



**AGENDA
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
5:30 PM
ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. May 21, 2026 Minutes**
- 4. CURRENT BUSINESS**
 - A. Proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, RENUMBERING AND RENAMING ARTICLE 16 "SIGNS," OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO A NEW ARTICLE 8 "SIGN REGULATIONS"; MODIFYING, AMENDING AND UPDATING CITY SIGN REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD**

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**LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2026 - 5:30 P.M.
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wood called the Local Planning Agency Meeting to order on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Destin City Hall Boardroom; with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Members Present</u>
James T. Wood, Jr.	Jay Purut	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Todd Buhr	Bree Uptigrove	Daniel Butler Principal Planner
Ken Wampler		Chris Rush Planner
Marcie Bell (in at 5:50 p.m.)		Kyle Bauman Special Project Counsel
Tammy Weidenhamer		

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Agency member Wampler with Agency member Bell providing the second. The motion passed 6-0 with Agency member Bell not being present for the vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 19, 2026
- March 19, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- April 16, 2026

Motion to approve the above minutes with changes to the April 9, 2026 & April 16, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Agency member Buhr, with Agency member Wampler providing the second. The motion passed 4-0, Agency member Bell was not present for the vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Ordinance 26-16-LC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE 3 “DEFINITIONS” AND ARTICLE 11 “COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “BEACH” FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE JURISDICTIONAL

LIMITS SET FORTH WITHIN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Butler explained how there are inconsistencies in the definition of Mean High Waterline and Mean Low Waterline and this ordinance and the next one aligns them to be consistent in the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Wood opened the hearing to the public for input, with no one coming forward to speak, he closed the public portion of the hearing and asked the Agency member for discussion or a motion.

Motion by Agency member Wampler, seconded by Agency member Buhr, the member voted 4-0 to recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 26-16-LC. The motion passed 4-0, Agency member Bell was not present for the vote.

B. Proposed Ordinance 26-18-PC

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “GLOSSARY” OF THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “BEACH” FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS SET FORTH WITHIN THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Butler presented Ordinance 26-18-PC, explaining how this Ordinance would amend the Comprehensive Plan definition of “beach” to be consistent with the City Charter.

He explained that the Comprehensive Plan currently references the Mean Low Water Line (MLWL) when describing the City's boundary, while the City Charter references the Mean High Water Line (MHWL). The amendment would revise the Comprehensive Plan language to reference the Mean High Water Line, ensuring consistency among the City's governing documents and eliminating conflicting definitions.

Agency member Wampler made the motion to recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 26-18-PC, with Agency member Buhr providing the second. The motion passed 4-0, Agency member Bell was not present for the vote.

In discussion, Agency member Buhr asked for clarification on the following:

- What the adoption process is and whether the ordinance would be subject to a waiting period before returning to City Council.

Mr. Butler explained that because the ordinance amends the Comprehensive Plan, it must be transmitted to the State of Florida for their review process.

- The amendment package could be submitted to the State immediately following the meeting.
- State agencies review all Comprehensive Plan amendments and provide comments if necessary.
- After completion of the State review process, the ordinance would return to City Council for a second reading and adoption hearing.

Agency member Buhr asked whether the related Land Development Code amendment would proceed separately or be considered concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

According to Mr. Butler, the City Attorney and Community Development Director preferred to wait until State review was completed and then bring all related amendments back together for consideration at the same time.

Motion to recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 26-18-PC, with Agency member Buhr providing the second. The motion passed 4-0, with Agency member Bell not present for the vote.

C. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 26-07-LC –

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, RENUMBERING AND RENAMING ARTICLE 16 “SIGNS,” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO A NEW ARTICLE 8 “SIGN REGULATIONS”; MODIFYING, AMENDING AND UPDATING CITY SIGN REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

❖ Article 8 Land Development Code Rewrite – Sign Regulations

Mr. Hernandez presented a comparative sign-height analysis requested by the LPA at their previous meeting.

- The analysis reviewed sign regulations from nearby municipalities:
 - Destin
 - Panama City
 - Fort Myers Beach
 - Pensacola
 - Gulf Breeze

- Santa Rosa County
- Port St. Joe
- Clearwater
- St. Petersburg
- He explained that sign competition generally occurs either:
 - Vertically (taller signs competing for visibility), or
 - Horizontally (shorter signs positioned closer to the roadway and across the site).
- photographic examples illustrating how differing sign-height regulations affect visual appearance and streetscape character were provided.

- Mr. Hernandez noted Destin currently allows signs up to approximately 26 feet in height in many areas.
- Examples along U.S. Highway 98 demonstrated:
 - Varying sign heights.
 - Businesses competing for visibility.
 - Significant visual clutter along commercial corridors.
- Additionally, with utility undergrounding not yet been completed along much of Highway 98, and current conditions include both utility infrastructure and elevated signage.

➤ **Examples from Other Jurisdictions:**

❖ **Panama City**

- Mr. Hernandez noted Panama City reduced sign heights to approximately 8 feet in 2019.
- Existing taller signs remain due to nonconforming status.
- He emphasized that changing regulations does not immediately eliminate existing signage.

