

Fontana Sign Ordinances

General Rules

a) No sign shall hereafter be erected, re-erected, constructed or altered except as provided by this article and until a permit for the sign has been issued by the community development department. Where signs are illuminated by lighting, either internally or externally, a separate electrical permit shall be obtained. For more information, the City Code at Sec. 3-84. – Sign permit Required.

Public Right of Way

Taken from Sec. 3-90. – Nonconforming signs Prohibitions. (d) This section regarding nonconforming signs shall not apply to any legal signs made nonconforming by action of the city to widen a right-of-way.

Prohibited Signs

All signs not expressly permitted are prohibited in all zones, including but not limited to the following: (1) Roof signs. (2) Flashing signs. (3) Animated signs. For more examples, visit the City Code at Sec. 3-162. – Prohibited signs.

All signs not expressly permitted are prohibited in all zones, included by not limited to the following:

- (1) Roof signs.
- (2) Flashing signs.
- (3) Animated signs.
- (4) Projecting signs.
- (5) Portable and A-frame signs.
- (6) Painted signs.
- (7) Vehicle signs, as provided in [section 3-173](#).
- (8) Signs blocking doors or fire escapes.
- (9) Balloon signs.

(10) Outdoor advertising structures (billboards), except as permitted by [section 3-177](#).

(11) Changeable copy signs (except theatre and library marquee signs).

(12) Exposed raceways, except as outlined in [section 3-174](#).

(13) Other signs as to be determined similar as items (1) through (12) above by the community development director and/or his/her designee.

(Ord. No. 1240, § 6, 3-3-98; Ord. No. 1329, § 7, 8-1-00; Ord. No. 1337, § 5, 12-5-00; Ord. No. 1657, § 3, 4-10-12; Ord. No. 1658, § 3, 4-10-12; Ord. No. 1720, § 2, 2-10-15)

- **Sec. 3-163. - Temporary signs.**

A temporary sign permit may be issued by the building official, subject to the provisions of [section 3-84](#) for the following uses:

(1) Temporary 45-day signs. A temporary 45-day sign permit may be issued for the following special signs:

a.

One banner not exceeding 60 square feet in area shall be permitted when announcing a grand opening of a new business or a special event at the site where the banner is to be displayed. A second banner may be permitted if the business has more than one street frontage.

b.

Window signs not exceeding 25 percent of a window area. Such signs may be painted in water soluble paints or constructed of paper.

c.

One banner not exceeding 30 square feet shall be permitted. A second banner may be permitted if the residential complex has more than one frontage.

d.

Windflag signs (feather signs) shall be permitted provided that no hazard is created. Any such windflag shall be located in a commercial or industrial district and shall not be located in any public right-of-way or line of sight as determined by the City Engineer or his/her designee. The height of the windflag shall not exceed 15 feet. Windflag signs shall not be more than five feet for tear drop windflag signs or two and one-half feet for all other types of windflag signs. They shall be spaced no closer than 15 feet from another windflag sign. There shall be no more than two windflag signs per tenant for multitenant sites and no more than four windflag signs for a single tenant site. The windflag sign shall only be

permitted on private property, located within a landscaped area or other area that does not obstruct or impede a pedestrian walkway, parking space, or drive aisle.

(Ord. No. 1240, § 6, 3-3-98; Ord. No. 1658, § 4, 4-10-12; Ord. No. 1720, § 3, 2-10-15)

Real Estate Signs

Temporary real estate signs advertising real property which has been subdivided for the purposes of sale or lease shall be subject to the following conditions: (1) The sign shall remain only as long as some portion of the property advertised for sale remains unsold, or for a period of two years from the recordation of the final map, whichever period is shorter. For more information, visit the City Code at Sec. 3-165. – Same Temporary on-site.

Penalties

Taken from Sec. 3-86. – Violations; penalties; abatement of nuisances. It is illegal to use, occupy, or maintain property in violation of this article. Any violation or failure to comply with the provisions of this article shall render a person guilty of a misdemeanor, and such person shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of section 1-7.

Miscellaneous (other notable information)

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