of determining the maximum allowable ground sign face area.
 6. — *Multiple street frontages.* Any premises with multiple street frontages may allocate its total allowable ground sign face area among its permitted ground signs on any street frontage, provided each street frontage is allowed only one ground sign which shall not exceed a maximum of 160 square feet.

B. — Building signs.

1. — Each single occupancy premises shall be entitled to building sign(s) the sign face area of which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed the lesser of 15 percent of the building exterior area upon which said building signs are to be located or 150 square feet. For the purposes of this subsection a multi-family residential complex shall be considered a single occupancy premises.
2. (a) — Each occupant of a multiple-occupancy complex may display building signs on any unit exterior of the complex that is part of the occupant's unit (not including a common or jointly owned area); the sign face area of which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed the lesser of 15 percent of the unit exterior area upon which said building signs are to be located or 150 square feet.
- (b) — *Format for multiple-occupancy complexes.* Building signs for multiple-occupancy complexes constructed or remodeled after the effective date of this Code shall conform to an approved sign format. The sign format shall be included as part of the application to erect such a sign and shall be maintained on file in the planning and zoning department. The format shall be presented in a plan or sketch, together with written specifications in sufficient detail to enable the Director of Community Development or his designee to authorize signs based on the specifications. As a minimum, the sign format shall specify the types of signs and dimensions (not to exceed the size limits contained in this Code) which will be permitted each occupant within the complex. The sign format shall also contain

common design elements, such as placement, color, shape or style of lettering, which lend a unified appearance to the signs of the occupants within the complex.

3. — The maximum building sign height for structures of two stories or less shall be 35 feet. In addition, no signs shall be permitted above the roofline, cornice line, parapet, or the highest point of a facade of any structure, whichever is higher.
 - C. — *Directional signs.* Directional signs limited in area to four square feet shall be permitted and shall not be counted as part of maximum allowable signage.
 - D. — *Signs at entrances to residential subdivisions.*
 1. — *Generally.* A sign may be displayed at the entrance to residential subdivisions.
 2. — *Restrictions.* One sign is permitted at each entrance into the subdivision from each abutting street. The sign may be a single sign with two faces of equal size or may be two single-faced structures of equal size located on each side of the entrance. No face of the sign shall exceed 40 square feet in size, and may be illuminated in a steady light only. No such sign shall exceed eight feet in height.
 - E. — *Utility signs.* Signs placed by public utilities on or in close proximity to the location of underground utility lines and facilities, high voltage lines and facilities, and other utility facilities and appurtenances shall be permitted not to exceed three feet in height, and four square feet in area.
 - F. — *Single-family residential signs.* Each single-family residential dwelling unit may display one sign per premises not exceeding six square feet in sign face area nor three feet in height, provided, however, home-occupation signs are not permitted. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit the display of signs when otherwise prohibited or restricted by private restrictions related to the residential dwelling unit.
 - G. — *Multi-Family Residential signs.* Each multi-family residential dwelling unit may display one sign of not more than six square feet, nor exceeding three feet in height. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit the display of signs when otherwise prohibited or restricted by private restrictions related to the residential dwelling unit.
 - H. — *Lifeguard station signs.* Each lifeguard station may display one sign of not more than nine square feet.
- (Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 7, 10-1-07; Ord. No. 12-14-LC, § 3, 2-19-13)

16.05.00. Permitted temporary signs.

16.05.01. Generally. The City recognizes that, by their nature, some signs are intended from their construction to serve a temporary purpose only. Such signs shall be identified as temporary signs and shall not require a permit from the City, provided that they satisfy the restrictions imposed by this section and other relevant parts of this Code.

16.05.02. Sign types allowed. A temporary sign may be a ground sign or building sign or a light source as provided in Sections 16.05.04. E. and F., but may not be an electric sign. A temporary sign other than a light source must be constructed of rigid material.

16.05.03. Removal of illegal temporary signs. Any temporary sign not complying with the requirements of this section is illegal and subject to immediate removal.