❖ **Fort Myers Beach**

- Following Hurricane Ian, redevelopment accelerated compliance with a five-foot sign-height standard.
- Mr. Hernandez noted that the resulting streetscape appeared cleaner and less cluttered.

❖ **Gulf Breeze**

- Mr. Hernandez highlighted Gulf Breeze as an example of a corridor with:
 - Eight-foot sign limits.
 - Underground utilities.
 - Uniform and visually appealing streetscape character.
- Several Board members commented positively on the appearance of the corridor.

❖ **Other Jurisdictions**

- Mr. Hernandez provided examples from Pensacola, Santa Rosa County, Port St. Joe, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg.

- The discussion focused on differences in sign heights, visual clutter, and overall corridor appearance.

➤ **Staff Analysis**

❖ **Advantages of Taller Signs**

- Increased visibility from greater distances.
- Better visibility for businesses set behind parking lots.
- May reduce the need for multiple signs on a property.

❖ **Disadvantages of Taller Signs**

- Encourage “sign wars” where businesses compete vertically.
- Create visual clutter.
- Result in less cohesive streetscape appearance.
- Reduce opportunities for a unified corridor aesthetic.

❖ **Advantages of Shorter Signs**

- Create cleaner, more uniform streetscapes.
- Improve corridor aesthetics.
- Encourage consistency and intentional design.
- Promote a more pedestrian-oriented environment.

❖ **Challenges of Shorter Signs**

- May reduce visibility for businesses located behind parking lots.
- Could require businesses to reconsider site layouts and sign placement.
- Existing nonconforming signs would remain unless addressed through amortization or sunset provisions.

❖ **Board Discussion**

- Agency member Buhr contended that visual clutter is driven more by commercial density than by sign height.
- Concern was expressed that reducing sign height alone may not meaningfully reduce clutter in heavily developed areas such as Harbor Boulevard.
- Several members discussed sight visibility for drivers leaving businesses.
- Concerns were raised that lower signs could potentially affect visibility depending on vehicle type and site configuration.
- Mr. Hernandez responded that FDOT sight-triangle requirements already regulate visibility at driveways and intersections.
- Several members stated that lower sign heights create a more attractive and unified appearance.
- Gulf Breeze was repeatedly referenced as an example of a desirable streetscape.

- Members noted that utility undergrounding, landscaping, and sign design all contribute to overall aesthetics.

Existing Technology and Navigation

- One member observed that visitors increasingly rely on GPS navigation rather than locating businesses through tall signs.
- It was suggested that sign visibility may be less critical today than in the past.

Future Corridor Changes

- Members discussed future transportation improvements and utility undergrounding projects.
- Questions were raised regarding how future FDOT projects may affect corridor design and signage standards.

Sign Color and Design Standards

- Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of more neutral or coordinated sign aesthetics similar to those found in:
 - Holiday Isle
 - Certain South Walton communities
- No formal action was taken on color standards.

Transition Period

- Staff discussed the concept of a 10-year amortization/sunset period for nonconforming signs.
- They also noted many communities allow existing signs to remain indefinitely, while others establish transition periods to achieve long-term streetscape goals.

Comparative Standards Discussion

- Staff reviewed a chart comparing sign regulations across multiple jurisdictions.
- Discussion focused on:
 - Eight-foot sign standards in mixed-use districts.
 - Destin's existing 26-foot sign-height allowances.
 - Potential approaches for differentiating sign standards by zoning district.
- Following the comparative sign-height analysis, the Agency members shifted discussion toward establishing a recommended maximum sign height citywide.
- They discussed the benefits of having a single sign-height standard throughout the city rather than varying standards by zoning district.
- Additional discussions referenced examples from Gulf Breeze, Panama City, Port St. Joe, and other jurisdictions reviewed by staff.

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- One member expressed support for reducing sign heights substantially from the current 26-foot allowance and suggested 10 feet as a starting point for discussion.
- Other members discussed possible alternatives including:
 - 10 feet citywide.
 - 12 feet citywide.
 - 14 feet with a provision that signs not exceed the height of the principal building.
- Staff advised that sign-height standards among Florida municipalities vary considerably, though many jurisdictions reviewed fell within the range of approximately 8 to 16 feet.

Discussion of Building Height Limitation

- The Agency members discussed incorporating a provision that sign height does not exceed the height of the principal structure on the property.
- The members noted that such an approach would:
 - Prevent oversized signs for smaller buildings.
 - Allow flexibility while maintaining proportionality between buildings and signs.
- Mr. Butler explained that building height is already measured from grade to the cornice line and suggested using the same measurement method for consistency and ease of administration.
- Board members expressed support for utilizing an existing, clearly defined measurement standard.

Motion by Agency member Buhr, seconded by Agency member Wampler to recommend a citywide maximum sign height of 12 feet, measured from grade, and not to exceed the height of the building as measured from grade to the cornice line. The motion passed 5-0.

