# **Sign Ordinance**



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AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SIGNS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH BURLINGTON

The Council of the City of South Burlington hereby ordains

SECTION 1. Short Title

This ordinance shall hereafter be known and cited as the "South Burlington Sign Ordinance".

SECTION 21. Purpose and Authority and Purpose

This ordinance is enacted by the City Council under the authority it is granted to regulate signs set forth in 24 V.S.A. Socion 2291 and Section 24 of the South Burlington City Charter. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public welfare and safety by regulating existing and proposed signs. It is intended hereby to reduce sign distractions and obstructions that may contribute to traffic accidents, to reduce hazards that may be caused by signs in disrepair or of faulty construction, and to curb deterioration of natural beauty, open space and community environment.

It is intended that in commercial areas now in existence and in proposed commercial and industrial areas, all signs within one complex be coordinated with the architecture and surroundings in such a manner that the overall appearance is harmonious in color, form and proportion.

It is further intended that the display of signs will be appropriate to the land, building or use to which they are appurtenant and be adequate, but not excessive, for the intended purpose of identification.

This ordinance is enacted by the City Council under the authority it is granted to regulate signs set forth in 24 V.S.A. Section 2291 and Section 104 of the South Burlington City Charter. This ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

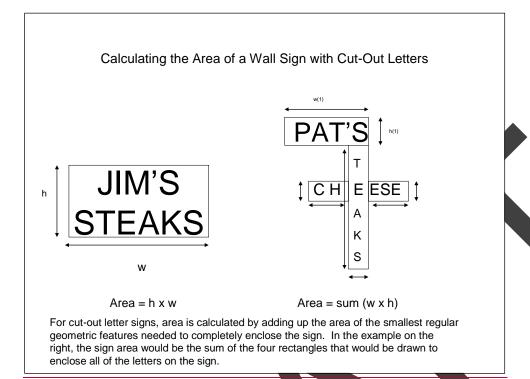
## **SECTION 32.** Definitions

This ordinance is enacted by the City Council under the authority it is granted to magnitude signs set forth in 24 VSA § 2291 and Charter § 13-104. This ordinance shall constitute a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 VSA Chapter 59.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meaking ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different morning:

- (a) "A-Frame" or "Sandwich Board" as used in this Ordinance shall be interchangeable terms that mean a moveable sign not secured or attached to the ground or surface upon which it is located, but located but supported by its own frame and most often forming the cross-sectional shape of an "A".
- (b) "Action Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe intentional movement of a sign body or any segment thereof, such as, rotating, revolving, moving up or down or any other type of action involving a change of position of the sign body or segment thereof, whether caused by mechanical or any other means.
- (c) "Animated Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean many lighted sign on an intermittent or flashing circuit or the movement of any light used in connection with any sign, such as but not limited to blinking, traveling, flaring or changing degree of intensity.
- (d) "Area of Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall me
  - (A) (1) fFor an outCut-Out Letters, the back for the area of the sign shall be computed by taking one-half the area enclosed within the smallest regular geometric figure or figures needed to completely encompass all letters, including vertical and horizontal spacings between letters (see Illustration 10.1). In no case shall the basis for the resulting area of the sign exceed one hundred (100) square feet.

## Illustration 3-1 Area of a Wall Sign with Cut-Out Letters



- (B) <del>(2)</del> <u>FF</u>or signs other than cut-out letters, the area of the sign shall exclude the supporting structure and shall be computed by taking the total area within the outer edge of the sign.
- (C) (3) sSigns having two (2) parallel and attached faces shall be considered as one sign, and the area shall be computed for one side only. In the case of an "A-frameA-Frame" or "sandwich board" sign, the area shall be calculated for one side of the "A-frameA-Frame" or "sandwich board" only.
- (D) fFor signs having more than two (2) sides, the relevant sign area shall be the sum of all areas on which information and/or graphics are displayed.
- open or translucent back so that light from the letter is directed against the surface behind the letter, producing a halo lighting effect around the letter.
- (g) "Banners and Pennants" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a Any advertising device affixed to poles, wires or ropes, such as Banners, Pennants, streamers, wind operated propellers, string lighting or other similar advertising media, but not to include properly displayed governmental flags.
- (h) "Billboard Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a Any structure attached or detached from any building and bearing a sign which is not appurtenant to any business conducted on the property where the sign is located.

- (i) "Code Officer" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe individuals in City Government designated by the City Council to administer and enforce this Ordinance. The Code Officer may delegate his authority hereunder to such assistants as may be authorized by the City Council.
- (j) "Construction or Project Signs" as used in this Ordinance shall mean aAny sign or advertising device erected on a project site prior to or during a new construction project, substantial renovation project or exterior painting projectproject.
- (k) "Cut-Out" or "Cut-Out Letters" shall mean IL etters, numbers, emblems and symbols which are detached or separately molded from the material from which they were made.
- (I) "Depth" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe longest horizontal dimension of a sign and/or support structure, measured parallel to the ground and perpendicular to the face of the sign. In the case of signs with multiple faces, the sign depth shall be the longest of the horizontal dimensions measured for each sign face.
- (m) "Directional Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall me in a sign designed to direct and inform the public as to the location of exits, entrances, service areas, loading and unloading areas, and designated parking spaces or areas, or similar wording of an informational nature.
- (n) "Directory Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean Aa sign that identifies the names and locations of tenants in a multi-tenant building or in a development made up of a group of buildings, and buildings and may include identification of incidental services or facilities in the same building or development.
- (o) "Erect" as used in this Ordinance shall mean to building, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend or affix, and shall also include the painting of Wall signs.

Feather Flag Sign An upright portable sign that contains a harpoon-style pole or staff driven into the ground for support or supported by means of an individual stand.

- (p) "Florescent Colors" as used in the Ardinance shall open. Ceolors that reflect not only their own color, but also convert the shorter wave lengths into radiant energy causing them to appear 3 to 4 times as bright as ordinary color. These colors do not reflect light toward its source in the intense manner that Reflectorized materials do, but rather in an amount similar to a white painted surface.
- (g) Free-Standing Sign weed in the Ordinance shall mean a A sign detached from any building. Vending machines located outside of a building with images of products for sale that are clearly visible from the public right-of-way shall be considered free-standing signs and shall be subject to all provisions of this Ordinance.
- (r) "Gross Façade Area" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe gross surface area of all exterior Walls of a building exposed to public view.
- (s) "Incidental sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the Lot on which it is located, such as "no parking," "loading only," "telephone," or other similar directives. Additional signs that may be considered incidental include but are not limited to "ice," "bottle return," "vacancy/no vacancy," or "service." Traffic warning signs such as "Stop" or "Right Turn Only" shall not be considered incidental.

<u>Inflatable or wind sign</u> Any objects inflated or otherwise supported or moving by air, wind, or other gasses, used to advertise goods or services or direct attention to the property on which such signit is located, regardless of whether text or graphics are included.

- (t) "Interpretive Signage" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a sign providing information that interprets a natural, historical or cultural resource, event or site. Such signs shall be located only on sites directly related to the information contained in the sign.
- (u) "Landscape Feature Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a A free-standing solid Wall or solid earthen berm, made of soil or other natural materials as defined in this Ordinance, and not attached to any building, that has been approved by the South Burlington Development Review Board or Administrative Officer in accordance with the provisions of the South Burlington Land Development Regulations, as amended. Fences shall not be considered landscape features for purposes of this ordinance, irrespective of the material of which the fence is made.
- (v) "Logo" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a A symbol or design that represents goods, identity or service.

(w) "Lot" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a A parcel of land owned by a lot owner, the boundaries of which are: 1) established by a deed or deeds recorded in the land records of the City of South Burlington, and the records of any public road right-of-way; or 2) shown on a plat approved by the South Burlington Planning Commission or Development Review Board pursuant to subdivision regulations, provided such approval has not expired.

When a lot owner owns a lot which fails to meet Hot size requirements under the South Burlington Land Development Regula h lot is con us to another lot owned by the same lot owner, such contiguous lots shall c 1) contiguous lots which as of June 7, 1947 were tute a sir devoted to separate parate lots so long as such lots continue to be unrelated us <del>shall constitu</del> 2) contiguous lots which are devoted to uses approved as devoted to separate and elated . separate uses under the So pment Regulations shall constitute separate lots provided conduc compliance with the terms and conditions of the approvals granted; or 3) con as lots w e show a plat approved by the South Burlington Planning Commission or ubdivision regulations shall constitute separate lots provided such <del>ment Review Be</del> <del>oursuan</del>i val has not expired.

- (x) "Lot owner" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe record owner of fee title to a Lot.
- (y) "Luminescent" as used by this Ordinance shall mean A any light, produced by the action of electricity in an enclosed gas, such as neon, argon or fluorine.
- (z) "Luminous Material" as used in this Ordinance shall mean aA material that stores light and glows in the dark. The glow can be described as a weak soft light.

Maintain a Sign When the words "maintain a sign" or words of similar effect are used herein in reference to the ability for a sign to continue in existence, it shall be interpreted as such or when used in a manner referring to the keeping of a sign in good order, it shall carry such meaning.

- "Marquees, canopies or awnings" as used in this Ordinance shall mean b Building mounted fabric and frame constructions or free-standing fabric (or other similar material) and frame that is attached to a building. and used for seasonal and/or advertising purposes that do or do not contain graphics or sign information for a particular establishment.
- (e) "Marquee, Awning, canopy or marquee Awning sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean IL ogos and lettering on awnings, canopies or marquees, and graphics associated with such Logos and lettering. Such signs shall be considered Wall signs, incidental signs or directional signs for purposes of this Ordinance, based on the information conveyed, and shall be counted towards the maximum number and area of signs permitted for a building or property in accordance with the standards for the applicable type of sign. The area of the signs shall be calculated using the provisions for Cut-Out Letters in the last defined under "Area of a Sign" above.
- (bb) "Mural" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a purely decorative treatment on the exterior Wall of a building that does not have the overt intent or effect of advertising a product or service for sale or an agency, organization or business.
- (cc) "Name Plate Sign" as used in this Ordinance share more than one (1) square foot in area used to identify the owner or owners of a private residence.
- "Natural Materials" as used in the Scaling see shall mean Undigenous materials such as plants, shrubs, trees, wood that is stained or painted a neutral brown or grey color, unpainted stone, decorative textured masonry or concrete, and unpainted brick. "Natural Materials" shall not include glass or smooth (un-textured) poured concrete for purposes of this Ordinance.
- (ee) "Off-Premise Signage" as used in this configurance shall mean a Any sign that is not displayed on the same premises where the goods, entity or services advertised are located.
- (ff) "Parapet Wall" as a wall in this Or in ance shall mean A low Wall along the edge of a roof, and being a portion of the Wall which extends above the line of the roof, with the exterior to the extension forming a continuous plane with the Wall below.
- Perpendicular Sign A sign attached to, or hanging from a structure attached to the wall of a building or structure with the expose of face of the sign in a plane perpendicular or roughly perpendicular to the face of said wwall. A perpendicular sign shall not be considered a wall sign
- (gg) "Person" as used in this Ordinance shall mean and include aAny person, individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or incorporated or unincorporated organization or group of any kind.
- (hh) "Plate Line" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe point at which any part of the roof structure first touches, or bears upon, an external Wall.
- (ii) "Point-of-Purchase Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe signage that advertises a product at its point of sale, or "point of purchase" location.
- (jj) "Principal Public façade" of a building, as used in this Ordinance fFor purposes of calculating maximum total Wall sign area, shall mean the main building façade facing a public street or another façade that

functions as a Principal façade with an actively used public entryway, subject to the approval and discretion of the as determined by the Code Officer. There shall be no more than one Principal Public façade per building.

- (II) "Raceway Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a A sign comprised of channel or other cut-out figures or letters mounted to an electrical enclosure, with the enclosure being smaller than the height of the attached letters.
- (mm) "Reader Board" shall mean a A sign to which letters are not permanently secured or affixed and/or which is wheeled or otherwise readily moveable. The term "reader board" shall not include "A-fFrame" or "sSandwich bBoard" signs.
- (nn) "Reflectorized" as used in this Ordinance shall mean aAny material that reflects light back toward its source in an intensity many times greater than would be reflected by a white painted surface. Reflectorized materials may include but are not limited to reflective sheeting, glass beads and glass or plastic reflectors.
- "Residential District" as used in this orekname shall include the following zoning districts as defined as such in the South Burlington Land Development Regulations as presently in force or hereafter adopted and amended from time to time: Residential 1, Possibertal 2, Residential 4, Residential 7, Queen City Park, Lakeshore Neighborhood, and Southeast Dundbunt.
- (pp) "Roof Sign" as used in the Ordinance shall mean aAny sign erected in any way upon a building or structure which extends above the roof line of the building or structure.
- (qq) "Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean and include every sign, billboard, bulletin-board, free-standing sign, wall sign, wandow sign, roof sign, infuminated sign and projecting sign, and shall include aAny letter, word, number, model, mural decoration, banner, flag, feather flag sign, pennant, clock, thermometer, insignia, light or combination of lights, used or placed as an announcement or declaration to identify, advertise or promote the interest of any person when the same is placed in view of the general public from outside the structure on which the sign is placed-or any sign type identified in this Ordinance.
- (rr) "Temporary Sign" as us at a this Ordinance shall mean a Any sign for a limited period of time for advertising or informational purposes supplementary to or in place of existing permanent signs.
- (ss) "Traveled w Way" a used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe paved or otherwise surfaced area of a public street or road intended for use by vehicular traffic, including aprons, shoulders, and curbing, but not including a sidewalk or recreation path.
- (tt) "Wall Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a sign attached to, painted on, and/or erected against the Wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel or roughly parallel to the face of said Wall (including any interior Wall) whether attached to Windows or otherwise, which is placed in view of the general public from outside the building or structure.

