

**Sec. 8-3113. Same--Issuance; appeals by aggrieved persons.**

The zoning administrator shall only issue a permit for the erection or construction of a sign which meets the requirements of this article. Any aggrieved person may appeal the decision of the zoning administrator by filing such appeal with the board of appeals on forms provided therefore.

**Sec. 8-3114. Same--Application; plans to be submitted.**

Application for permits to erect, hang or place a sign shall be submitted on forms obtainable from the zoning administrator. Each application shall be accompanied by plans showing the area of the sign; size and character and the method of illumination, if any; the exact location proposed for such sign; and, in the case of a projecting sign, the proposed method of fastening such sign to the building structure; the vertical distance between such sign and the finished grade; and the horizontal distance between such sign and the curb.

**Sec. 8-3115. Same--Additional information may be required.**

Each applicant for a sign permit shall, upon request of the zoning administrator, submit any additional information deemed necessary by the administrator.

**Sec. 8-3116. Same--When not required.**

The following signs do not require a sign permit; provided, however, said signs be subject to the provisions of section 8-3111(a) through (i) and to those provisions listed below:

- (a) One sign per residential use indicating a resident's name, street address of the premises, and/or an accessory use sign for an allowed home occupation, and/or such sign for a permitted professional activity, provided that such sign shall not exceed an area of two square feet.
- (b) One non-illuminated principal use sign, not exceeding three square feet in area, located on a nonresidential principal use. Provided; however, if such sign is painted directly on the building, it shall be subject to review and approval by the historic district board of review, and if freestanding it shall be located entirely on private property.
- (c) Traffic or other municipal signs, historic markers, legal notices not exceeding 16 square feet in area, railroad crossing signs, danger, and such temporary emergency or non-advertising traffic-control/guidance signs as may be approved by the city traffic engineer.
- (d) Reserved.
- (e) Names of buildings; date of erection; and commemorative tablets, when cut into any masonry surface and made a permanent and integral part of the building.

- (f) Memorial signs and tablets or historic plaques not to exceed two square feet in size.
- (g) Bulletin boards for public, charitable, educational or religious institutions not to exceed 15 square feet; provided such sign is located on the premises of said institution. Such sign shall be placed flat against the principal use structure or not less than five feet from any property line.
- (h) Development signs identifying the architect, engineer, developer or contractor when placed on the site under construction, alteration or removal not to exceed 16 square feet when located within any zoning district with the word "residential" in the district nomenclature; or not to exceed 32 square feet when located within zoning districts, unless specifically regulated to be larger, based on state or federal legislative or administrative requirements. All such signs shall be removed from the site within seven days after completion of the project.
- (i) One temporary non-illuminated real estate sign advertising only the sale, lease or rental of the premises or property upon which said sign is located, or one non-illuminated sign indicating a building is open for public inspection. For the "residential" zoning districts, such signs shall not exceed six square feet in sign area; except, where multiuse establishments are involved, then such sign may be increased in size to 16 square feet. Such signs shall be placed no closer than five feet from the street right-of-way line or shall be attached to the principal use structure. For the nonresidential zoning district(s), such signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in sign area, and shall be placed no closer than ten feet from the street right-of-way line or shall be attached to the principal use structure. All such signs shall be removed within seven days after the property has been sold, leased or rented.
- (j) One non-illuminated sign for every 100 feet of frontage when advertising the sale of farm products grown or produced on the premises in any zoning district wherein an agricultural use is permitted; provided, that such sign shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and shall be at least 100 feet from the nearest corner of a street, road or highway intersection and at least five feet from the nearest property line.
- (k) Window signs on or within windows relating to the business conducted within or to nonprofit civic or charitable organizations provided no greater than ten percent of any window area is utilized for such signs.
- (l) Signs in conformance with public traffic sign standards directing traffic movement onto premises or within premises, and orientational signs not exceeding two square feet in sign area for each sign when displayed on private property for the purpose of direction or convenience, including signs identifying restrooms, freight entrances and the like. Directional signs on and flat with paved areas are exempt from these standards.

**Sec. 8-3117. Special sign districts--Created.**

There are hereby created within the City of Savannah in the historic area of the city districts to be known as special sign districts as hereinafter defined or delineated.

**Sec. 8-3118. Same--General requirements.**

- (a) In addition to the requirements of this section, signs in special sign districts shall comply with the provisions of sections 8-3111 to 8-3114, and 8-3115, provided that where such provisions are in conflict with this section, the requirements of this section shall prevail.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, erect or maintain any sign or display case of any type other than publicly maintained street and directional signs within special sign districts except as provided for in this chapter.