In discussion the members stated the following:

- 12 feet represented a reasonable compromise between maintaining visibility and reducing visual clutter.
- Including comparisons to existing signs within the city and examples presented by staff.
- Members emphasized a desire to move away from the current 26-foot standard while maintaining practical visibility for businesses.

❖ Nonconforming Sign Attrition Provisions

- Mr. Butler reviewed revisions made following direction from the previous LPA meeting.
- He explained that:
 - Existing language addressing digital-sign attrition overlapped with provisions already contained within Article 3 relating to nonconformities.
 - Redundant language had been removed.
 - Draft language had been revised to apply a 10-year attrition period to all nonconforming signs rather than solely digital signs.
- He also pointed out that one remaining reference to “digital” signs would need to be revised to “nonconforming” signs for consistency.

❖ **Temporary Commercial Signs in Residential Areas**

- Agency member Buhr member raised questions regarding temporary commercial signs associated with home-based businesses and cottage industries.
- The discussion focused on:
 - The proposed limit of 90 days per calendar year for temporary commercial signs in residential zoning districts.
 - Whether the limitation could affect home occupations, cottage-food businesses, and similar activities.
- Staff stated that current interpretation would limit temporary commercial signage in residential districts to 90 days annually.
- The City Attorney's prior review of the ordinance was noted.
- Staff further advised that state statutes governing home occupations generally require compliance with applicable local regulations regarding signage and preservation of residential character.
- Board members discussed balancing support for small home-based businesses with maintaining the residential nature of neighborhoods.

❖ **Discussion – Additional Nonconforming Sign Removal Trigger**

- Agency member Buhr introduced language from the Panama City sign ordinance providing that a nonconforming sign loses its status upon a change of ownership of the property.
- The proposed language would require removal or compliance of a nonconforming sign following transfer of ownership.
- The members discussed the provision as a potential method for accelerating removal of nonconforming signs and achieving corridor-improvement goals.
- Bot staff and legal counsel advised that additional research would be necessary to evaluate:
 - Legal implications.
 - Administrative enforcement considerations.
 - Practical implementation procedures.
- Board members expressed interest in further evaluation of the concept.

Agency member Buhr made the motion to recommend City Council approval of Proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC with the following revisions:

- 1. Establish a citywide maximum sign height of 12 feet, measured from grade, and not exceeding the height of the principal building measured from grade to the cornice line as previous motioned.**
- 2. Revise remaining references to “digital” signs within Section 8.07.03 to reference “nonconforming” signs.**

Agency member Bell provided the second. In discussion, Agency member Buhr referred staff to an email he just sent to staff about an Ordinance from Panama City regarding to nonconforming

signs and change of ownerships and read the language out loud to the members while staff provided it on screen.

Agency member Buhr amended the motion to add the following third language:

- 3. Add a change-of-ownership provision in 8.07.03 and addition of #2, for nonconforming signs consistent with language discussed from the Panama City ordinance, subject to staff and legal review. If legal or staff review identified concerns, the item would be returned to the LPA for further consideration before advancing to City Council.**

Mr. Bauman suggested that staff ensure that the City Attorney, Ms. Kimberly Kopp reviews this language prior to implementing it into the Ordinance.

Mr. Butler added that this would not be something that staff would normally track since they are not aware of businesses that are sold to new owners unless there is a change of use applied for the property.

Chairman Wood opened the hearing to the public for input, with no one being present, he closed the public and called for the vote, the motion passed 5-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussion at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman

Kimberly Montgomery Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF DESTIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2026
BOARD/COMMITTEE: Local Planning Agency
TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing
OUTLINE NUMBER: 4.A.

TO: Local Planning Agency

THRU: Kimberly Kopp, City Attorney
Tina Deater, Community Development Director

FROM: Daniel Butler, Principal Planner

DATE: June 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, RENUMBERING AND RENAMING ARTICLE 16 “SIGNS,” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO A NEW ARTICLE 8 “SIGN REGULATIONS”; MODIFYING, AMENDING AND UPDATING CITY SIGN REGULATIONS AS PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I. BACKGROUND: On Thursday, May 21, 2026, the Local Planning Agency (LPA) unanimously voted to recommend City Council approval of proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC, regarding the draft Article 8, Sign Regulations.

II. DISCUSSION: Although the LPA has previously recommended approval of the proposed Ordinance, Staff wanted to bring it back for discussion of the prohibition of digital signage. Currently, as drafted, digital signage would become prohibited within the City, meaning no new digital signage could be permitted. Existing digital signage would be granted to remain for ten (10) years, but would have to be removed at the owner's expense once this timeline has lapsed.

Prior to continuing to Council, Staff wants the LPA to ensure they understand the implications that this may have on businesses throughout the City, specifically gas stations. Gas stations have primarily transitioned to digital displays for their gas prices. If these price displays are interpreted to be signs, then this ordinance would prohibit any gas stations from utilizing these displays, which change frequently. Constantly manually changing these prices would potentially create operational burdens.