- (uu) "Wall" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tThe surface area of any major plan unit of any side or face of a building.
- \_(vv) "Wayfinding" as used in this Ordinance shall mean sSigns with maps or other graphics used to convey location and directions to travelers, and not used for any advertising purpose.
- "Window" as used in this Ordinance shall mean tIhe total area of transparent panes within a single supporting sash structure, excluding muntins. Panes divided by muntins shall not be considered individual Windows; the total area of all panes and muntins within a single supporting sash structure shall constitute the total area of the Window. Transparent panes inside a door frame shall be considered "Windows" for purposes of this Ordinance, subject to the judgment and discretion of the Code Officer.
- "Window Sign" as used in this Ordinance shall mean a sign attached to, painted on, or erected against the interior or exterior of a Window with the exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel or roughly parallel to the face of said Window located so as to be reaching primarily from the exterior of the Window.

  Products for display shall not constitute a Window sign.
- (yy) When the words "maintain a sign" or words of stanlar allow are used herein, the same refers to allowing the sign to continue in existence and shall not be taken to refer to keeping the sign in good order.

#### **SECTION 43.** Permits Required

It shall be unlawful for any person to Erect, alter or relocate within the City of South Burlington, any sign, as defined in this Ordinance, without first obtaining a sign permit from the Code Officer, in accordance with all the provisions of this Ordinance. Any sign not expressly permitted by the provisions of this Ordinance is expressly prohibited.

#### **SECTION 54.** Permit Fees

Every applicant, before being granted a permit hereunder, shall pay to the City Treasurer such permit fee or fees in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted by resolution of the City Council, and as amended from time to time.

## SECTION 65. Dorset Street City Center Sign District.

(A) **Purpose.** There is hereby designated and created the <del>Dorset Street/</del>City Center Sign District, the boundaries of which are shown on a <del>plan map entitled titled</del>, "<u>Dorset Street/</u>City Center Sign District", <del>dated July 22, 1998,</del> which purpose is incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as Appendixees A and B.

This special sign district is designated to reflect the long term goal of the City to develop Dorset Street and the City Center area as an attractive mixed-use, well-designed, integrated focal point for the City. The area is to be a mixed use, pedestrian-oriented downtown primarily residential, office, retail and municipal core for the City of South Burlington. This special sign district is also intended to promote the intended pedestrian orientation for the future of the district as well as to ensure pedestrian and traffic safety, to encourage the effectiveness and clarity of sign communication, and to maintain and enhance the aesthetic quality within the district.

- (B) **Application Materials:** For any Lot in the City Center Sign District on which the owner proposes to erect one or more signs requiring a permit, the owner shall submit a permanent sign permit application containing the following information:
  - (1) An accurate plot plan of the Lot, at such scale as the Code Officer may reasonably require;
  - (2) Location of buildings, parking lots, driveways and landscaped areas on such lot;
  - (3) The location, size, date of installation, and status of all non-complying sizes on the property, if applicable.
  - (4) The design parameters for the City Center Sign District, in accordance with (C) below, including overall parameters and the design and location of any proposed in surgular signs.
  - (5) The location and specifications of all proposed light fixtures and lighting elements including cut sheets if applicable.
  - (1)(6) A proposed general design for any incidental and other tional signs on the property, other than those with designs prescribed by law.
- (B)(C) Standards for Design Review. The parameters for the erection, alteration or relocation of any sign, except for temporary, Wwindow and exempt signs, located within the Design Street/City Center Sign District, as depicted on the above referenced planm, shall require design approval by the code Officer South Burlington Design Review Committee and Development Review Board. Such as ign approval shall be required prior to issuance of a sign permit by the Code Officer. In reviewing an application for design approval, the Design Review Committee and Code Officer Development Review Bean Lishall consider the following:
  - (1) Consistent Design: the design of a sign shall consider and be compatible and harmonious with the design of buildings on the property and nearby. The design of all signs on a property shall promote consistency in terms of color, graphic style, lighting, location, material and proportions.
  - (2) Promote City Center Goals: signs shall be designed and located in a manner which reinforces and respects the overall stated goals of the <u>City Center Seign Delistrict</u> and <u>the design goals for</u> City Center <u>as outlined to Section of the City Plan, including a high aesthetic quality and pedestrian orientation.</u>
  - Color and Texture the color and texture of a sign shall be compatible and harmonious with buildings on the property and nearby. The use of a maximum of three (3) predominant colors is encouraged to provide consists at foreground, text and background color schemes.
  - Materials Used: signs shall be designed and constructed of high-quality materials complimentary to the materials used in the buildings to which the signs are related
  - (4) Multi-Tenant Buildings: Wall signs attached to multi-tenant buildings shall contain a consistent mounting (for example, cut out letters, lettering on raceway, etc.) and shall have consistent lighting where lighting is proposed. Multi-tenant buildings shall display no more than two styles of wall signs at any one time. Where permitted, free-standing signs associated with multi-tenant buildings shall use signs of the same size and color design

- C) Directory Signs. In the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, the City of South Burlington will establish a uniform Directory Sign System to be constructed and maintained by the City in the public right of way at designated locations and designed to serve businesses, offices and entities which share a curb cut, building or group of buildings. All businesses, offices, services, agencies and entities which share an entry or property are entitled to participate in this system for a fee as established and adopted by the City Council and included as part of the Schedule for Permit Fees. The fee will cover the initial cost of sign panel fabrication for the individual entity, as well as an appropriate percentage of the maintenance and management cours for the directory sign. Any business or entity participating in this directory sign system is allowed to do so without losing any of its total permissible sign area. Signs on this directory, therefore, will be in addition to the stowable sign area for the participating business or entity.
- (D) Entry Signs. In the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, ent the words "enter" or <del>ns which c</del>o "exit" and or related/similar wording are permitted as ground mou and are not to exceed three (3) square feet. Included on these signs may be a ence to a business or off building only where that business is not directly served by a curb-cut at the with another nd shares a curb or multiple businesses or entities, and when this circumstance irs the area of one side may not exceed four (4) square feet. Such entry signs shall be allowed in addition ted free-standing and directional signs for the property. It is also desirable to coordinate lettering and design these signs with the overall signage for the property it serves.
- (E) Establishments Selling Gasoline. Establishments selling gasoline located within the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District shall be subject to all provisions of Section 221 of this Ordinance, and also shall be subject to the design review standards of this Section 65.

## **SECTION 76.** Application for Sign Permit

(A) Except as otherwise provided, all applications for the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District shall follow the procedure for Master Signage Permits and Earth in Section 87 of this Ordinance.

(B)(A) Applications for all other sign permits shall be made upon forms provided by the Code Officer, and shall have attached thereto the following information and such other information pertaining to the proposed sign as the Code Officer may reasonably require.

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of applicant and property owner.
- (2) Location of building, structure, or lot to which, or upon which, the sign is to be attached.
- (3) Position of the sign in relation to nearby buildings or structures.
- (4) Plans (drawn to scale) and specifications including size and color of the sign and its various parts, the style of letter, material of which sign is to be constructed, and the method of attachment to the buildings or in the ground.
- (5) A color sketch of the sign and building as they would appear in relation to each other.
- (6) Statement as to method of illumination and intensity of the sign.

- (7) If required by the Code Officer, a copy of stress sheets and calculations showing that the structure is designed for dead load and wind pressure in any direction in the amount required by this and all other laws and Ordinances of the City.
- (8) Name, address and telephone number of person erecting the sign.
- (9) Written consent of the owner of the building, structure, and land to which or on which the sign is to be erected.

ng days after receipt of all of (C)(B) Except as provided in sub-section (d) below, wWithin ten-thirty (1030) f, the Code Officer shall the foregoing information, together with the permit fee specified in Section review the application for compliance with this Ordinance and shall render a decision to approve or disapprove the application. In rendering a decision, the Code Officer shall determ whether the cation complies with the requirements of this Ordinance, is compatible with surroundir Ldoes not create an adverse effect on the scenic or aesthetic quality of the area ode Officer raking his determination shall review each application in light of the purposes of this nance and applicable design sta <del>rds.</del>. When the Code Officer deems it necessary, an architect may be retained to assist in the review of individual applications, at the applicant's sole cost and expense.

(D)(C) If the Code Officer determines that the application for the sign does not comply with all provisions of this Ordinance, the Code Officer shall, within the period noted above, notify the applicant in writing of the decision to disapprove the application, which notice shall include a statement of reasons for disapproval, and shall refund the permit fee in full. Such statement shall include a description of the manner in which the application can be brought into conformance with these regulations. If in application is approved, a permit shall be issued and forwarded to the applicant within the period noted that e.

## SECTION 87. Master Signage Permit

- aght after the effective date of this Ordinance, all —At such time as a ne men er Sign District seeking a sign permit or permits and all multi-tenant properties in the Dorset Street/ ated wholly or partially within the R7-NC district shall submit a buildings or r gage Permit Designation to the Design Review complete Comm Development Rev <del>Board, ir</del> ective of the status of past approvals. The new Permit Designation shall r validate the provision of any existing approval, exemption or agreement with respect to signage; tead intended to ify the approved parameters for signage subject to a Master Signage rather, it **PermitDesig** a. Upon appro of a new Master Signage PermitDesignation, permittees shall use the review and amendmer edures orth in this Section.
- In the Dorset Simulative City Center Sign District, no permit shall be issued for an individual sign requiring a permit unless and until a Master Signage Permit Designation for the Lot on which the sign(s) will be erected has been approved as conforming with the provisions of this Ordinance. In the case of a planned unit development (PUD), a Master Signage Permit Designation shall be required for the entire PUD. An owner of a multi-tenant building or multi-building commercial property located anywhere outside the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, and a sponsor of a project involving Interpretive Signage or Wayfinding, also may apply for a Master Signage Permit Designation as provided herein.

- (H) For any Lot on which the owner proposes to Erect one or more signs requiring a permit, the owner shall submit an application for a new or amended Master Signage Permit Designation containing the following information:
  - (2) An accurate plot plan of the Lot, at such scale as the Code Officer may reasonably require;
  - (3) Location of buildings, parking Lots, driveways and landscaped areas on such Lot;
  - (4) Computation of the maximum area, number and height of signs, by sign type (i.e., free-standing, Wall, etc.) allowed on the property under this Ordinance, and computation of the area and height of each sign proposed for the property;
  - (5) The location, size, date of installation, and status of all non-complying signs on the property, if applicable.
  - (6) The design parameters for the Master Signage Percel Designation, in accordance with (Dd) below, including overall parameters and the design and location of any proposed individual signs.
  - (7) The location and specifications of all proposed light lattices and lighting elements, including cut sheets if applicable.
  - (8) A proposed general design for any modernial and directional signs on the property, other than those with designs prescribed by law.

#### (I) Design.

- (1) The initial application for Master Signage Points\_shall establish a consistent set of parameters for the shapes, materials, foregreened unabackground volor schemes, typefaces, sizes, installations and sign types to be utilized for a property and shall include color illustrations thereof.
- (2) Applicants are strongly encounted to specify parameters that will lead over time to creating a strong consistency of shape, loveground and background color scheme, typeface, size, and installation in order to ensure that all signage on a property is in accordance with the goals of the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District
- All Master Signage Fermit\_applications shall specify how one or more of these graphic elements will be used to relate all of the signs to each other visually.
- (4) licants may request a review and approval of a range of potential sizes for individual signs, so that an application for an individual sign of approved materials, color and design that is within an approved size range will sensite our approval of the Code Officer.
- (J) Other Provisions of Master Signage PermitsDesignations.
  - (1) The property owner of record shall be the principal permittee for a Master Signage Permit.
  - (2) The Master Signage Permit may contain such other restrictions as the owners of the Lots may reasonably determine. These provisions, upon granting of a sign permit to the applicant, become incorporated into the permit and are applicable for the duration of the permit.