16.05.04. Permissible temporary signs. Temporary signs shall be allowed, subject to the following provisions:

- A. — A real estate sign not exceeding 32 square feet of sign face area or eight feet in height.

-
- B. — A grand opening sign not exceeding 32 square feet of sign face area or eight feet in height, provided that said sign shall not be displayed for more than 14 days during any 12 consecutive calendar months.
 - C. — A construction sign not exceeding 32 square feet of sign face area or eight feet in height. Such sign shall not be displayed more than 60 days prior to the beginning of actual construction of the project, and shall be removed no later than the date of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for all or any portion of the project. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is not initiated within 60 days after the sign is displayed, or if construction is discontinued for a period of more than 60 days, the sign shall be removed, pending the initiation or continuation of construction activities.
 - D. — A sign for a premises that has no permanent sign provided that such temporary sign shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign face area nor eight feet in height. Such sign may be displayed for a period of 60 days or until installation of a permanent sign, whichever shall occur first.
 - E. — Laser source light. The use of laser source light or any similar high intensity light for outdoor advertising by temporary outdoor lighting permit as provided by Section 7.17.09.
 - F. — Searchlight/beacon. The operation of searchlights or beacons by temporary outdoor lighting permit for outdoor advertising as provided by Section 7.17.09.
 - G. — Temporary non-commercial signs displayed before, during or after an event or occurrence scheduled to take place at a specific time and place. Such signs are permitted in all zoning districts and shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign face area or eight feet in height. All such signs shall be removed within 21 days after the end of the scheduled event or occurrence to which they relate.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 8, 10-1-07; Ord. No. 11-06-LC, §§ 9, 10, 9-19-11)

16.06.00. Measurement determinations.

16.06.01. Sign face area.

- A. — *Generally.* The sign face area of a sign shall be measured as the area enclosed by straight lines drawn to the extremities of the letters, numbers, recognizable symbols and trademarks.
- B. — *Special situations.*
 - 1. — Where a sign is composed of letters, pictures, symbols, or logos attached directly to a facade, window, door or marquee, and the letters, pictures, symbols, or logos are not enclosed by a border or trimming, the sign face area shall be the area within the smallest square or rectangle, the sides of which touch the extreme points of any letters, pictures, symbols, or logos.
 - 2. — Where two sign faces areas are placed back to back on a single sign structure, and the faces are at no point more than four feet apart, the area of the sign shall be counted as the area of one of the faces.
 - 3. — Where four sign faces areas are arranged in a square, rectangle or diamond, the area of the sign shall be the area of the two largest faces. Where a sign is in the form of a three-dimensional object, the area shall be determined by drawing a square or rectangle, the sides of which touch the extreme point or edges of the projected image of the sign, and multiplying that area by two. The "projected image" is that image created by tracing the largest possible two-dimensional outline of the sign.

16.06.02. Number of signs.

- A. — *Generally.* In general, the number of signs shall be the number of noncontiguous sign face areas. Multiple noncontiguous sign face areas may be counted as a single sign if all the sign faces are included in the geometric figure used for determining the sign face area.

B. — *Special situations.*

1. — Where two sign faces area are placed back to back and are at no point more than three feet apart, it shall be counted as one sign.
2. — If a sign has four sign face areas arranged in a square, rectangle or diamond, it shall be counted as two signs.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 9, 10-1-07)

16.07.00. Design, construction and location standards.

16.07.01. Generally. All permanent signs must comply with the following design, construction and location standards.

16.07.02. Compliance with building and electrical codes required. All permanent signs, and the illumination thereof, shall be designed, constructed and maintained in conformity with applicable provisions of the building code and electrical codes of the City.

16.07.03. Illumination standards.

- A. — Sign lighting may not be designed or located to cause confusion with traffic lights.
- B. — Illumination by floodlights or spotlights is permissible so long as none of the light emitted shines directly onto an adjoining property or into the eyes of motorists or pedestrians using or entering public streets.
- C. — Illuminated signs shall not have lighting mechanisms that project more than 18 inches perpendicularly from any surface of the sign over public space.