Additionally, Staff has concerns that property owners with existing digital signage would pursue zoning changes to comply with the digital signage exception (Institutional zoning and use), which could potentially create nonconforming uses and/or spot zoning situations, if granted.

The draft ordinance is proposing to reduce sign height from 26' to 12', which will significantly reduce visual clutter. Below are options that the LPA could consider regarding digital signage:

- Allow digital signage city-wide, and review in accordance with allowances in Article 8, same as any other type of permitted sign (maximum area, maximum height, setbacks, etc.).
- Allow digital signage city-wide, but implement stricter regulations as far as allowances (less allowable area, etc.).
- Maintain current drafted language, allowing only institutional uses in the Institutional zoning district to maintain existing/permit new digital signage.
- Prohibit digital signage city-wide.

For informational purposes, Staff has pulled information from an approved sign permit for a local gas station, which had a total ground sign square footage of approximately 74 square feet, while the digital portion of it (gas price display) was approximately 21 square feet.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS: While Staff has received a recommendation of approval from the LPA on May 21, 2026, Staff would like to ensure that the LPA has considered all potential consequences of prohibiting digital signage within the City.

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the LPA recommend approval of proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC as presented;

OR

I move that the LPA recommend approval of proposed Ordinance 26-07-LC, with the following revisions: _____.

Attachments:

1. Ord. 26-07-LC - LDC Rewrite Article 8
2. Exhibit A to Ordinance 26-07-LC
3. Background Working Draft
4. LDC Approval Timeline_060926
5. Gas Station Sign Exhibit

ORDINANCE NO. 26-07-LC

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SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.

The authority for enactment of this Ordinance is Article 1, Section 1.01 (b) of the City Charter, Section 166.021, Florida Statutes and Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS OF FACT.

WHEREAS, Chapter 163, Part II, of Florida Statutes, entitled the Community Planning Act ("Act"), empowers and requires the City Council to plan for the City’s future development and growth and to adopt and amend its Land Development Code, or elements of portions thereof, to guide the future growth and development of the City; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the entire Land Development Code has not taken place in some time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a goal of updating the Land Development Code to promote consistency with the latest state and federal laws, as well as best practices for land development in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has undertaken an effort to rewrite portions of its Land Development Code (“LDC”) to improve usability, implement missing elements of the Comprehensive Plan, and modernize development standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clean up items in the LDC related to inconsistencies in the existing code, problems identified in the course of everyday implementation, or items that were missing or outdated due to changes in the City’s practices or development typologies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council endeavors to modernize the LDC by addressing items that

will result in structural improvements to the LDC or areas where best practices have changed significantly since the relevant regulations were last updated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to improve areas of development and land use that are insufficiently addressed by the current code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to maintain the quality of life for City residents by protecting environmental resources, protecting existing neighborhoods, and protecting wildlife areas and natural amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to discourage sprawl development and provide guidance for infill development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council retained 3TP Ventures as a consultant to assist City staff with a comprehensive rewrite of the Land Development Code (“LDC”); and

WHEREAS, City Staff has presented various versions of Article 8 of the LDC to the City’s Local Planning Agency (LPA) and incorporated recommendations from the LPA into the proposed Article 8; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has held multiple workshops before the City Council and incorporated policies discussed at the City Council workshops into the proposed LDC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens by modernizing and simplifying the LDC; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that this ordinance is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan and is in the best interests of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Local Planning Agency held a public hearing, with all required public notice on April 2, 2026, for the purpose of providing recommendations to the City Council with regard to this Ordinance amending the Land development Code and recommended that the City Council adopt the Ordinance amending the Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted by the City Council after due public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESTIN, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 3. Article 16 - Signs of the Land Development Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new Article 8 – Sign Regulations as shown in Exhibit “A” to this Ordinance, attached hereto and fully incorporated herein by this reference. Exhibit “A” to this Ordinance

constitutes Article 8 of the City of Destin’s Land Development Code as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION INTO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE. This ordinance shall be incorporated into the City of Destin's Land Development Code and any section or paragraph number or letter and any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

SECTION 5. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. Special Acts of the Florida Legislature applicable to the incorporated area of the City of Destin, City Ordinances and City Resolutions, or parts, thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, phase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2026, provided it is adopted by the City Council and signed by the Mayor prior to October 1, 2026.

**ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____,
2026.**

By: _____
Bobby Wagner, Mayor

ATTEST:

The form and legal sufficiency of the foregoing has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for the City of Destin, only.

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Rey Bailey, City Clerk

Kimberly Romano Kopp, City Attorney

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

EXHIBIT A

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ARTICLE 8 – SIGN REGULATIONS

SECTION 8.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT

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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.

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- 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 by floodlights or spotlights shall comply with the lighting 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 within the clear visibility triangle near street and driveway intersections shall meet all standards of the latest edition of the Florida 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

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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.