#### (K) Review and Approvals.

- (1) The Design Review Committee shall review the initial application for a Master Signage Permit, or for an amendment of a Master Signage Permit. Such application must be made and signed by the property owner. Upon a recommendation for approval by the Design Review Committee, the Development Review Board shall review and act upon the application for an initial Master Signage Permit or amendment thereof.
- Subsequent applications for individual sign permits pursuant to a Master signage Permit may be made by tenants, with a property owner signature required for applications, and applications made pursuant to a valid Master Signage Permit shall not require review by the pusion Review Committee. The Code Officer shall review each application for its consistency with the applicable dimensional parameters in the Master Signage Permit, and for consistency with the applicable dimensional and administrative standards in this Ordinance. Copies of the Code Officer's permit or denial shall be sent to the property owner and to the applicant, and shall become part of the Master Signage Permit.
- (L) Amendment. Amendment of a Master Signage Permit Designation, as apposed to approval of signs by the DRC and Code Officer subject to an existing, effective Master Signage Permit, shall require approval by the Design Review Committee and Development Review Board in the same manner as for a new Master Signage Permit.
- (M) Existing Non-Conforming Signs on Properties Subject to Master Signate PermitsDesignation
  - (1) The non-conforming status of other signs on the same property or subject to the same Master Signage Permit shall not prevent individual tenants from making another tions for individual sign permits in accordance with a valid Master Signage Permit.
  - gns. Where Alteration of No re is any change to a non-conforming sign, a permit must be obtained from ie Design Ro w Committed d Code Officer. To gain approval the sign must be brought into full comp with th ovisions of the ster Signage Permit for the property on which it is located and all other app rance. Routine maintenance of non-complying signs may be done provided there hange at all to the color, shape, size, lighting, materials, or any other design a of the
- (N)(D) Hinding Effect. An approved Master's gnage DesignationPermit shall be binding upon and run with the land. No sign shall be erected, placed, painted or maintained except in conformance with such Permit, and such Permit may be enforced in the same way as any provision of this Ordinance. In case of any conflict between the provisions of such Permit and any other provisions of this Ordinance, the Ordinance shall control.

#### **SECTION 98.** Free-Standing Signs

Free-standing signs are permitted only in accordance with the following provisions:

(A) All free-standing signs and the premises surrounding same shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds. Free-standing signs shall be so designed as to be self-supporting without the need for guy wires, cables, chains, lines, or other similar ancillary supports.

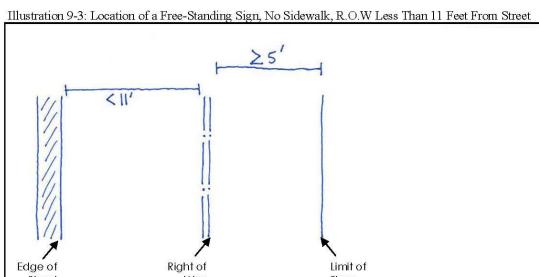
- (B) Number of Signs Per Lot. The maximum number of free-standing signs on a Lot shall be as follows:
  - (1) Except as provided in Section 23(e) hereof and below, there shall not be more than one free-standing sign for each separate Lot, regardless of how many businesses or commercial entities are located on such Lot.
  - (2) Lots on which the Development Review Board has granted approval for the development of the property with two (2) or more separate entrances to a public road have been approved under the City's Land Development Regulations shall be entitled to additional free-standing signs where:
    - (1) each entrance is separated from <u>anyeach</u> other entrance by a distance <u>in excess of greater than</u> three hundred (300) feet, as measured from center line to center line between the two entrances; and
    - (2) the number of proposed free-standing signs for the property does not exceed the number of public road entrances that meet the standards set forth above; and
    - (3) the proposed free-standing signs are located within twenty-five (25) feet of the approved entrances.
- (C) Lots on which a community garden is operated and maintained as an accessory use to a principal permitted use may have one (1) additional free standing sign of no more than twenty four (24) square feet, so long as such sign clearly advertises the community goallan project and does not constitute an additional sign for the principal permitted use. Such sign may be discloved from Way 1 through November 30 and shall require a sign permit.
- (D)(C) Sign Location. No part of a free-standing sign shall be placed in such manner as to visually obstruct traffic.
  - (1) No part of a free-standing sign which is forty (40) square feet or less in size shall be placed closer than five (5) feet to the rollowing:
    - (1) Public sidewalk or recreation path exists in public right-of-way:
      - (i) Where the outer edge of the public right-of-way is less than five (5) feet from the outer edge of the public sidewalk or recreation path, no part of a free-standing sign shall be placed closer than five (5) feet from the outer edge of the public sidewalk or recreation path. In no case shall a free-standing sign be placed closer than one (1) foot from the public right-of-way. (see illustration 9-1)
      - Where the outer edge of the public right-of-way is five (5) feet or more from the outer edge of the public sidewalk or recreation path, no part of a free-standing sign shall be placed closer than one (1) foot from the right-of-way. (see illustration 9-2)
    - (2) No public sidewalk or recreation path exists in public right-of-way:
      - (i) Where the outer edge of the public right-of-way is less than eleven (11) feet from the outer edge of the Traveled Way, no part of a freestanding sign shall be placed closer than five (5) feet from the right-of-way. (see illustration 9-3)

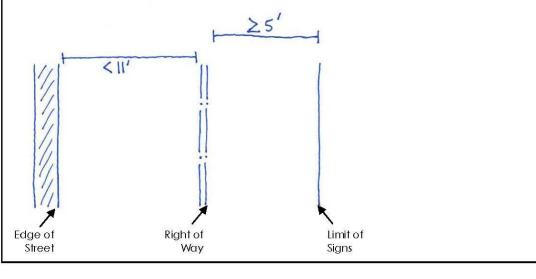
- (ii) Where the outer edge of the public right-of-way is eleven (11) feet or more, but less than fifteen (15) feet from the outer edge of the traveled way, no part of a free-standing sign shall be placed closer than sixteen (16) feet from the outer edge of the Traveled Way. (see illustration 9-4)
- (iii) Where the outer edge of the public right-of-way is fifteen (15) feet or more from the outer edge of the Traveled Way, no part of a free-standing sign shall be placed closer than one (1) foot from the right-of-way. (see illustration 9-5)
- No part of a free-standing sign which is larger than forty (40) square feet in size shall be placed closer than twenty (20) feet to any property line.
- (2)(3) No free-standing sign shall be located within an area demarked as a design sted Open Space Civic Space or Site Amenity on a plan approved under the Land Development Regulations

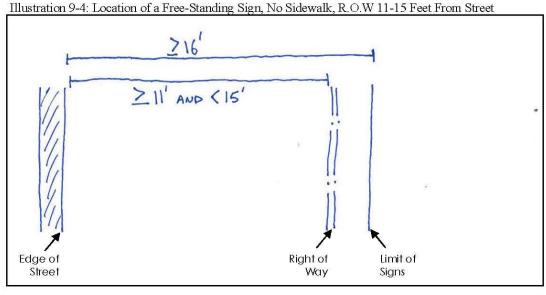
(E)(D) Area of a Free-standing Sign.

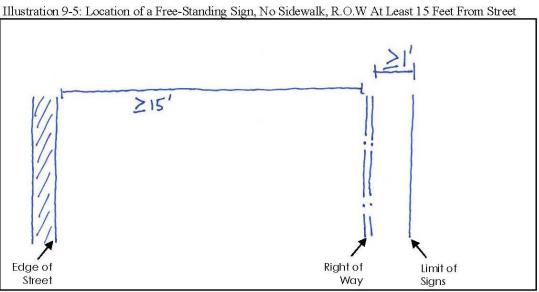
- (1) The area of a free-standing sign shall be the total area within the outer edge of the sign, excluding the supporting structure, provided the total area of the supporting structure is within the limits set forth in subsection (eF) below. Any area of a support structure that exceeds the limits set forth in subsection (fFe) below shall be counted as sign area (Illustrations 9-6 and 9-7).
- (2) A free-standing sign which is located on a lot of less than 40,000 square feet shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area.
- (3) Except as provided in this subsection, a free-standing sign which is located on a Lot of 40,000 square feet or more shall not exceed forty (40) square feet to sign area. A freestanding sign on a Lot of 40,000 square feet or more may be eligible for additional sign area in accordance with the following provisions.
  - (a) A Lot which contains two hundred (200) or more feet of contiguous frontage on one public street and which contains 10,000 or more square feet of building area shall be eligible for additional sign area above the forty (40) square foot maximum established in (3) above. The amount of additional sign area shall be based on Lot frontage and/or building size as indicated in Table 9.1. In no case shall the maximum size of a free-standing sign area exceed eighty (80) square feet.
  - (b) Approval of a sign under this section shall be subject to the requirement that the Lot on which the sign is located together with the building(s) thereon shall continue to meet the standards on which approval was granted. At the time of any alteration of Lot frontage or building size, the Code Officer shall re-determine the allowable sign area under regulations then in effect, and, if such regulations require a sign with reduced sign area, shall direct the property owner to install a sign meeting such reduced sign area requirements within three (3) months of such determination.
- (4) The maximum height of a free-standing sign shall be fifteen (15) feet, measured from the average finished grade at the base of the sign to the highest portion of any part of the sign structure.
- (5) For Lots which contain lawfully more than one (1) free-standing sign as provided in subsection (b) above and which qualify for a free-standing sign larger than forty (40) square feet as provided in (3) above, no more than one (1) free-standing sign on the Lot may exceed forty (40) square feet in size.

- (6) No sign and/or support structure dimension shall exceed the other by more than five (5) times. In the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, no dimension shall exceed the other by more than four (4) times.
- (7) In all districts, the depth of the sign and support structure shall not be visually disproportionate to the other dimensions of the sign.
- (8) Area calculations shall exclude planters, provided such planters are no more than three (3) feet tall, no more than two (2) times the width of the sign, have no advertising or logos attached, and are used for plants and landscaping. Any area of a planter that exceeds three (3) feet in height or two (2) times the width of the sign, and any planter that has advertising or logos attached, shall be counted as sign area.
- (F)(E) Free-standing Sign Support Structures. The area of a sign support structure shall not be included in calculating the area of a free-standing sign, subject to the following limit ations and provisions:
  - (1) Support structures shall not incorporate or include any attachments, lettering, logos, or graphics. Any support structure that includes attachments, lettering, logos, or graphics, shall be counted as part of sign area.
  - (2) No support structure and no part of any support structure shall be internally illuminated.
  - (3) For a free-standing sign with two (2) or more independent post supports, outside the width of the sign area, supports of up to one (1) foot wide each shall be exempt from calculation of the area of the support structure. If the sign and the support structure are less than six (6) feet in height at the highest point from the average finished grade, two supports up to two (2) feet wide each shall be exempt from calculation of the area of the support structure.
  - (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of (23) above, for a free-standing sign and/or support structure with a combined height of up to ten (10) feet at the highest point from the average finished grade, the total area of the support structure may not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the area of the sign. If the support structure of such a sign extends more than one (1) foot past the edge of the sign, the total area of the support structure shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the area of the sign (Illustration 9-8).
  - (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of (23) above, for a free-standing sign and/or support structure with a combined height of more than ten (10) feet at the highest point from the average finished grade, the total area of the support structure shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the area of the sign, and shall not extend more than one (1) foot horizontally in each direction beyond the horizontal edges of the sign (Illustration 9-8).









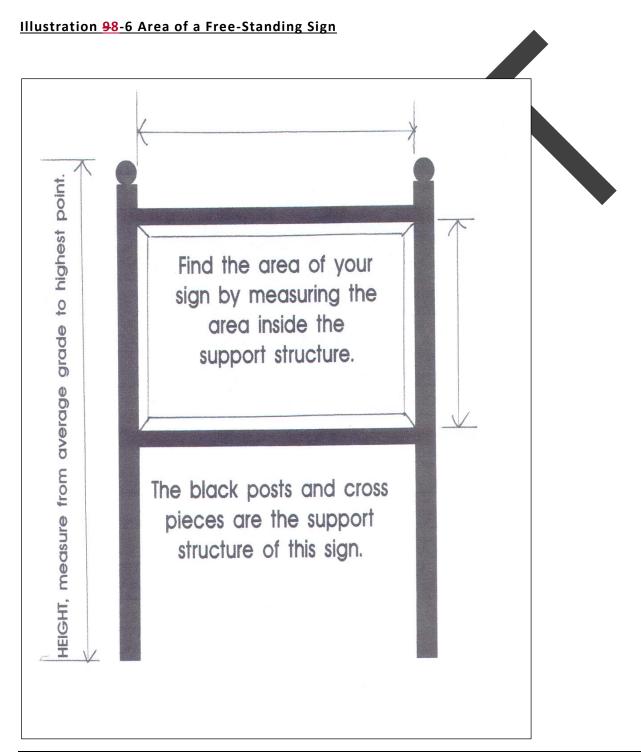
- (1) All free-standing signs are to be designed and constructed of <u>suitable durable</u> materials and erected and located in a manner which reinforces and respects the overall stated goals of this Ordinance.
- (2) All free-standing signs shall have a base condition that is landscaped in an aesthetically pleasing or appropriate manner with hardy plant materials and/or elements that will remain attractive throughout the year, or finished in such a manner, whether in groundcover, lawn or hard surfaces so as to be appropriate and maintained for the entire year in an attractive manner. Such landscaping may be planted in the ground at the base, or may be in planters, provided the planters are fixed to the ground or sign.

