

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance 18-02

§ 8.04.02 SIGNS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.

(A) Real estate signs indicating the sale, long-term rental or lease of the property on which the signs are located. Said signs are not to exceed six square feet per face on properties zoned residential. Two signs are allowed per property. In cases of commercially zoned property (B-1, B-2) or three or more contiguous residential lots, a single sign, not to exceed 18 square feet and the dimensions of three feet by six feet, is permitted. The signs are not to be illuminated and must be removed 60 days after the closing or lease of the property.

(B) Political signs representing candidates for election or issues present on a ballot shall be allowed in all zoning districts. Such signs are not to exceed six square feet per face. Signs shall not contain more than two faces. Signs on private property may be posted only after the official campaign period has begun. Signs must be removed within five days following the appropriate election. Property owners and political candidates are equally responsible for the removal of signs. Signs in a right-of-way shall comply with G.S. § 136-32, as amended.

(Ord. passed 11-2-2011; Ord. 2015-1, passed 1-7-2015; Ord. 2016-1, passed 4-7-2016)

§ 8.09 TEMPORARY SIGNS.

(A) Temporary signs, except real estate signs and political signs, require a temporary sign permit. No temporary sign may exceed ~~32~~ **3' x 6' (18 sq. ft.)**. The of a temporary sign shall not exceed 30 days. No more than two temporary sign permits, per business, can be issued in any one calendar year. Temporary signs display include banners for special temporary events and uses, such as grand openings and special events.

(B) Seasonal rental signs shall be attached to the structure or placed in ground and not within the right-of-way and not to exceed two feet in height. All seasonal rental signs shall not exceed two square feet. One seasonal rental sign is allowed for each rental property.

(C) Temporary construction signs shall be allowed if such signs are limited to one sign per road frontage and no more than two signs are present per property. Such signs are not to exceed six square feet in areas zoned residential and are not to exceed ~~32~~ **3' x 6' (18 sq. ft.)** in areas zoned commercial. Construction signs must be removed within 60 days of the final inspection or issuance of certificate of occupancy.

(D) Temporary signs related to service providers require a temporary sign permit. Any such signs are limited to display for a maximum of 30 days from the date of the issuance of the permit and shall be a minimum of three square feet and shall not exceed a maximum of six square feet.

~~(E) Real estate signs not located on individual sites but within the subdivision and otherwise conforming to all other requirements requires a sign permit that shall expire after the initial sale of the last property. Maximum size permitted shall be 32 square feet.~~

(Ord. passed 11-2-2011)

Table 8-1 Allowed Sign Types by Zoning District

The following chart indicates the type and maximum size (in square feet) of signs permitted in each zoning district. If the sign chart gives no numerical maximum size, then the indicated type of sign is not permitted in the indicated zoning district:

<i>Zoning District</i>	<i>All Residential</i>	<i>All Commercial</i>
Business and professional		100 sq. ft.
Campground		6 sq. ft.
Church/school/parks	50 sq. ft.	50 sq. ft.
Directional	4 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.
Home occupation	6 sq. ft.; height 2 ft.	
Real estate for sale/rent	6 sq. ft. or 32 sq. ft. 3' x 6' (18 sq. ft.) for 3 or more contiguous lots/ seasonal rentals: 2 sq. ft.	3' x 6' (18 sq. ft.)
	32 sq. ft.	
Residential developments	20 sq. ft.	

These regulations shall be interpreted to permit one freestanding sign, either single-faced or double-faced, for each permitted use on the lot or premises.

Signs intended to advertise the sale or rental of any single item, residence or property on the same premises shall be permitted provided that the business sign requirements for the district in which the article is located are met. Such signs shall be removed upon the sale or rental of the item, residence or property.

Portable signs meeting area and height limits of this section and advertising businesses on the same property on which they are located may be permitted as a temporary use provided they are removed within 30 days.

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