SECTION 8.03.03. PERMANENT SIGN ALLOWANCES

	Permanent Commercial		Permanent Non-Commercial		
	Free Standing	Attached	Free Standing	Attached	
Residential Districts					
Total sq. ft.	See Section 8.03.04.F.	Permanent Commercial Signage is not allowed in any Residential District.	32 sq. ft.		
Max individual Sign sq. ft.			16 sq. ft.		
Max Height			12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1	
Front Setbacks			10'	N/A	
Mixed Use Districts					
Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.03-2	Footnote 2 & 3	60 sq. ft.	60 sq. ft. / Footnote 2 & 3	
Max individual Sign sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.		
Max Height	12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1	12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1	
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A	
SHMU & NHMU District					

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Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.03-2	Footnote 2 & 3	60 sq. ft.	Footnote 2 & 3
Max individual Sign sq. ft.		100 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	15 sq. ft.
Max Height	12' / Footnote 1	Footnote 1	12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10' / Footnote 4	N/A	10'	N/A
Waterfront Sign	See Table 8.03-2	N/A	See Table 8.03-2	N/A
CG, CTS, IN, INST, A Districts				
Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.03-2	Footnote 2 & 3	150 sq. ft.	Footnote 2 & 3
Max individual Sign sq. ft.		100 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	15 sq. ft.
Max Height	12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1	12'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
REC & CON Districts				
Total sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.		Permanent Non-commercial signage is not allowed in the Recreation or Conservation Districts.	
Max individual Sign sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.			
Max Height	12'/Footnote 1	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.
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, pedestrian or vehicular movement/access.

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

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:

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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 eight feet (8') 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.
 1. 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:
 1. 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.
 2. A temporary sign other than a light source must be:
 - a. Constructed of rigid material; and
 - b. Secured at all corners or edges to prevent wave action or from moving due to wind forces.
 3. Not be an electric/digital sign.

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- 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.
1. 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.
 2. 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.
1. Attached, i.e., a “building sign” or a sign that is attached to a structure that is occupiable by or useable.
 2. 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	
Max. individual Sign sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.		
Max. Height	8'	Footnote 1		

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Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	Recreation or Conservation Districts.
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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 ten (10) days prior to the event start.
 5. Signage shall be removed no later than thirty (30) 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 only be allowed forty-five (45) days prior to the event.
 3. Signage shall be removed within ten (10) days after conclusion of the event.

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

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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.

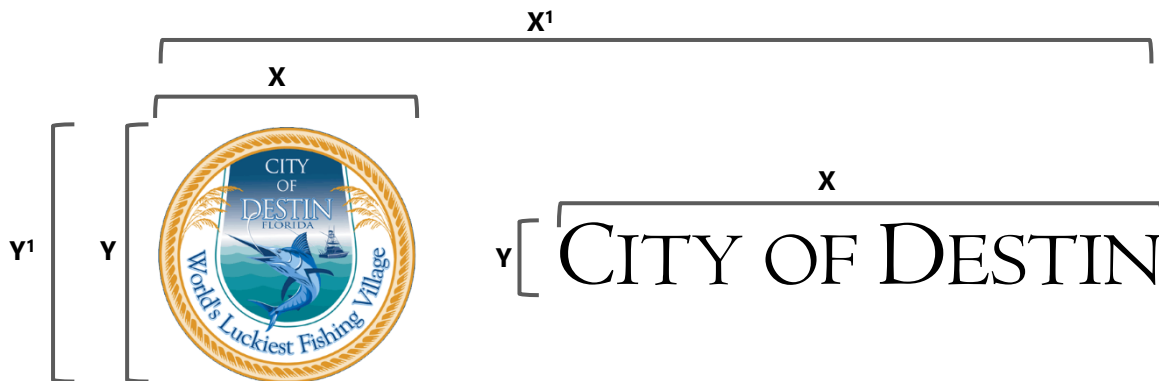


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**'X' x 'Y' = square footage of sign face
(X¹ x Y¹) used if using both elements as one (1) sign per 8.05.01.A**

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.

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- 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.

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- 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 DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC SIGNS

- A. Digital signage is prohibited and strictly not permitted within the city limits of Destin.
- B. Exception and Regulations
 - 1. Digital signs are allowed specifically for Institutional uses only in the Institutional zoning district.
 - 2. Restrictions:
 - a. Time: at all times
 - b. Place: allowed only in the Institutional District following Table 8.03-1 in Section 8.03.
 - c. Manner:
 - i. Square footage: All digital signs shall follow Table 8.03-1 for size allowance, however in no case shall a digital sign exceed sixty square feet (60 sq.ft.) in sign face.
 - ii. Height: no digital sign shall be higher than eight feet (8') in height.
 - iii. No digital sign shall display moving or perceived motion on the sign.
 - iv. No digital sign shall display flashing or blinking displays
 - v. Each message shall be displayed for no less than fifteen (15) seconds.
 - vi. Brightness: All digital signs shall comply with lighting standards established in LDC Section 6.05.

SECTION 8.07.03 REMOVAL AND ATTRITION

- 1. All nonconforming signage will be granted ten (10) years to remain, as of the adoption date of this code. After this period, if the digital 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. Where there is a change in ownership or other transfer of an interest in the real property on which a legal nonconforming on-premises sign is located, said sign shall thereafter be considered an illegal sign and shall be removed immediately, at the expense of the new owner.