Table 98.1 Free-Standing Signs - Additional Sign Area

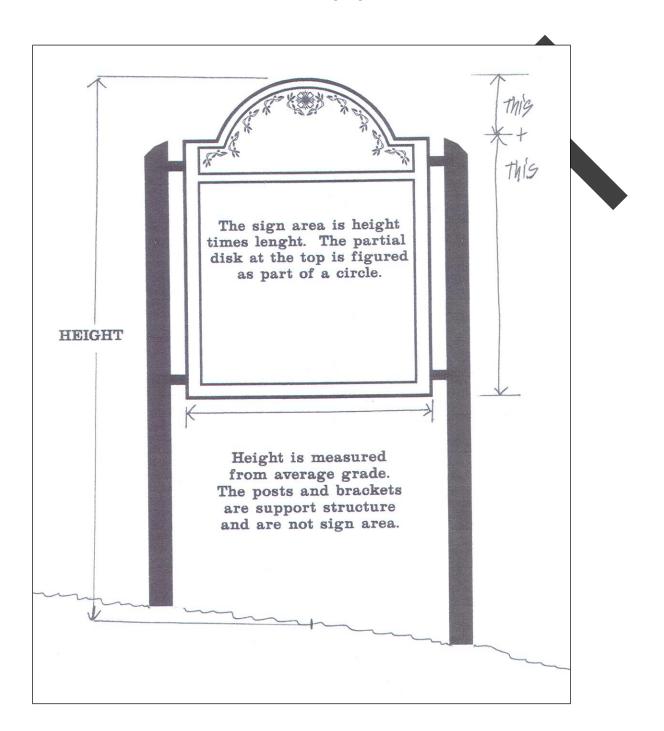
	Criterion	Additional Sign Area (In Square Feet)
Frontage:	250' - < 300'	5
	300' - < 350'	10
	350' - < 400'	15
	400' - < 450'	20
	450' - < 500'	25
	500' - < 550'	30
	550' - < 600'	35
	600' and more	40
Building Siz	ze (square feet):	
	25,000 - < 50,000	10
	50,000 - < 75,000	20
	75,000 - <100,000	30
	100,000 and more	40

- \* Example A 43,000 square foot building on a Lot with 325 feet of frontage would be entitled to a 60 square foot free-standing sign (40 square foot sign area allowance + 10 square foot frontage allowance + 10 square foot building size allowance = 60 square feet).
- \* Example A 76,000 square foot building on a Lot with 210 feet of frontage would be entitled to a 70 square foot free-standing sign (40 square foot sign area allowance + 0 square foot frontage allowance + 30 square foot building size allowance = 70 square feet).
- (3) Signs or emblems indicating membership in national or regional organizations, including credit card signs, or informing the public that gifts, trading stamps, or similar promotional items are available on the premises, shall not be separately fastened to the outer edge or support structure of the principal sign. Such features shall be displayed against the principal sign face.

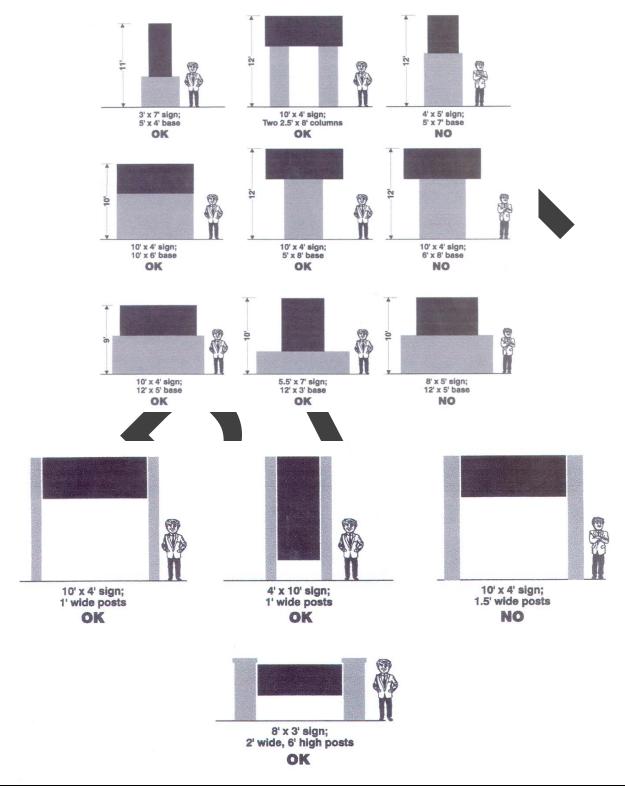
(4)(3) Street names and numbers may be affixed to a free-standing sign or its support structure and shall be exempt from area calculations so long as the letters do not exceed three (3) inches in height and numbers do not exceed six (6) inches in height.



## Illustration 98-7 Area of a Free-Standing Sign



## Illustration 89-8 Base and Sign Area Ratios



(5)(4) Free-standing signs may not have changeable message areas unless required by the nature of the business or other approved land use itself, such as theaters, churches and other housesplaces of worship, public and independent educational facilities accredited by the State of Vermont for elementary, secondary and higher education, motels and hotels, conference facilities, and establishments deriving a majority of their income as venues for the performing arts, and subject to the discretion and approval of the Code Officer. Any such changeable message area may not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the allowable sign area, and the dimensions and location thereof must be specified when an application for a sign permit is made.

(G)(F) Dorset Street/City Center Sign District. Free standing signs along Dorset et are to be located in a sign corridor that begins adjacent to the road R.O.W. and runs sixteen (16) feet for edge of the Rright- of- wWay toward the building face. In those instances where dimensions do not pro-(2) foot setback from the Rright- of- wWay before a sign support post can be located, it is permi to eErect a red single pole mounted sign of which the road side edge of the sign is directly ou tanding signs in the Dorset Street/City Center District may not exceed thirty-tw square feet in overall a sions and may be no higher than twelve (12) feet, measured from the aver inished grad at the base of the highest point of any part of the sign structure.

- (1) No new free-standing signs shall be permitted in the City Conter Sign District except as explicitly provided for in Section 8(G)2.
- Road rights-of-way within the Along the Dorset Street, Patchen Ro et, and Willis City Center Sign District, new sign structures only be d in a sign corridor that begins one (1) foot from the existing or planned road right-of-way runs si et from the edge of the right- of-way toward the building. Such free-standing signs sha ed thirty-two (32) square feet in overall , measured from the average finished grade at the dimensions and may be n twelve (12) base of the sign to the est point ny part of the gn structure, and are otherwise subject to all provisions of this Ord

(H)(G) Additional free-standing signs for permitted drive-through establishments. Lots with an automobile service use or a permitted drive-through facility, including car washes, banks, and drive-through retail and restaurant establishments, may have one (1) free-standing sign permitted in accordance with this Section. A menu board sign shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in overall size, including cladding and support structure, and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height at any point. The text and graphics on the menu board shall not be legible from a public roadway. Landscaping or other suitable screening shall be used to screen the menu board generally from nearby public roadways, paths and sidewalks.

(H) Multi-tenant buildings and multi-building complexes in the R7-NC zoning district. Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary elsewhere in this ordinance, a multi-tenant building or multi-building structure under common management and ownership which is located wholly or partially within the R7-NC zoning district, and which has more than one approved curb cut onto a public roadway, may have one (1) free-standing sign of up to forty (40) square feet and one (1) additional free-standing sign per additional approved curb cut onto a public roadway, with any such additional signs not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area and twelve (12) feet in height. The sign area of the free-standing signs may be designed and used in whole or in part as a directory for the tenants or services contained within the building or complex.

## **SECTION 109**. Wall Signs

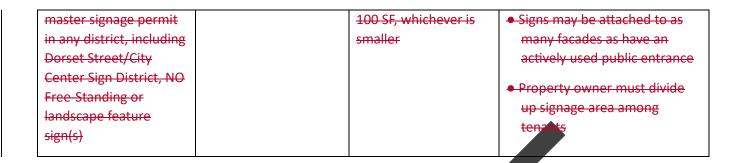
Wall signs shall be permitted only in accordance with the following provisions:

- (A) Number of Wall  $\underline{sS}$ igns. The allowable number and area of  $\underline{ww}$ all signs shall be as set forth in Table 10-1 below.
- (B) <u>Single-tenant buildings and single-building properties.</u>—Area of Wall signs.
  - (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the total area of all wheals signs shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the area of the Pprincipal public façade of the building of one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is smaller.
  - (2) In no case shall any individual  $\frac{\mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}}$  all sign exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the area of the façade to which it is attached.
- (C) In the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, Wwalk signs may not project above the roof or parapet of a building nor below the top of any first floor doorway unless permitted through the design review approval process.
- (D) It shall be unlawful for any person to Egrect, alter, maintain or relocate any \(\frac{\pi\_w}{\pi}\) all sign that covers, wholly or partially, any \(\frac{\pi\_w}{\pi}\) all opening or to \(\frac{\pi\_E}{\pi}\) etc., alter, maintain or relocate any \(\frac{\pi\_w}{\pi}\) all sign that projects beyond the ends or top of the \(\frac{\pi\_w}{\pi}\) all to which it is attached. A which it is attached any opening exclusively provided for a \(\frac{\pi\_w}{\pi}\) indow, door or removable panel.
- (E) Multi-tenant buildings and multi-building properties
  - (1) Lots on which there is located commercial development consisting of two (2) or more distinct and separate businesses. ("multi-tenant buildings" or "multi-building properties") shall be entitled to additional Wwall signs whose allowable area and number shall be in accordance with the formula set forth in Table 10-1.
  - (2) In a multi-tenant building, there shall be a maximum of two (2) \(\frac{\text{W}}{\text{w}}\) all signs per individual tenant. The maximum area of an individual \(\text{W}{\text{w}}\) all sign shall be five percent (5%) of the individual tenant's storefront area, calculated as shown in Illustration 10-1, or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is smaller.
  - (3)<del>Owners of multi-tel</del> t buildings and multi-building properties located outside of the Dorset Center Sign Dist shall have the option to obtain a Master Signage Permit Designation from the Street? Developn Review Boar accordance with Section 87 of this Ordinance. Once a Master Signage Permit hanges to signage for that property shall be reviewed in accordance with the Designation N ined of this Ordinance. Multi-tenant buildings for which there is a valid Master Signage provisions of Sec ay increase the maximum allowable area of all Wall signs and individual tenant signs as provided in Table 10-1. A property owner choosing this option may shall be responsible for allocatinge the allowable area of Wall signs among individual tenants in a manner which variesous from the maximum per tenant. Any such allocation shall be submitted as part of a Master Signage Permit application.

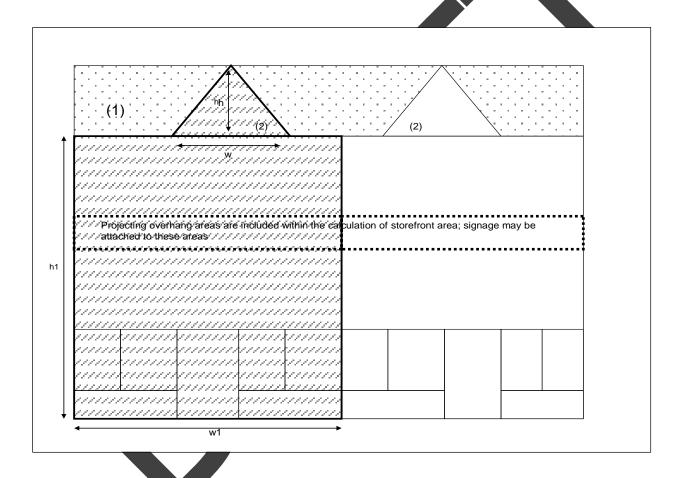
- Areas of <u>w</u>Walls within which paint, lighting or other treatments are used to highlight or enclose an area of <u>W</u>wall on which <u>cutout letters or other</u> signs are installed shall be deemed to be part of the <u>W</u>wall sign for all intents and purposes of this Ordinance, and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of this Ordinance.
- <u>(G)</u> A <u>Ww</u>all sign shall not project from the <u>Ww</u>all in excess of nine (9) inches, except for raceway signs. A raceway sign may project up to fifteen (15) inches from the <u>Ww</u>all to which it is attached
- (F) Any wall or other element of a building that is transluscent and lit in a manper that reinforces the brand of one or more tenants shall be deemed a sign.
- (G) A lot containing two structures devoted to separate and unrelated unsulp existence prior to February 6, 1995 shall be subject to the following provisions:
  - (1) If the Lot does not contain a free standing sign, each structure shall be entitled to Wall signs in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) above.
  - (2) If the Lot contains a free standing sign which identifies the uses to ted in both structures, each structure shall be entitled to two Wall signs as authorized by subsections (a) and (c) above.

