

4. The repair and replacement of broken signs and lighting otherwise prohibited by this section shall be exempt from the standards of this section, provided such repair or replacement does not increase the nonconformity.

H. Time/temperature signs, digital signs, and signs with manually changeable messages are permitted on any free-standing sign. These sign areas shall be included when calculating the total square footage of the sign.

I. A freestanding structure formerly used as a sign and no longer in use for more than six (6) months after its use for a sign has ceased, shall be maintained or removed by the:

1. Owner of the sign.
2. Owner of the property.

For the purposes of this subsection, removal shall mean physical removal of the entire sign and supporting structure, the removal of all text and other signage to display a blank sign face, or the reversal of all sign panels to display a blank sign face.

8.2 ALLOWED SIGNS

8.2.1 Signs Allowed without a Permit

The following signs are allowed without a permit, provided any conditions and standards listed below, or elsewhere in this Article, are met:

- a. **Identification Signs.** Identification signs designating a house number and/or the name of the resident, or for commercial properties, the street number, are exempt, however, lettering shall not exceed four (4) square feet for non-residential properties.
- b. **Memorial Signs or Tablets.**
- c. **Flags.** Flags are not considered signs and are exempt under this section.
- d. **Traffic, Municipal and Private Traffic Control Signs.** When located within a right-of-way or road easement.
- e. **Political Signs.** Signs indicating a political party or candidate for public office, may be displayed under this exemption for not more than forty five (45) days prior to the scheduled election, and shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election date.
- f. **Real Estate Signs.** Temporary, non-illuminated, on-premises signs advertising the sale, rent or lease of the premises, not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area on each side, not exceeding one (1) such sign per frontage, and located on the premises. Off-premise signs require property owner's permission before being placed and must be kept out of the road right-of-way. Open house directional signs are permitted but need to be removed following