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ARTICLE 8 – SIGN REGULATIONS

SECTION 8.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT

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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.

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- 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 by floodlights or spotlights ~~shall comply with the lighting regulations located within Article 6 of this Code. 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.
- 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 within the clear visibility triangle near street and driveway intersections shall **meet all standards of the latest edition of the Florida Greenbook.** ~~not be erected or placed in such a manner as to impede 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 or ~~Over~~ Public or Private Right-of-Way
 - 1. Signs ~~support(s) or structure(s)~~ 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. Over Public or Private Right-of-Way~~
 - 1. ~~No ground sign shall project over a public ROW, except as allowed by this Article in specific situations.~~
- ~~D.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.
- ~~E.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.

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~~F.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 8.032-1.
- ~~E. The sign face area of any non-conforming sign located on the premises shall be included for purposes of determining the maximum allowable building sign face area.~~
- ~~F. All permanent signs 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 it to be tied down.~~
- ~~1. The intent of this section is to prevent permanent signs that are made in a banner style or banner materials or similar setup that is tied down or wrapped around a permanent sign structure.~~

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.

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SECTION 8.03.03. PERMANENT SIGN ALLOWANCES

Table 8.03-1 Sign Dimension Allowance					
	Permanent Commercial		Permanent Non-Commercial		
	Free Standing	Attached	Free Standing	Attached	
Residential Districts					
Total sq. ft.	See Section 8.03.04.F	Permanent Commercial Signage is not allowed in any Residential District.	3250 sq. ft.		
Max individual Sign sq. ft.			1625 sq. ft.		
Max Height			126'/Footnote 1	Footnote 1 See 8.02-05	
Front Setbacks			10'	N/A	
Mixed Use Districts					
Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.032-2	Footnote 2 & 3 See Table 8.02-3.	60 sq. ft.	60 sq. ft. / Footnote 2 & 32	
Max individual Sign sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.		
Max Height	8' / Footnote 112' / Footnote 1	Footnote 12	128' / Footnote 1	Footnote 12	
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A	
SHMU & NHMU District					
Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.032-2	Footnote 2 & 3	60 sq. ft.	Footnote 2 & 33- & 4	
Max individual Sign sq. ft.		100 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	15 sq. ft.	
Max Height	8' / Footnote 112' / Footnote 1	Footnote 12	128' / Footnote 1	Footnote 12	
Front Setbacks	10' / Footnote 45	N/A	10'	N/A	
Waterfront Sign	See Table 8.032-2	N/A	See Table 8.032-2	N/A	
CG, CTS, IN, INST, A Districts					
Total sq. ft.	See Table 8.032-2	Footnote 2 & 33- & 4	150 sq. ft.	Footnote 3 & 4	
Max individual Sign sq. ft.		100 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	15 sq. ft.	
Max Height	12' / Footnote 125'	Footnote 12	12' / Footnote 125'	Footnote 1	
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A	
REC & CON Districts					
Total sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.		Permanent Non-commercial signage is not allowed in the Recreation or Conservation Districts.		
Max individual Sign sq. ft.	60 sq. ft.				
Max Height	12' / Footnote 18'	Footnote 13			
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. Fifteen percent (15%) of the sign width, based on width of the sign face, may exceed the eight feet (8') limit to a maximum height of twelve feet (12').
- 2.1. 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.
- 3.2. Single-occupancy Building: Fifteen percent (15%) of the façade not to exceed 150 sq. ft.
- 4.3. 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.
- 5.4. 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

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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, pedestrian or vehicular movement/access.

All Districts	Face square footage	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of street frontage not to exceed 150'	
	Number of signs per street frontage	Less than 500' of street frontage	1 sign
		500' or more	2 signs
	Sign spacing	Minimum of 150' within the same property	
SHMU Waterfront signs	Number of signs	1 sign fronting the Destin Harbor per property	
	Sign face square footage	0.5 sq. ft. per linear foot of water frontage not to exceed 80 sq. ft.	

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.
 - a.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.

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- 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 eight feet (8') 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.
 1. 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:
 1. ~~Be attached to a building or located in a manner similar to, or a light source as provided in Sections 16.05.04. E, and F,~~
 2. 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.
 3. A temporary sign other than a light source must be:
 - a. Constructed of rigid material; and
 - b. Secured at all corners or edges to prevent wave action or from moving due to wind forces.
 4. 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.
 1. 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.
 2. 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.
 1. Attached, i.e., a "building sign" or a sign that is attached to a structure that is occupiable by or useable.
 2. Free Standing, i.e., a "ground sign" that is independent of another structure.

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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 sSq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	3275 sq. ft.	3275 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sSq. ft.	6 sq. ft.	6 sq. ft.	165 sq. ft.	165 sq. ft.
Max. Height	6'	Footnote 1	6'	Footnote 1
Front Setbacks	10'	N/A	10'	N/A
Mixed Use Districts				
Total sSq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sSq. 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 sSq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sSq. 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 sSq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
Max. Individual Sign sSq. 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 sSq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.	Temporary non-commercial signage is not allowed in the Recreation or Conservation Districts.	
Max. individual Sign sSq. 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.