Table 109-1 Area of Wall Signs

Type of building, signage and permit	Basis for total area of all Wall signs	Maximum area of an individual wall signMaximum percent of a building that can contain an individual sign	Additional regulations for multi- tenant buildings and multi- building lots
Single-tenant building with Free-Standing and/or landscape feature sign(s)	5% of Principal Public façade or 100 SF, whichever is smaller	15% of façade to which it is attached or 100 SF, whichever is smaller	Up to <del>2 3 three (3)</del> Wall signs per individual building
Single-tenant building, NO Free Standing or landscape feature sign(s)	10% of Principal Public façade	15% of facile to which it is attached or 100 SF, which ever it smaller	Up to 23_Walk light per individual building
Multi-tenant building or multi-building lot, no master signage permit, with Free-Standing sign or landscape feature sign(s)	No set limit; max. area determined by sum of allowable individual Wall signs for each tenant	15% of façade to which sign is attached, 5% of individual tenant storefront area, or 100 SF, whichever is smaller	<ul> <li>Up to 2 Wall signs per tenant</li> <li>Signs may be attached to one or two building facades</li> <li>See calculation of storefront area, Illustration 10-1</li> </ul>
Multi-tenant building or multi-building lot, no master-signage permit, NO Free-Standing or landscape feature sign(s)	tetal area per building based on inditudual temnt signage	15% of façade to which ogn is attached, Different is attached, tenant storefront area, or 100 SF, whichever is smaller	<ul> <li>Up to 2 signs per tenant</li> <li>Signs may be attached to one or two building facades</li> <li>See calculation of storefront area, Illustration 10-1</li> </ul>
Multi-tenant building or multi-building lot with a master signage permit in any district, including Dorset Street/City Center Sign District, with Free Standing or landscape feature sign(s)	10% of Principal Public façade of each building	15% of façade to which it is attached or 100 SF, whichever is smaller	<ul> <li>Up to 2 signs per tenant;</li> <li>Signs may be attached to as many façades as have an actively used public entrance</li> <li>Property owner must may divide up signage area among tenants</li> </ul>
Multi-tenant building or multi-building lot with a	15% of Principal Public façade of each building	15% of façade to which it is attached or	◆ Up to 2 <u>3</u> signs per tenant



## Illustration 109-1: Example of the Calculation of Storefront Area



- (1) Areas not perpendicular to the ground are NOT included in the storefront area.
- (2) Projecting areas perpendicular to the ground ARE included in the storefront area.
- (3) Storefront area (shaded) =  $[(1/2)(w) \times (h)] + [(w1) \times (h1)]$

(3) (4) If the Lot contains a free standing sign that only identifies the use or uses located in one structure, the structure containing the use or uses identified on the free standing sign shall be entitled to free standing signs as authorized by subparagraphsubsections (a) and (c) above, and the structure containing uses not identified on the free standing sign shall be entitled to no more than three (3) Wall signs with a total area not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the area of the Principal Public façade of the structure. No Wall sign shall exceed five percent (5%) of the total allowable sign area and no more than one (1) Wall sign shall be placed on any one (1) façade of the structure.

#### SECTION 110. Directory and Entryway Signs

- (A) Directory and Entryway Signs Allowed. In instances where it is desirable to list multiple stores or offices within one complex, or to identify a publicly-used entrance to a shopping center under single management, one (1) additional directory sign of no more than eight (8) square feet in total area may be attached to a \(\frac{\psi}{\psi}\) and the face of a \(\frac{f}{\psi}\) ree-\(\frac{s}{s}\) tanding \(\frac{s}{s}\) ign, within the perimeter of the sign, in a suitable location to allow visitors, once within the property, to receive direction to a particular location.
- (A) One (1) entryway sign identifying the a shopping center may be affixed to the <u>Ww</u>all at each publicly-used entrance. These directory and entryway signs are not to compete with any advertising or informational signs designed to be visible from the <u>T</u>traveled <u>Marray</u>.
- (B) In multi-tenant buildings or multi-building structures under common management and ownership located wholly or partially within the R7-NC zoning district, and with more than one approved curb cut onto a public roadway, one (1) entryway sign may be affixed to the Wall at each entrance identifying the offices or businesses accessible through the entry, or identifying the entryway as "staff only," restricted, or such other directional guidance as is necessary for the appropriate function of the complex. Such signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in size. In addition, one (1) Free-Standing directory sign of up to fifteen (15) square feet OR one (1) Wall directory sign of up to twenty (20) square feet may be erected at each active publicly-used entryway. For any such Wall signs, the provisions of Section (1) below shall apply.
- (C) Directory and eEntryway signs aAttached to wwwalls. The area of a directory or entryway sign affixed to a wwwall shall be included in the calculation of the total allowable area of wwwall signs for the building or property to which it is affixed, but shall not count against the total number of wwwall signs allowed for the building to which it is affixed.
- (D) Directory Signs Attached to Free-Standing Signs. Directory signs attached to the face of a free-standing sign within the perimeter of the sign area shall not be counted as additional sign area.

## SECTION 121. Incidental and Directional Signs

- (A) Incidental Signs.
  - (1) Incidental signs shall generally be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with Section 22.

- (1)(2) Incidental signs may use a typestyle and/or color consistent with the signage of the business or tenant to which they are related, but shall not otherwise advertise or draw attention to the business or tenant.
- (2)(3) The use of logos or trademarks on incidental signs shall be prohibited.
- (3)(4) Incidental signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet each.
- (4)(5) Incidental signs attached to the facades of buildings are limited to one (1) sign per service bay or entry door indicating entry, exit, or other similar service or identification. Such incidental signs shall not count towards the maximum total number of \(\frac{\psi\_w}{\psi}\) all signs allowable for the building to which they are attached, but shall count towards the maximum total area of Wall signs allowable for the building to which they are attached.
- (5)(6) The number, placement and size of incidental signs shall not be, in the determination of the Code Officer, excessive. Such a determination shall include a consideration of factors such as, but not limited to, the nature of the business or operation involved, clarity in providing it structions for use of the facility, safety for the volume of of pedestrian and vehicular traffic to be directed, use the configuration of the buildings and improvements on the site.
- (B) Directional Signs.
  - (1) Directional signs shall generally be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with Section 232.
  - (2) Directional signs may include the name or logo of the business to which they are related. Applicants are encouraged to use a logo type type and/or color exisistent with the signage of the business or tenant to which they are related
  - (3) Directional signs shall not be considered additional <u>ww</u>all or free-standing signs.
  - Directional signs shall be sufficient to direct traffic safely, and shall not, in the determination of the Code Officer, be excessive. Such a determination shall include a consideration of factors such as, but not limited to, clarity in providing instructions for use of the facility, safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic to be directed, the configuration of the buildings and improvements on the site.
  - the nature of the business or operation involved, the volume of traffic to be directed, and the configuration of the buildings and improvements on the site.
  - (4)(5) Lettering on a directional sign shall not exceed six (6) inches in height.
  - (5)(6) Number and size of directional signs:
    - (1) For properties of less than ten (10) acres in size, the number, and placement and size of directional signs shall not exceed one (1) per curb cut or driveway entrance to a property or a maximum of three (3), whichever is less. No such directional sign shall exceed three (3) square feet in area. No such directional sign shall have its upper-most point more than be more than five (5) feet in heightabove the post-construction grade.

(2) For properties ten (10) acres or more in size, the number of directional signs shall not exceed one (1) per two (2) acres of property area, to a maximum of eight (8) directional signs. Not more than one (1) directional sign shall be placed within twenty-five (25) feet of each curb-cut or driveway entrance. No directional sign shall exceed ten (10) square feet in size, and no more than half (rounded up) of the maximum allowable number of directional signs shall exceed three (3) square feet in size. No directional sign less than or equal to three (3) square feet in size shall be more than five (5) feet in height, and no directional sign larger than three (3) square feet in size shall be more than ten (10) feet in height.

(6)(7) No directional sign shall be placed closer than five (5) feet from a property line. No directional sign that is greater than three (3) square feet in size shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet from a property line.

#### SECTION 132. Signs in Residential Areas Zoning Districts

- (A) Non-residential uses in residential zoning districts. There shall be no signs in a residential district (as so classified under the South Burlington Land Development Regulations as presently in force or hereafter adopted and amended from time to time), except that one (1) sign may be erected and maintained for a <u>l</u>Lot on which a valid non-residential use exists under South Burlington Land Development Regulations, provided that the sign does not exceed twenty (20) square feet, or thirty (30) square feet when located on a Lot having frontage on Airport Drive, or forty (40) square feet when located on a Lot least two (3) were having frontage on Dorset Street or Hinesburg Road within the Southeast Quadrant Zoning Districts.
- (B) Multi-tenant or multi-building complexes located partially within the R7-NC zoning district. For purposes of this Ordinance only and not withstanding Section subsection 13(aA) above, multi-tenant buildings or multi-building structures under common management and ownership which are located wholly or partially within the R7-NC zoning district, and which have more than one approved curb cut onto a public roadway, shall be considered to be in a non-residential zoning district irrespective of the zoning of the portion of the property lying outside the R7-NC zoning district.
- (C) Educational facilities in the Resolutial 4 and SEQresidential zoning districts. Notwithstanding Section subsection (aA) above, a public or private educational facility accredited by the State of Vermont to provide elementary or secondary education may erect and maintain one (1) freestanding sign of with a sign area of up to thirty-two (32) square feet, which may include a changeable message area consistent with the provisions of Section 98(g)(5) above.
- (D) Home Occupations. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, a sign identifying a home occupation as defined by the South Burlington Land Development Regulations as presently in force or amended from time to time in a residential district shall not exceed two (2) square feet.
- (E) Bed and Breakfast Establishments. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, a sign identifying a bed and breakfast as defined by the South Burlington Land Development Regulations as presently in force or amended from time to time in a residential district shall not exceed four (4) square feet when located on a Lot fronting on a street or road having a maximum posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, or eight (8)

square feet when located on a Lot fronting on a street or road where the maximum posted speed limit is in excess of 25 miles per hour.

- (F)(E) Signs Identifying Residential Complexes. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, one (1) identification sign not exceeding twenty (20) square feet for purposes of identifying a single residential complex is permitted in a residential district.
- (G) Signs Identifying Dental or Medical Clinics. Notwithstanding any provisions here in to the contrary, one (1) identification sign not exceeding twenty (20) square feet for purposes of identifying a dental or medical clinic is permitted in a residential district.

#### **SECTION 143.** Landscape Feature Signs

- (A) In all districts in the City, a landscape feature sign may be utilized in place of a free-standing sign on any Lot eligible for a free-standing sign. On Lots eligible for multiple free-standing signs, multiple landscape feature signs may be allowed in accordance with the regulations for multiple free standing signs.
- (B) A landscape feature to which a sign is proposed to be attached must be approved by the South Burlington Development Review Board (DRB) Code Officer as part of the issuance of a permit for the Lot on which the sign is proposed. Upon approval by the DRP of the landscape feature, the Code Officer may issue a sign permit for the use of the Landscape Feature as a sign in accordance with the dimensional and administrative requirements of this Ordinance.
- (C) Location. No sign may be attached to a landscape feature that is closer than five (5) feet to any property line at any point. No sign larger than 40 square feet may be attached to a landscape feature that is closer than 20 feet to any property line at any point.
- (D) A landscape feature sign shall consist of either individual <u>Ccut-Oout</u> Letters and/or a cut-out logo, or an inset sign, either of which shall be permanently attached to or set into an approved landscape feature.
- (E) The individual Ccut-Oout II etters and/or logo, or the inset sign, shall not project above the top of the landscape feature at any point.
- (F) The total area of the Gout-Oout Netters and/or logo, or the inset sign, may not exceed the maximum area of a free-standing sign (excluding any support structure) that would be allowable for the same Lot.
- (G) No landscape feature to which a sign is attached may exceed six (6) feet in height from finished grade at any point, or four (4) feet in average height, from the finished grade at the base of the landscape feature.

