

500.I Permitted, Limited, Exempt, and Prohibited Sign Types

1. Permitted and Limited Sign Types.

Table 500.2 identifies Permitted and Limited sign types. Permitted sign types are those that require a sign permit, they are identified with a "P". Limited signs shall not require a sign permit and are identified by a "L". Limited signs shall be allowed in addition to Permitted signs. All sign types shall meet requirements listed in Section 501. For any sign type in the table that does not include a "P," or an "L" the sign type is prohibited. Any sign that does not meet standards shall require a sign permit, may require an adjustment process, and sign square footage shall count toward overall sign square footage allowed per lot or use.

Table 500.2 Permitted and Limited Sign Types

	SFR	MFR	BA	TCC	PC	CCR	I
Permanent							
Awning/Canopy		P	P	P	P	P	20
Channel Letter						P	P
Dimensional Letters		P	P	P	P	P	P
Display			L	L	L	L	
Free Form			P	P	P	P	
Freestanding	P	P	P		P	P	P
Incidental	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Integral				L	L		
Marquee			P	P			
Portable			L	L	L	L	
Projected			P	P			
Projecting	P		P	P	P		
Wall	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Window	P		P	P	P	P	
Temporary							
Banner			P	P	P	P	
Yard Sign, Large	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Yard Sign, Small	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

In addition to the sign types listed in Table 500.2, the following actions require a sign permit:

- a. **Corporate Colors.**
The use of a corporate color scheme on a structure shall be considered signage. Any colored area that is differentiated from the rest of the structure shall be regulated as a permanent sign and the area included with total sign area for the lot or use.
- b. **Changing of Copy.**
A change to sign copy requires a Sign Permit Amendment. Only sign copy may change, no portion of the structure, square footage, or other sign element may change without application for a Sign Permit. Change of copy excludes alteration to a window sign.
- c. **Alteration.**
A sign alteration includes but is not limited to a change to sign area, materials, structure, size, location, or lighting of an existing sign, or any alteration to a window sign. Sign alteration requires a new Sign Permit. Alteration includes the addition of corporate color to a sign or other structure or the addition of a differentiated background that results in additional sign area.

2. Exempt Sign Types allowed without a Sign Permit.

Signs listed in this Section are allowed without a sign permit and may be located in any zone district in addition to Limited and Permitted signs. Exempt signs shall meet standards as listed below. A sign that does not meet standards shall require a sign permit, may require an adjustment process, and sign square footage shall count toward overall sign square footage allowed per lot, use, or project area.

- a. **Art.**
Includes all art approved or permitted by the City of Steamboat Springs that does not include a commercial message, as determined by the Director.
- b. **Flags.**

Flags and Flagpoles shall meet standards in Section 501.B. Flagpoles shall be a maximum height of 20 feet above existing grade. Flags shall not exceed 25 square feet in area and shall be generally rectangular in shape. A maximum of two flags shall be allowed per lot or project area.

c. **Interior Signs.**

d. **Public Signs.** Signs shall meet standards in Section 501.B.3-5.

e. **Vehicle Signs.**

Shall meet standards in Section 501.B and are subject to the following limitations:

- i. The vehicle sign shall display a product or activity offered by a use on the same premises or within the project area where the vehicle is located; and
- ii. The sign shall be a maximum of four square feet in area; and
- iii. Any vehicle displaying a vehicle sign shall meet all legal requirements and be regularly operated; and
- iv. The vehicle shall not be used for storage; and
- v. A vehicle may not be parked on a lot or within a project area for more than 48 continuous hours; and
- vi. An off-premises vehicle sign is prohibited, excluding vehicles temporarily parked for the purpose of actively conducting business.

3. Prohibited Sign Types.

The following signs and devices are determined to be a nuisance and are prohibited in all zone districts.

- a. Signs which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner which may be confused with or construed as a traffic control device or which obscure any traffic or street sign or signal.
- b. The tacking, posting, or otherwise affixing of signs or bills of a miscellaneous character on buildings, structures, trees, natural features, poles, fences, benches, utility structures, bus stops or other structures visible from a public street or pedestrian frontage.
- c. Abandoned Signs.
- d. Animated, moving, reflective or other similar signs.
- e. Audible Signs.
- f. Beacons or searchlights.
- g. Box or Cabinet Sign.
- h. Emitting Signs.
- i. Feather Flags, pennants, streamers, balloons, lighter than air objects or other similar wind driven signs.
- j. Gas Pump Canopy Signs.
- k. Inflatable Signs.
- l. Awnings or Canopies with internal illumination.
- m. Channel letters with internal illumination.
- n. All internally illuminated signs.
- o. Neon Signs.
- p. Off-Premises Signs. Unless allowed by an approved sign plan, variance, or development plan as outlined in this Article.
- q. Single Pole Signs.
- r. Projected copy such as motion pictures, film slides, holographs or other similar images. Does not include projected signs.
- s. Roof Signs.

Commented [TS1]: The community has not yet made a decision about internally illuminated signs. This draft is subject to change.