- 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

- During a special event, temporary signage, whether free-standing or attached, may be allowed according to the following regulations and Table 8.04-24
- Commercial Special Event Signage**
 - All commercial special events proposing to utilize temporary signage shall apply for a special event sign permit.

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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 ten (10) days prior to the event start.
5. Signage shall ~~come down~~ be removed no later than thirty (30) 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. Signages shall only be allowed forty-five (45) days prior to the event.
3. Signages shall be removed within ten (10) days after conclusion of the event.

	Temporary Commercial Event	Temporary Non-Commercial Event
Total sSq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.
Max individual Sign sSq. 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.

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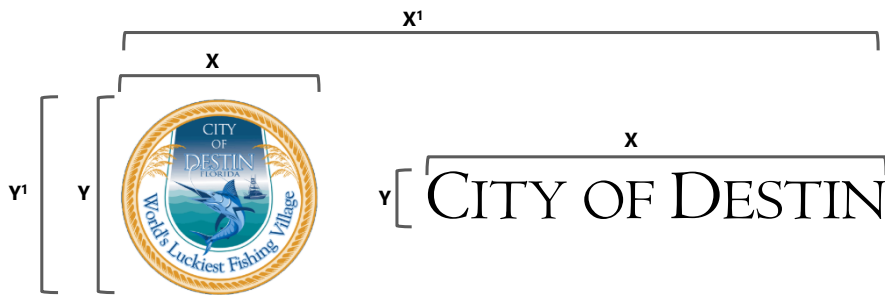
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SECTION 8.05 MEASUREMENT DETERMINATIONS

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 8.04-31](#) 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 8.04-31](#) below.



'X' x 'Y' = square footage of sign face
(X¹ x Y¹) used if using both elements as one (1) sign per [8.054.012.A](#)

Figure 8.04-31 - Sign Measurements

SECTION 8.05.02 NUMBER OF SIGNS

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- A. ~~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 as described in Section 8.04.01 above.~~
- B. ~~Special Situations~~
- ~~Where two sign face areas are placed back-to-back and are a part of the same sign structure that is no wider/deeper than three feet (3'), it shall be counted as one sign.~~
 - ~~If a sign has four sign face areas arranged in a square, rectangle, or diamond, it shall be counted as two signs.~~

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:
- Address numbering for properties or buildings provided they meet Fire and building codes.
 - Signs of two square feet or less provided that such sign, or combination of signs, do not constitute a sign prohibited by this Article.
 - Signs less than three square feet when required by any local state or federal law or regulation.
 - Holiday lights and decorations.
 - Signs authorized by statute or ordinance when erected on public property by governmental agencies that have jurisdiction.
 - Legal notices or official instruments when required by law.
 - 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.
 - Signs incorporated into machinery, material, or equipment by a manufacturer.
 - Signs carried by a person not exceeding six (6) square feet.
 - Temporary signs as permitted by this Article.
 - ~~Standards of political, religious, governmental, or other jurisdictional authority provided these do not contain any commercial speech. These types of signs are commonly referred to as "flags."~~

SECTION 8.07 PROHIBITED SIGNS

SECTION 8.07.01 PROHIBITED SIGN TYPES

The following signs are expressly prohibited:

- Signs that are in violation of the Florida building or electrical code.
- 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.
- 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~~2~~. ~~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.~~
- Signs tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, utility poles or fences.

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- 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)~~ten 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. ~~Signs, commonly referred to as wind signs, consisting of one or more signs made up of banners or banner like material, 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. Flags are explicitly not a wind device. 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.

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- 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: ~~any sign on a vehicle more than four (4) square feet that is not either painted or affixed and flush with the vehicle's body in wrap form. Any form of signage that protrudes from or in which the vehicle body, shell, bed, trunk, fascia, windows, doors, or other integral part of the vehicle is altered, by welding, bolting, or similar fastening is prohibited. Any sign that is attached to, placed in or on a vehicle is considered a portable sign.~~
- Y. Obscene signs.
- Z. Roof signs: ~~or a sign that is placed or located on a roof or roof structure, or any portion of the sign that is displayed above the cornice line of any building or structure.~~
- AA. 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 City Manager or designee, 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.~~

SECTION 8.07.02 DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC SIGNS

- A. Digital signage is prohibited and strictly not permitted within the city limits of Destin.
- B. Exception and Regulations
 - 1. Digital signs are allowed specifically for Institutional uses only in the Institutional zoning district.
 - 2. Restrictions:
 - a. Time: at all times
 - b. Place: allowed only in the Institutional District following Table 8.032-1 in Section 8.032.