The Development was ew Provid may allow up to a Maximum of seven (7) feet in height from finished grade and up to a maximum of five (5) feet in average height from the finished grade around the base of the landscape feature may be allowed, upon a finding that the sign as proposed:

- (1) Will not appear unduly bulky or massive from any public street, sidewalk, public land or traveled way,
- (2) Will not present a hazard to traffic or pedestrian safety; and
- (3) Will be in keeping with the scale and character of other landscaping on the same and adjacent lots.

- (H) A border area without any attached or inset signage must be maintained for a minimum of six (6) inches in all directions from the outside edge of the <u>Ccut-Oo</u>ut <u>l</u>Letters and/or logo or the inset placard sign. The border area shall be at least sixty percent (60%) of the total area of the landscape feature.
- (I) The visual impact of maintenance panels should be minimized.
- (J) Backlighted <u>L</u>letters and/or cut out logos shall be permitted, <u>provided the installation is consistent with Section \_\_\_\_\_of this Ordinance</u>. Shielded exterior spotlighting shall be permitted, with the beam spread not to exceed the area of the cut out letters and/or logo or inset sign.

#### **SECTION 154.** Airport Signage

- (A) Airfield and Air National Guard Signage. Except as provided in (3) below, all signage on the airfield of Burlington International Airport or property owned by the Vermont Air National Guard that is installed pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or United States Department of Defense (DOD) requirements, as applicable, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (B) Other Necessary Signage. Except as provided in (3) below, all other signage on Burlington International Airport and Vermont Air National Guard property necessary to safe and efficient operation of the Airport or National Guard premises shall be determined by the Airport or Vermont Air National Guard pursuant to FAA or DOD recommended standards, as applicable, and shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (C) Signs on Airport Property within 20' of Road Rights-of-Way. Signs on Burlington International Airport property to be located within twenty feet (20') of the edge of the right-of-way of a public road adjacent to the Airport shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and shall require a sign permit.

## SECTION 165. Perpendicular Signs

Perpendicular signs will be permitted subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Where property dimensions or cate circumstances that do not allow for a free standing sign, a perpendicular building mounted sign or signs may be permitted.
- (b) Any perpendicular sign to be installed must be determined to be properly mounted on the building from which it is hung in a safe and appropriate fashion relative to the architecture of the building.
- (c) A perpendicular sign may not extend above the top of the building wall or parapet to which it is attached.
- (d) A perpendicular sign may extend no more than three (3) feet from the outside edge of the wall to which it is attached, and may have a vertical dimension of no more than ten (10) feet The maximum area of the sign face of a perpendicular sign shall be thirty (30) square feet.
- (e) All signs of this type must be designed properly so as to be structurally correct and safe for pedestrians, traffic and other activities which occur in the vicinity.

(f) Perpendicular signs are subject to the approval of the Code Officer who may seek the review of an architect, sign and/or engineering expert consultant to assist in his or her determination. All associated costs for this consultant review are to be borne by the applicant.

Perpendicular signs are permitted subject to the following conditions:

- (A) A property shall be permitted either to install perpendicular sign(s) pursuant to this section OR free-standing sign(s) pursuant to Section 8, but in no case shall both be permitted.
- (B) Any perpendicular sign to be installed must be structurally sound and safe for pedestrians, traffic and other activities.
- (C) Any proposed encroachment into or over the public right-of-way must provide to the Code Officer written approval from the Department of Public Works of such encroses ment prior to issuance of a permit.
- (D) A perpendicular sign may not extend above the top of the building wall or parapet to which it is attached.
- (E) A perpendicular sign may extend no more than three (3) feet from the outside edge of the wall to which it is attached.
- (F) A perpendicular sign shall have its lowest solution less than eigh (6) feet above the ground level.
- (G) Area of a perpendicular sign:
  - (1) A perpendicular sign shall not exceed twenty-one (22) square bet in area.
  - (2) Signs having two (2) parallel and attached accesshall be considered as one sign, and the area shall be computed for one side only.
- (H) A perpendicular sign shall not be internally illuminated.
- (I) There shall be a maximum of one (1) perpendicular sign per first-floor tenant with a direct entryway, which shall be located on the tenant's storefront.

## **a**SECTION 176. Real Estate and Construction Project Signs

- (A) Real estate signs. Signs advertising to the public that the property on which the same sign is displayed is available for sale, rent or lease shall not require a sign permit, but shall not be illuminated and shall be subject to the limitations in this Section.
  - (1) In non-residential zoning districts, each <u>Liot</u> shall be entitled to one (1) such freestanding sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet if located within twenty (20) feet of the edge of the right-of-way, or thirty-two (32) square feet if located more than twenty (20) feet from the edge of the right-of-way.
  - (2) In residential zoning districts, each Lot shall be entitled to one (1) such free standing sign not to exceed six (6) square feet. 16

- (B) Construction Project signs. Signs advertising that new construction, or an expansion, renovation or addition project (including painting, roofing, and siding) is taking place on the property on which the sign is displayed are subject to the provisions of this Section.
  - (1) In non-residential zoning districts and in residential zoning districts where a multi-lot development involving ten (10) or more Lots is taking place, Construction Project signs shall be limited to one (1) sign per property or multi-lot development, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height and not illuminated. Such signs shall require a sign permit.
  - (2) Except as provided above, in residential zoning districts up to two (2) Construction Project signs may be displayed simultaneously on a Lot. A single Construction Project sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet, or three (3) square feet each if two (2) such signs are displayed on a single Lot. Such signs shall not require a sign permit.
  - (3) Construction Project signs in all districts shall remain only until completion of the project. Such signs remaining on a Lot after the project is completed shall be in violation of this Ordinance.
  - (4) Additional signs required to meet safety regulations for construction projects shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, and shall not require a sign permit.
  - (5) Except as specifically provided for residential zoning districts in (2) above, multiple Construction Project signs shall not be permitted and shall be subject to removal by the City.
- (C) Display of construction project and real estate signs on the same Lot. In all zoning districts, on Lots of 80,000 square feet or less, there shall be no more than two (2) real estate and/or Construction Project signs displayed simultaneously. On Lots in non-residential zoning districts exceeding 80,000 square feet, no more than three (3) real estate and/or construction Project signs may be displayed simultaneously.

## SECTION 187. Miscellaneous Types of Signs

- (A) Roof Signs It shall be unlawful for any person to Eerect, alter, relocate or maintain a roof sign as defined in this Ordinance. Provided, however, that a sign may be erected on a parapet wall if such parapet is an integral part of and architecturally consistent with the entire building and is not erected principally to receive and enhance the visibility of the sign. Any such sign shall not extend above said parapet wall.
- (B) Banners and Pennants It shall be unlawful for any person to Eerect, relocate, alter or maintain banners or pennants as defined in this Ordinance, except as permitted as an Event Sign. However, properly displayed governmental flags shall be permitted, but not in excess of three different flags per lot. In addition, a business may display one flag, not exceeding six (6) square feet on which is depicted its name, emblem or logo, except in the Dorset Street/City Center Sign District where such is prohibited.
- (C) Projecting Signs It shall be unlawful for any person to Erect, alter, relocate or maintain any projecting Psign as defined in this Ordinance, except as specifically allowed in Section 1095.

- (C) Inflatable or Wind Sign It shall be unlawful to Eerect, alter, relocate or maintain any inflatable or wind sign as defined in this Ordinance.
- (D) Billboard Signs It shall be unlawful for any person to <u>Ee</u>rect, alter, maintain or relocate any billboard <u>\$Sign</u> as defined in this Ordinance, except as specifically allowed.
- (E) Animated Signs; Action Signs It shall be unlawful for any person to Erect, maintain, alter or relocate any Animated Sign or Action Sign except as specifically exempted within Section 232 of this ordinance.
- (F) Limited Access Facility No sign may be erected if it is so located as to be primarily readable from a limited access facility as defined in Title 19 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
- (G) Temporary and Paper Signs Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 138 herein, signs of paper, cardboard or similar material or signs which are temporary of non-permanent are hereby prohibited.
- (H) Window Signs Window signs including those which are temporary or permanent in nature are permitted provided the total sign area does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total window area to which the sign(s) is attached.
  - (1) Where a Window or Windows constitute fifty percent (50%) or more of the area of an individual building façade, the Code Officer shall have the authority to treat signs affixed to the <u>w</u>Window or <u>w</u>Windows as <u>w</u>Wall signs in keeping with Section 100 of this Ordinance.
  - (2) A sign or signs painted on or affixed to the inside or outside of www.indows shall be counted against the area of Wall signs allowed for the building if the combined area of such a www.indow sign or signs exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of the www.indow occupied.
- Raceway Signs Raceway signs, including cans, the metal structure and/or the box frame, must be made so that the raceway enclosure blends with the exterior Wall of the building to which it is attached. Raceway ssigns are subject to the provisions of Section 109 of this Ordinance (Wall signs).

### SECTION 198. Temporary Sidewalk and Event Signs

- (A) Temporary Sidewalk Sign. A business establishment or other entity with a direct exterior entrance shall be permitted to display one (3) sidewalk sign, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) Such sign shall require an annual permit issued by the Code Officer, which shall be valid from the date of resultince through December 31 of the calendar year during which it is issued;
  - (2) Such sign may only be displayed during the hours of business of the entity being advertised;
  - Sign messures may be altered throughout the course of the permit, but shall not be an Animated Sign and shall not be a Reader Board or other sign with interchangeable plastic lettering;
  - (4) Such signs shall be located within close proximity of a public operable entryway to the business being advertised.
  - (5) A sidewalk sign shall not impede pedestrian or bicycle traffic. No sign may be placed in such a way as to reduce the continuous unobstructed width of a sidewalk or walkway to less than four (4) feet or obstruct

- an entrance way or emergency exit. Such sign shall not obscure visibility for motorists, and shall not impede snow clearance or other maintenance work.
- (6) Signage may not be permanently affixed in any way, butway but may be affixed during daily use to prevent theft or being blown away.
- (7) Maximum Size. A sidewalk sign shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and shall not exceed 24" in width or 36" in height. This does not include the size of the base or frame, which shall not be larger than is necessary to hold the sign face in place. Signs shall not consume more than 36" if depth- whether by length or spread of base legs. Signage may be double faced.
- (8) Materials. Signage shall be constructed of weather resistant materials. Tankboard, paper, and particle board are not permitted. Signage shall be sturdy, meant to constant light winds, but also portable and readily movable.
- (9) Lighting. Signage may not include any lighting or electronic components.
- (10) No materials such as flags, streamers, or balloons who be attached to sidewalk signs.
- (B) Temporary Event Sign. Unless prohibited assemblere in this Ordinance, an individual lot, as defined with the City's Land Development Regulations, or in the case of a Henned Unit Development approved by the Development Review Board, each lot contained within the Planned Unit Development shall be allowed one concurrent (1) event banner or sign in accordance with the following conditions:
  - (1) Such sign shall require a Event Sign Permit is stood by the Code Officer, which shall be valid for the dates specified on the approved permit.
  - (2) Event banners and Ssigns shall be maintained to a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive days once in every two (2) calendar month period or seven (7) day once each calendar month.
  - (3) Any such application shall be signed by the property owner.
  - (4) Signature shall not be a Reader Board or other sign with interchangeable plastic lettering;
  - Maximum Size. Eve it A-Frame Signs- up to eight (8) feet in height and containing no more than thirty two (32) square feet in area, and event Banners up to thirty-two (32) square feet in area are permitted, associated that such signs are located at least five feet from City right-of-way.
  - (1)(6) Establishments founded on parcels of two (2) acres or more with a principal permitted business as a hotel and conference center shall be exempt from the limitations in Section 18(B)(2) above; however, no individual event signarial be maintained for a period in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days every two (2) calendar month period, or seven (7) days once each calendar month. Event signs in excess of those permitted in Section 18(B)(2) above shall be limited to advertising specific temporary or limited-duration functions taking place on the property, and shall not be permitted for general advertising of the principal hotel or conference center function.