16.07.04. Placement standards.

- A. — *Near street and driveway intersections.* Signs located within the clear visibility triangle near street and driveway intersections shall not be erected or placed in such a manner as to impede the vision between a height of two feet and ten feet above grade. The signs support structure shall not be wider than ten inches.
- B. — *In right-of-way.* Supports for sign or sign structures shall not be placed in or upon a public right-of-way or public easement, except under the terms of a lease between the owner of the easement or right-of-way and the owner of the sign.
- C. — *Over right-of-way.* Except as provided herein no ground sign shall project over a public right-of-way.
- D. — *Blocking exits, fire escapes, etc.* No sign or sign structure shall be erected that impedes use of any fire escape, emergency exit or standpipe.

16.07.05. Clearance standards.

- A. — *Relationship to building features.* A building sign shall not extend beyond any edge of the surface to which it is attached, nor disrupt a major architectural feature of the building.
- B. — *Maximum projection.* A building sign may project no more than four feet perpendicularly from the surface to which it is attached.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 10, 10-1-07)

16.08.00. Nonconforming signs.

Nonconforming signs shall be subject to the following provisions:

16.08.01. Definition. Any sign within the City on the effective date of this Code which is prohibited by, or does not conform to the requirements of, this Code. Signs that are within ten percent of the height and size limitations of this Code, and that in all other respects conform to the requirements of this Code, are not nonconforming signs.

16.08.02. Nonconforming signs. All nonconforming signs shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- A. — A nonconforming sign shall not change substantially from its condition on the date it became nonconforming. For more information on "substantial changes to a nonconforming sign" please refer to B.3 below. Accordingly, no nonconforming sign may be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity, but any sign or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its nonconformity, or for ordinary repair and maintenance as provided for herein.
- B. — Ordinary repair and maintenance of nonconforming signs is permitted as follows:
 - 1. — Ordinary repair and maintenance shall mean the work necessary to keep the sign in good state of repair provided, however, ordinary repair and maintenance shall not include replacement of structural materials.
 - 2. — Structural materials, as used in this section shall mean those materials comprising the load-bearing components of the sign including vertical supports, horizontal stringers, braces, bracing wires, brackets and catwalks. Structural materials do not include the sign face, any skirt, any electrical service or electric lighting, except in cases where such items have been incorporated into the load-bearing parts of the sign.
 - 3. — Examples of changes, modifications or work which do not constitute ordinary repair and maintenance, but which would constitute substantial changes to a nonconforming sign, include, but are not limited to:
 - a. — Modification that changes the structure of, or the type of structure of, the sign, such as conversion of back to back sign to a V-type or conversion of a wooden sign structure to a metal structure.
 - b. — Modification that changes the sign face area or the height of the sign.
 - c. — Modification that enhances the visibility of the sign's message or the period of time the sign's message is visible.
 - d. — Modification that adds automatic or electronic changeable faces, or copy.
 - e. — Modification that adds artificial lighting, or changes the existing lighting, such that elimination of the sign face is substantially increased.
 - 4. — Should a nonconforming sign be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its value at the time of destruction as reflected on the personal property tax return filed by the owner, it shall not be reconstructed except in compliance with these regulations.
 - 5. — Modifications to a nonconforming sign that have the effect of enhancing the sign's message, the visibility of the message, or the period of time the message is visible in the case of electronic message boards are prohibited.
 - 6. — A nonconforming sign may not be disassembled and re-erected at the same location.
 - 7. — A nonconforming sign may not be relocated.

8. — A nonconforming sign which has become structurally unstable or constitutes an imminent threat to public safety must be removed. Any replacement sign must conform to the provisions of section 16.04.00. *Permitted signs.*

9. — Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to constitute a violation of § 70.20, Florida Statutes (2002).

