

501.F Permitted, Limited, Exempt, and Prohibited Sign Types

1. Permitted and Limited Sign Types

Table 500.2 identifies Permitted and Limited sign types and those types that may be allowed with approval of Major Adjustment.

- a. Permitted sign types require a sign permit and are identified with a “P”.
- b. Limited signs shall not require a sign permit and are identified by a “L”. Limited signs shall be allowed in addition to Permitted signs.
- c. Sign types that may be allowed by Major Adjustment are identified by an “A”. Signs allowed by a Major Adjustment require a sign permit.
- d. For any sign type in the table that does not include a “P,” “L,” or “A;” the sign type is prohibited.
- e. All sign types shall meet requirements listed in each specific sign type standard, see Sections 507- 528.
- f. 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.

Table 501.2 Permitted and Limited Sign Types

	SFR	MFR	BA	TCC	PC	CCR	IC
Permanent							
Awning/Canopy		P	P	P	P	P	P
Display			L	L	L	L	A
Free Form			P	P	P	P	A
Freestanding ¹	P	P	P		P	P	P
Incidental	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Integral	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Marquee			P	P	A	A	A
Portable		A	L	L	L	L	A
Projected			P	P	A	A	
Projecting ²	P		P	P	P	A	A
Wall ²	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Window ²	P		P	P	P	P	A
Temporary							
Banner			P	P	P	P	A
Yard Sign, Large	P ³	P	P	P	P	P	P
Yard Sign, Small	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Yard Sign, Small, Limited Time	L	L	L	L	L	L	L

¹In the SFR Context Area Freestanding Signs are allowed for a neighborhood or a nonresidential lot, Freestanding Signs are prohibited for single-family or two-family lots.

²See Section 520 Home Occupation Sign Type Standards for signs in the SFR Context Area. These sign types are prohibited for lots or buildings without an approved Home Occupation.

³In the SFR Context Area a Large Yard Sign is only allowed for an approved Subdivision, Multiple-Family development or non-residential development project.

2. Actions that require a permit

In addition to the sign types listed in Table 501.2, the following actions require a sign permit:

a. Additional Color or Color Differentiation

The addition of color, graphics, color differentiation, background differentiation, or new sign copy to a structure shall be considered signage. Color added to part of or added to an entire structure shall be regulated as a permanent sign. The square footage of the colored or differentiated area shall be included with the total allowable sign area for the lot, project area, 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 Sign Permit or Amendment depending on the magnitude of the change.

3. 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 503.A. 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 503.A.3-5.

e. **Vehicle Signs**

Shall meet standards in Section 503.A 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.

4. 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. Emitting Signs.
- h. Feather Flags, pennants, streamers, balloons, lighter than air objects or other similar wind driven signs.
- i. Gas Pump Canopy Signs.
- j. Inflatable Signs.
- k. Off-Premises Signs. Unless allowed by an approved Adjustment, Variance, or Development Plan as outlined in this Article.
- l. Open Channel Letters
- m. Projected copy such as motion pictures, film slides, holographs or other similar images. Does not include projected signs.
- n. Roof Signs.