Unless prohibited elsewhere in this Ordinance, a business establishment or other entity shall be allowed one (1) temporary sign in accordance with the following conditions:

- (2) No "Reader Boards" or similar such changeable wheeled signs are allowed.
- (3) Temporary "A-F frame" or "Ssandwich bBoard" signs up to eight (8) feet in height and containing no more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area, and banners up to thirty-two (32) square feet in area which are permanently affixed for the purpose of advertising the opening of a new rotal establishment or a special sales event on the Lot where the signs are located, are permitted.
- (4) Temporary signs shall be maintained for a maximum of four on (14) consecutive days once in every two (2) calendar month period, or seven (7) days once each calendar month.
- (5) Temporary signs shall be maintained for a maximum of five (5) days in a calendar wouth provided the signs are displayed on the same day of the week for the entire month.
- (6) Applicants for a Temporary sign may choose either (1) a (4) above, but shall not change their permit within the duration of the permit.
- (7) Establishments located on parcels principal permitted business as a acres or more hotel and conference center shall be exemp tions in Sec 198(c-e) above; however, no a period individual Temporary sign may be maintained of fourteen (14) consecutive days every two (2) calendar month period, or seven (7) day onth. Temporary signs in excess of those permitted in Sections 194 o signs advertising specific temporary or limitedabove shall b duration functions taking all not be permitted for general advertising of the <del>property, an</del> principal hotel or conf tion.
- (8) Notwithstanding Section 198 (1) above, Tempology signs for non-residential uses in residential zoning districts shall be limited to a maximum of section and suppose feet in area, with the exception of Temporary signs for places of worship in any zeroing district and valid non-residential uses on Lots of at least two (2) acres with frontage on Dorse Street of Unesburg Road within the Southeast Quadrant Zoning District.

# SECTION 2019. General Sign Requirements

The following requirements shall apply to all signs:

- (A) No Signs within Public Road Rights-of-Way No permanent or Temporary sign, including but not limited to signs for real estate sales, product or service advertisement, and political advertisements, other than those required for governmental purposes, or otherwise explicitly provided for in this Ordinance, shall be located within a public road right-of-way.
- (B) Maintenance All signs and other advertising structures, together with all their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be of substantial and sturdy construction, shall be kept in good repair, and shall be painted or cleaned as often as necessary to maintain a clean, neat, safe and orderly appearance.

- (C) Wind Pressure and Dead Load Requirements Any sign or advertising structure as defined in this Ordinance shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind pressures and receive dead loads as required by recognized engineering and construction practices in the City of South Burlington.
- (D) Obstruction to Doors, Windows or Fire Escapes No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, www.indow or fire escape. No sign shall be attached to a stand pipe or fire escape.
- Signs Not to Constitute Traffic Hazards In order to secure and maintain reasonable traffic safety, it shall be unlawful for any person to effect or maintain any sign containing reflective materials or any animated sign or action sign as defined in this Ordinance. No sign shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obstruction free and clear vision or so as to distract the attention of the driver of any vehicle by reason of the position, shape or color thereof. Pursuant to the foregoing, no sign shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to be likely to interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with, any authorized traffic sign, signal or device. Accordingly, no sign or other advertising structure shall make use of the words "Stop", "Go", "Look", "Slow", "Danger", or any other similar phrase, symbol, or character, or apply any color in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.
- (F) Projecting Images No person or establishment shall project light. Leogos or images into any area visible from a public sidewalk or right-of-way.
- (G) Design Standards for All Signs Signs shall be designed and constructed in such manner and of such materials as to be consistent with the following design standards unless the applicant can establish to the satisfaction of the Code Officer, that any standards which are not met are inapplicable, unnecessary, or would create an extraordinary and unreasonable hardship:
  - (1) No sign shall be located on a tree, or painted or drawn upon a rock, lawn, or the ground, excluding permitted landscape feature signs as provided herein.
  - (2) All signs, and the standards and posts supporting them, shall be of substantial and sturdy construction. Break-away standards and posts are permitted if of substantial and study construction.
  - (3) Signs shall not dominate the last on which they stand or the building to which they are attached, but shall be compatible with some.
  - (4) Signs shall contain a n inimum amount of lettering which shall be clearly visible to the public without being distracting to motorists.
- (H) No sign may be erected if it is so located as to be primarily readable from a limited access facility as defined in Title 19, V.S.A.
- (I) No display of pornographic or lewd signs shall be permitted.
- (J) No sign shall be affixed to a handrail or fence.
- (K) No sign shall be attached to a water supply tank, and no sign shall be painted on a water supply tank except for governmental or operational identifications or notices, which are to be as minimal in size as practicable.

- (L) No sign shall be attached to a utility cabinet other than identification or required operational signs installed by the owner of the cabinet. No advertising signs shall be installed on any cabinet.
- (M) Off-premise signage shall not be permitted.
- (N) The use of parked or stationary motor vehicles to display Temporary signs, such as but not limited to stickers, Bbanners, drapes, and placards, for advertising purposes, shall be prohibited. For purposes of this subsection such Temporary signs shall include but not be limited to those signs that would not remain affixed to the vehicle when the vehicle is moving, or that would constitute a hazard to safe operation of the vehicle, and other similar cases as determined by the Code Officer.

# SECTION 240. Lighting

- (A) Except as provided elsewhere in this Ordinance, indirect or interior lighting may be used to illuminate any sign provided that the source of light shall concentrate the illumination upon the area of the sign so as to and prevent glare upon the street or adjacent property. Except in the Dorset Street. City Center Sign District, fixtures should not be placed any nearer than five (5) feet to the property line.
- (B) It shall be unlawful for any person to Eerect, alter, maintain or relocate any sign employing the use of luminescent lights as defined in this Ordinance, except where such luminescent elements are shielded from direct view by a separate translucent material.
- (C) No sign of any kind shall be left illuminated after ten o'clock P.M. (10:00 PM) in any residential zoning district, and no sign of any kind shall be left illuminated after midnight in any nonresidential zoning district unless the premises are open for business after midnight, in which case, no sign of any kind shall be left illuminated after the premises are closed for business. Notwithstanding the above, a Wall sign may be left illuminated, if the Code Officer determines that it is necessary for the protection of the property from theft or vandalism, and such determination is made a same of the permit.
- (D) String lighting shall not be allowed except for a non-permanent, seasonal or charitable business with permit by Code Officer.
- (E) In the Dorset Street/City Center Sin District, i<u>I</u>nternally illuminated signs shall utilize opaque backgrounds and translucent letters, <u>I</u>Logos and/or graphics, so as to <u>ie</u>nsure that the lettering, Logos and/or graphics are illuminated rather than the background. <u>Translucent backgrounds utilizing dark colors may be used</u> with white char or other light translucent letters, <u>Logos and/or graphics</u>, <u>provided the Design Review</u> <u>Committee data mines that the effect will be consistent with the intent of this provision.</u>
- (F) The illumination of flags must conform to the provisions of the South Burlington Land Development Regulations regarding nighttime illumination of governmental flags. No other upward illumination of flags is permitted.
- (G) The use of integrated neon, LED and fiber optic lighting to illuminate signs shall be permitted provided the light source is covered with a clear, translucent or opaque material so that the light source is diffused and no glare is reflected. Exposed neon lighting shall not be permitted.

(H) Except as provided in (gG) above, fixtures shall not include bare bulbs, and fixtures shall not make bare bulbs or other direct light sources visible to persons viewing a sign.

### SECTION 221. Regulations for Establishments Selling Gasoline

- (A) Wall signs. For establishments selling gasoline, Wall signs may be attached to the principal building and, if applicable, to a structural canopy. There shall be no more than two (2) Wall signs on a principal building with the total area of all Wall signs on the principal building not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the Gross façade area of the principal building.
- (B) Structural Canopies. There shall be no more than four (4) advertising and/or brand identification signs attached to each structural canopy on each Lot, with no more than one (1) such sign attached to each face of a structural canopy and no individual sign to exceed fifteen (15) square feet. Internal illumination of structural canopies shall be permitted and shall not constitute a sign.
- (C) Signs necessary to operations. There shall be no limit or the total number of signs necessary for the operation of the establishment attached to a structural canopy and gasoline pumps, including such signs as "restrooms," "self service," or "air," provided no individual sign exceeds six (6) square feet. The foregoing not-withstanding, however, any such sign including the name and/or logo of the business to which it is attached, other than names or Logos integral to a gasoline pump, shall count as a Wall or structural canopy sign and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this Section and Ordinance.
- (D) Free-standing signs. For establishments selling gasoline, there shall be no more than one free-standing sign per Lot. If a price sign is included as part of the free-standing sign, such establishments may add up to twelve (12) square feet to the free-standing sign allowance otherwise applicable to the Lot. Such price signs must be an integral part of the one (1) allowed free-standing sign. The permitted area of the base or support structure of the free-standing sign shall be based on the maximum area of the free-standing sign applicable to the Lot, excluding the additional twelve (12) square foot allowance for signs that include a price sign.
- (E) The total square footage of all signs on the Lot, including point-of-purchase signs on gasoline pumps but excluding signs identified in <u>sub</u>section (¿C) above, shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet.
- (F) the outdoor display of products for tale shall be prohibited, with the exception of vehicle tires, ice and/or propane.
- (G) Temperary signs outside the principal building shall be permitted as per Section 198 of this Ordinance.

# SECTION 232. Exemptions

The provisions and regulations of this Ordinance shall not apply to official business directional signs and sign plazas as defined in and erected pursuant to Chapter 21 of Title 10, Vermont Statutes Annotated. The provisions and regulations of this Ordinance shall also not apply to the following signs, provided however, said signs shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 2019, 210 and 254.

- (A) Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any stone or masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials and not exceeding six (6) square feet in total area.
- (B) One (1) residential "Name Place Sign" as defined in this Ordinance;
- (C) Traffic signs and legal notices;
- (D) Signs or billboards-approved by the Code Officer that advertise the City of South Burlington, or any of its departments, or provide a community directory to the recreational and community facilities offered in the City; or advise the public of the location of facilities operated by the City or any of its departments; or that advertise the South Burlington School District. In no case, however, shall Animated Signs be a proved except in accordance with the standards of Section 232(K), "signs for post-secondary institutions."
- (E) Directional Signs, consistent with the provisions of Section 1.2 above; provided however, that the Code Officer may order the removal of Directional Signs upon finding by him that some are unnecessary, not within the definition set out in Section 32, or are otherwise contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance;
- (F) Bona fide Christmas and holiday decorations displayed during the holiday's celebratory period from November 15 through January 5;
- (G) "Warning", "Danger", "No Trespassing", or similar signs, in size and quantity as reasonably required to accomplish their intended purpose;
- (H) Signs for charitable or political purposes displayed on a Walker Winslow.
- (H)(H) Signs attached to electronic scoreboards, provided the following are met:
  - (1) The scoreboard upon which the sign is attached is located on City owned or leased land,
  - (2) The sign advertises a business or organization that made a monetary contribution towards the scoreboard in question,
  - (3) The sign includes the words "This scoreboard donated by" or similar words to that effect,
  - (4) The maximum size of the sign shall not exceed twenty-one (21) square feet,
  - The area of the sign shall not exceed twenty-four percent (24%) of the area of the scoreboard and sign combined,
  - (6) The maximum height of the sign shall be ten (10) feet, measured from the average finished grade at the base of the scoreboard to the highest point of any part of the sign,
  - (7) The sign shall not be illuminated.
  - (8) The sign shall be covered by an attractive, fitted panel so that it is not visible during the months of November through March, and
  - (9) The sign shall require written approval from the City Manager, or his/her designee, prior to its erection or alteration.

- (I) Multi-tenant buildings and multi-building complexes that display individual tenant signs within an approved free-standing sign. A multi-tenant building or multi-building structure under common management and ownership that has an approved free-standing sign used to display signs bearing the names of the tenant uses within the building or complex may remove and/or replace the tenant signs within the approved free-standing sign without obtaining a Permanent Sign permit, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) The individual tenant sign proposed to be installed must have the same sign dimensions, use the same background color, use the same font color, and use the same font size as inclindividual tenant sign that is proposed to be removed.
- (J) One- or two-sided free-standing signs for post secondary educational institutions which are used to provide information regarding on-campus activities that are open to the public. Such signs must be approved by the City Manager or the manager's designee, may not exceed fifty (50) square feet per side, must be at least fifteen (15) feet from the pavement of any public road, must not be located within any public right-of-way, and may not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Such signs may include an electronic message board Animated Sign not exceeding ten (10) square feet on each side of the sign, which may only be used between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and midnight. Information may be displayed on the message board on an intermittent basis, provided each display is at least five (5) minutes in duration. Each institution shall be limited to one (1) sign.
- (K) Signs reasonably necessary for the operation and use of the <u>Green Mountain Transit Chittenden County</u> <u>Transportation Authority, its successors,</u> and other public transit services.
- (L) Purely decorative murals, as defined in this Ordinance, that in the judgment of the Code Officer do not have the intent or visual effect of increasing the area of a sign.
- (M) All Wall and free-standing signs, including those attached to Windows and doors, that are necessary to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, provided such signs do not interfere with public safety.
- (N) Sculptures that do not involve a representation of or reference to a business, service or good shall not be construed to be signs and shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance. Sculptures may be subject to the provisions of the South Burlington Land Development Regulations, as amended.
- (O) Vermont and Federal government markers of historical sites or places of interest and Vermont state tourism signs, provided such signs do not interfere with public safety.
- (P) One (1) help wanted sign of no more than four twelve (124) square feetmay be attached to permitted free-standing.
- (Q) Barber poles, in accordance with Vermont statutes.
- (R) Wayfinding and interpretive signage. Sponsors of activities requiring bona fide interpretive signage or Wayfinding signs, such as but not limited to signage for a natural area, natural resource demonstration project, educational initiative, or projects with a focus on historic, natural or cultural resources, may apply for a <u>permit.</u>

  <u>Master Signage Permit pursuant to Section 87 of this Ordinance. The Design Review Committee The Code Officer</u> shall have the authority to determine the appropriate number, sizes, locations, designs and contents of such Wayfinding or interpretive signage, but in no case

shall the size of any single Wayfinding or interpretive sign exceed twenty (20) square feet. The Design Review Committee shall have the authority to require supplemental plans or graphics, to require additional review by the Design Review Committee or Code Officer for changes or amendments to a Master Signage Permit, and to issuance of individual sign permits for certain signs approved within a Master Signage Permit.