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 11, 10-1-07)

16.09.00. Permits and appeals.

16.09.01. Permits required. No permit is required for the display of a flag. No person shall erect, alter, repair or relocate any sign that requires a permit without first obtaining a building permit for such work from the Director of Community Development. No permit shall be issued until the Director of Community Development determines that such work is in accordance with the requirements contained in this ordinance, and the Director of Community Development determines such work will not violate any building, electrical or other adopted codes of the City.

16.09.02. Applications. All required building permit applications shall be filed on forms supplied by the Director of Community Development. The application shall contain the information and documents required herein and shall be accompanied by the required permit fee.

16.09.03. Permit application contents. The completed application for a permit for a sign shall include the following applicable information:

- A. — The name, address and telephone number of the property owner together with proof of ownership.
- B. — The name, address, telephone number and registration number of the engineer.
- C. — The name, address, telephone number and license number of the sign contractor/manufacturer.
- D. — The address and name of the business where the sign is to be erected. The zoning district, the building frontage of the tenant space and the road frontage of the premises is also required.
- E. — The type of sign, square footage, height and location of all signage currently displayed on the premises.
- F. — The type of sign, square footage, height and location of the sign or signs proposed to be erected on the premises.
- G. — A fully dimensioned and scaled site plan showing the lot frontage, building frontage, parking areas and location of all existing and proposed signs. For ground signs, the site plan must show the distance from the right-of-way and edge of pavement.
- H. — Sign plan. The application shall:
 - 1. — Provide a summary table listing location type and area of any existing and proposed signs.
 - 2. — Provide fully dimensioned and scaled elevation drawing of any proposed sign, showing sign type, height, structure and sign face area.
 - 3. — For building signs, provide an elevation of the building, showing placement of any sign.
 - 4. — If the sign is to be electrically lighted, additional information is to be provided regarding the testing laboratory or the ETL Number, and the name and address of the electrical contractor.
 - 5. — For multiple occupancy complexes, the format required by section X(A)(2)(b)(ii).
- I. — The type of construction, sign supports, electrical details.
- J. — Wind load calculations and footer details as required by the City's adopted building code.

K. — For the following signs, plans prepared by a Florida registered professional engineer and sealed by such engineer:

1. — Building signs that project perpendicularly from the surface to which it is attached and that are more than 24 square feet in area.
2. — Ground signs of more than ten feet in height and 100 square feet in area.

16.09.04. Investigation/Time limits. Upon the receipt of a completed permit application and upon payment of the appropriate permit fee by the applicant, the Director of Community Development shall promptly conduct an investigation of the application, the proposed sign and the premises. The Director of Community Development shall grant or deny the permit application within 20 days from the date the completed application with application fee was filed with the Director of Community Development.

16.09.05. Issuance or denial of permit.

- A. — If, after review and investigation as required herein, the Director of Community Development determines that the application meets the requirements contained in this ordinance and determines the proposed sign will not violate any building, electrical or other adopted codes of the City, the Director of Community Development shall issue the permit.
- B. — If, after review and investigation as required herein, the Director of Community Development determines that one or more reasons for denial exist, the permit shall be denied and the Director of Community Development shall make a written report of the denial and the reasons therefore. A copy of the report shall be sent by certified mail to the designated return address of the applicant on the application. The application for a permit shall be denied if one or more of the following conditions are found to exist:
1. — The application does not comply with the requirements of this ordinance; or
 2. — The application would violate any building, electrical or other adopted codes of the City.

16.09.06. Permit fees. The permit fee for signs shall be determined pursuant to the permit fee schedule established by separate ordinance.

16.09.07. Appeals. Any person denied a permit for signs may file a written appeal to the Board of Adjustment within 30 calendar days after rendition of the denial pursuant to the provisions of section.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 07-34-LC, § 12, 10-1-07)

16.10.00. Penalty.

Any alleged violation of this article may be processed in accordance with procedures set forth in the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article III, Code Enforcement Board.

(Ord. No. 03-10-LC, § 5, 10-20-03)

EXHIBIT A

City of Destin, FL

EXHIBIT A