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c. Manner:

- i. Square footage: All digital signs shall follow Table 8.032-1 for size allowance, however in no case shall a digital sign exceed sixty square feet (60 sq.ft.) in sign face.
- ii. Height: no digital sign shall be higher than eight feet (8') in height.
- iii. No digital sign shall display moving or perceived motion on the sign.
- iv. No digital sign shall display flashing or blinking displays
- v. Each message shall be displayed for no less than fifteen (15) seconds.
- v.vi. Brightness: All digital signs shall comply with lighting standards established in LDC Section 6.05.

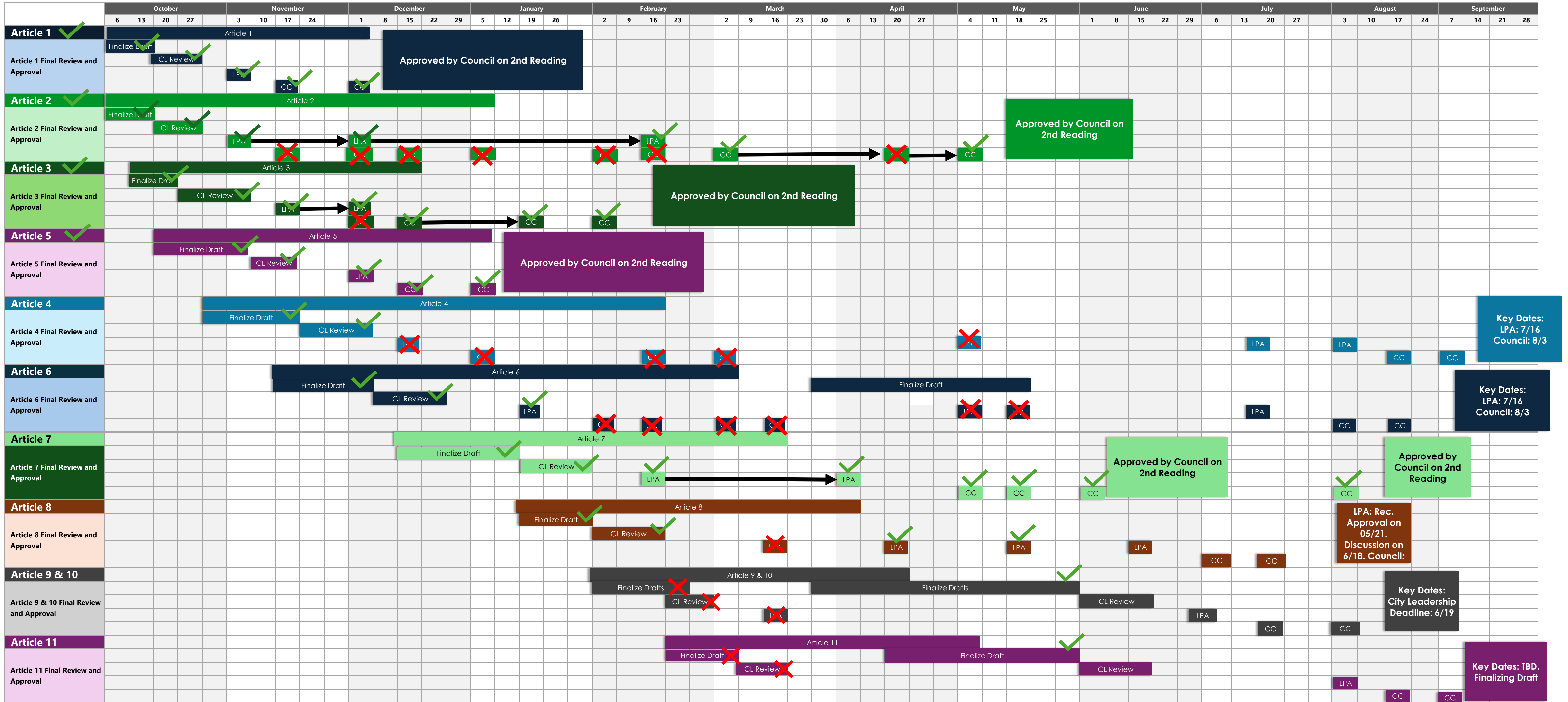
REMOVAL AND ATTRITION SECTION 8.07.03 REMOVAL AND ATTRITION

C. —

1. All existing digital signage is considered nonconforming as of the adoption of this Code, except as provided for in paragraph B above.
2. No permits shall be issued authorizing the replacement, relocation, or expansion of any existing digital sign.
3. If a digital sign becomes dilapidated or requires replacement, it shall only be replaced by a sign in conformance with the Article.
- 4.1. All existing digital ~~nonconforming~~ signage will be granted ~~72 months (6 years)~~ ten (10) years to remain, as of the adoption date of this code. After this period, if the digital 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. Where there is a change in ownership or other transfer of an interest in the real property on which a legal nonconforming on-premises sign is located, said sign shall thereafter be considered an illegal sign and shall be removed immediately, at the expense of the new owner.

a.

City of Destin LDC Rewrite Approval Timeline



5' - 7"

5' - 0"

5' - 7"

3' - 0"

28" Red Digits



MAPCO

UNLEADED

73.52 sf
REWARDS
20.96 sf
3.88 9



23' - 7 1/2"