- (S) Signs designated as "historic" by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (or its successor) or the National Register of Historic Places. Alternations to such signs shall only be permitted if the entire sign becomes compliant with these regulations or if the proposed alterations are approved as remaining "historic" by the above-named bodies.
- (T) Informational signs affixed to the principal face of a propane gas cage containing safety information, the manufacturer's name, the manufacturer's logo, and/or emergency contact information. Lettering, numbering, or Logos shall not exceed three (3) inches in height.
- (U) One (1) restaurant menu not exceeding two (2) square feet in size per restaurant, affixed to a Wall that <u>is</u> adjacent to a door that leads directly into such restaurant. No lettering or numbers shall exceed one (1) inch in height. No such menus shall be internally illuminated. Any other lighting shall be downcast directly onto the menu.
- (V) Up to two (2) signs affixed to an electric vehicle charging station not exceeding fifty (50) square inches per sign.
- (V) <u>, up to twelve (12) square feet in size, direct exterior entr</u>
- (W) Flags. The following types of flags are exempting ordinance
  - (1) Properly displayed governmental flags of up to 24 square feet shall be permitted, but not in excess of three different flags per tot
  - (2) A business rany asplay one flag of any type properly affixed to a building or permanent flagpole, not exceeding fifteen (15) square feet.

#### **SECTION 244. Non-Conforming Signs**

- (A) Except as provided for in Section 2010, On or before JUNE 3, 2009, all non-conforming signs shall have been removed, lawfully replaced, or otherwise altered so as to comply with all applicable provisions of the South Burlington Sign Ordinance in effect as of that date within seven (7) years of adoption or amendment of this ordinance.
- (B) An existing "confine fing sign that was lawfully erected" shall become a non-conforming sign on the effective date of an amendment of this ordinance that establishes a standard or requirement with which the sign does not conform. A converming sign shall be:
- (C) Any sign in existence on June 3, 2009, that on such date was in full compliance with all requirements of this ordinance as it was then constituted; or
- (D) Any sign first constructed after June 3, 2009, in strict compliance with a permit issued under this ordinance; or

- (B) Any sign altered or relocated after June 3, 2009, in strict compliance with a permit issued under this ordinance.
- (E) Within five (5) years of the date a sign becomes non-conforming, it shall be removed or, following issuance of a permit, be altered or relocated to comply with this ordinance.
- (C) Exceptions.
  - (1) Any approved landscape feature to which a sign was attached prior to the adoption of this Ordinance may continue indefinitely and may be normally maintained and repaired.
  - (1) Any existing sign structure lawfully in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance in the City Center Sign District, may be normally maintained or repaired. Any statement of sign within the sign structure shall be in accordance with the standards of the District.
  - (2) Existing internally illuminated signs lawfully in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance are permitted to continue until such time as that sign is proposed to be altered or replaced through a new Permanent Sign permit.

# SECTION 254. Unsafe and Unlawful Signs

If the Code Officer shall find that any sign is unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, or has been constructed, erected or is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, he the Code Officer shall immediately give written notice to the owner thereof and shall have said written notice served by certified mail with return receipt requested. If the owner failsed to remove or alter the structure, so as to comply with the standards herein set forth, at the discretion of the Code Officer after receipt of such notices, said sign or structure may be required to be removed by the Code Officer at the expense of the owner of the sign and owner of the property upon which it is located, such expense of removal to be the joint and several liability of all such owners. The Code Officer may cause any sign which is an immediate peril to person or property, to be removed summarily and without notice.

# SECTION 265. Removal of Certain Signs

Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer identifies a bona fide use conducted, or a property sold, on the Lot on which it is located, or which is not maintained in a safe and appropriate condition, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the beneficial use of the building or structure upon which such sign may be found on the Lot on which it is located within ten (10) days after written notification from the Cityode Officer, and upon failure to comply with such notice within the time specified in such order, the Code Officer is hereby authorized to cause removal of such sign, and any expense incident thereto shall be paid by the owner of the building, structure or Lot to which such sign is attached or is located.

## SECTION 276. Revocation of Permits

The Code Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to revoke any permit issued by him upon failure of the permittee to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION 287.** Renewal of Permits

Upon the expiration of any permits under this Ordinance, the sign for which the permit was issued shall be removed immediately unless the holder thereof applies for a renewal permit upon payment of the fee set out at Section 54 hereof and upon the filing of a renewal application on forms furnished by the Code Officer. Such forms shall include such questions as are reasonably required to enable the Code Officer to decide whether the renewal permit should be issued in accordance with this Ordinance. The Code Officer shall act within the number of days, and in the manner set out at Section 76. Provided, further, that no permit shall be issued to any applicant if the sign or sign owner is not in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, as then amended, except as provided for Master Signage Permits in Section 87.

### SECTION 298. Appeals

Any person aggrieved by any action of the Code Officer or Design Review may appeal such action, or refusal to act, to the South Burlington Development Review Board. Such appeal shall be filedlodged with the City Clerk within fifteen (15) days of the Code Officer 300 Committee's action or refusal to act, and Design shall be accompanied by an appeal fee in accordance with the schedule provided under Section 54 of this Ordinance. The fee for such appeal shall be the same as for appeals of actions of the Administrative Officer to the Development Review Board pursuant to the South Burlington Land Development Regulations. The hearing shall be held at the time and place set by the Chairman of the Development Review Board but no sooner than seven (7) days, nor later than twenty (20) days, after public notice of such hearing has appeared in a newspaper having general circulation in the City. The Development Review Board may make such order or take such action, including the issuance of a permit or the revocation of same as is consistent with this Ordinance. Provided, however, in deciding such appeals, the Development Review Board may not grant variances, exemption, extraordinary relief or otherwise alter, amend, enlarge or modify the provisions of the Ordinance, it being the intent of this section to merely provide for appeals from the decisions of the Code Officer or Design Review Committee, and not to provide for variances or exceptions hereto. The Development Review Board may adopt rules governing the conduct of such hearings, and if such rules are adopted it shall cause a copy thereof to be furnished to each applicant at the time that the appeal is taken.

### SECTION 3029. Enforcement and Penalties

Any person who violates a provision of this civil ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 \$800 per day for each day that such violation continues. The AdministrativeCode-Officer or Assistant Administrative Officer of the City of South Burlington shall be authorized to act as the Hissuing Mmunicipal Oofficials to issue and pursue before the Judicial Bureau a municipal complaint. The Code Administrative Officer or Assistant Administrative Officer shall issue a written warning for a violation of this Ordinance before issuing a municipal complaint for a first offense of this Ordinance in any calendar year.

# SECTION 30. Civil Penalty; Waiver Fee

(A) An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense	\$160
Second offense	\$320
Third offense	\$480
Fourth offense	\$640
Fifth and subsequent offenses	\$80

(B) An issuing municipal official is authorized to recover a waiver in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amounts, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee:

First offense	\$100
Second offense	\$250
Third offense	\$400
Fourth offense	\$5.50
Fifth and subsequent offenses	\$700

(A) Wayer Fee An Issuing Punicipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pay the waiver fee:

First offense -	<del>\$25<u> </u>\$50</del>
Second offense	<del>\$50<u>\$75</u></del>
Third offense -	<del>\$75<u>\$100</u></del>
Fourth offense	\$100 <u>\$125</u>
Fifth offense -	\$125 \$150

 Sixth offense \$150 \$175

 Seventh offense \$175 \$200

 Eight offense \$200 \$250

 Ninth offense \$275 \$350

 Tenth offense \$350 \$450

Each subsequent \$550

offense

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

(B) Civil Penalties. An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense—
Second offense—
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Third offense—
Fourth offense—
Fifth offense—
Sixth offense—
Seventh offense—
Eight offense
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\$500 \$700

Each subsequent offense - \$800

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

# SECTION 11. OTHER RELIES

Other Re In In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the Judicial Bureau, the City Manager is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, to request revocation of a license by the law Council or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

State law reference studies of bureau, 4 V.S.A. § 1102 et seq.; complaint signed by the issuing municipal official for civil ordinance violation, 24 V.S.A. § 1977.

# SECTION 312. Conformity with State Law

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, this Ordinance shall in no way be construed to permit the erection or maintenance of any sign contrary to the laws of Vermont, now in existence or hereafter enacted.

# SECTION-3323. Severability

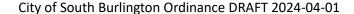
If any portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance.

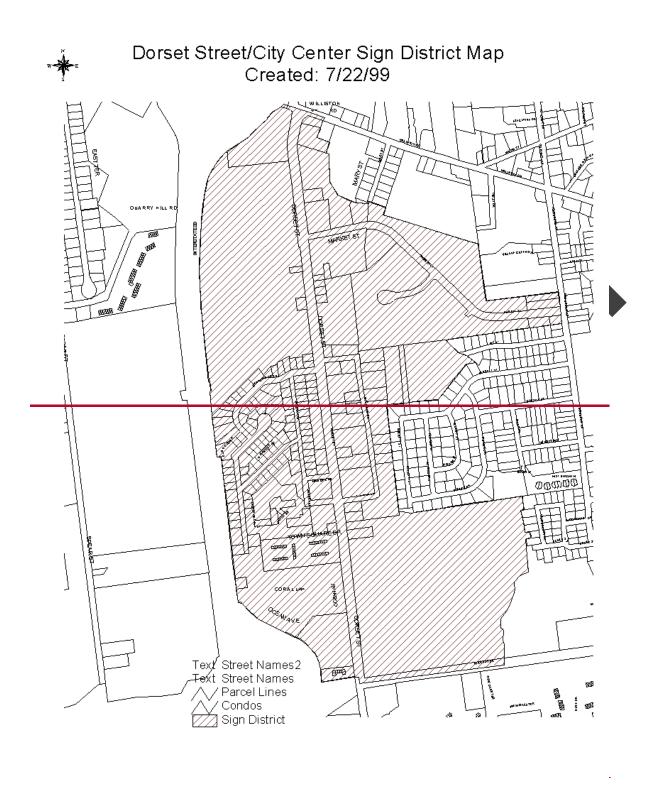
Any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be considered severable and, if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereto to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions of application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

#### **SECTION 33.** Repeal of Zoning Provisions

Adoption of this Ordinance shall be deemed to repeal such portions of the south Burlington Zoning Ordinance adopted June 25, 1973 and any amendments thereto, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 34. Effect. This Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage-





#### **APPENDIX B**

### **Dorset Street/City Center Sign District**

#### **Description of District Boundaries**

The westerly boundary of the District follows the Interstate Highway Right of Way f Villiston Road to ct and Williston Road forms Kennedy Drive in the south. Kennedy Drive forms the southern boundary of the the northerly boundary. At Kennedy Drive, the District boundary follows the Department Boundary in a northeasterly direction along the stream bed and then northerly parallel t Drive and 100 feet back from the roadway R.O.W. The boundary follows the School Departmen terly direction for a parallel to Bar total of 1336 feet. The boundary then heads in a northerly direction reet for 1130 feet at which point it turns easterly and follows the Barrett Street ali nt and coinciding with property lines which are between 110 and 120 feet from the Barrett Street V. and coinciding with the pr v line follows this property line as it delineating lands owned by the City of South Burlington. The ict bour heads in an irregular fashion to the northwest to its intersection operty line of lands owned by South Burlington Realty. At this point the line then heads in an easterly d n for 1245 feet to the Hinesburg Road R.O.W. The District then follows Hinesburg Road herly for 181 fee pich point the boundary then follows the property for the South Burlington Realty pa its the Centra ol Property. The District Boundary then heads north along the Central School Prope to the end of Mary Street. The ith the n District Boundary then proceeds westerly coincidit y line of the properties located at 2 Road along the eastern property and 6 Market Street. The District Boundary then he Williston Road. lines of properties located at 8