

City of Pratt, Kansas

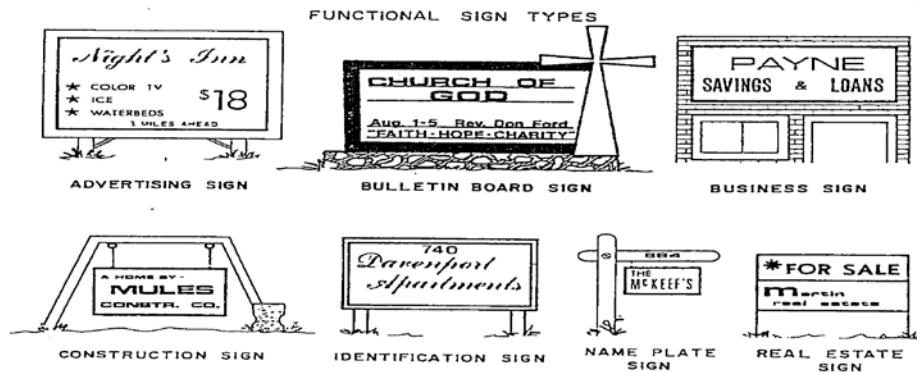
Sec. 3. Sign Regulations.

A. Purpose and Intent: The intent of this Section is to regulate the size and use of signs, bulletin boards and other advertising devices; to prohibit or restrict signs, bulletin boards and other advertising devices in districts where commercial and industrial activities are prohibited, and to control their location, size, number and type in districts where the same are permitted. Additionally, this Section's purpose is to permit only those signs which are essential for the reasonable conduct of business and industry and to prevent needless clutter from the use of unreasonable number, location, size or illumination of signs. A sign by definition is a structure.

B. Functional Sign Classifications:

1. Advertising: A sign which directs the attention of the public to any goods, merchandise, property, business service, entertainment or amusement conducted or produced which is bought, sold, furnished, offered or dealt in elsewhere than on the premises where the sign is located or to which it is affixed. The sign shall not project beyond the front, side or rear building setback lines for the district where the sign is located.
2. Bulletin Board: A sign that indicates the name of an institution or organization on whose premises it is located and which contains the name of the institution or organization, name of persons connected with it and announcement of persons, events or activities occurring at the institution. Such sign may also present a greeting or similar message.
3. Business: A sign which directs attention to a business or profession conducted or/to products, services or entertainment sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located or to which it is affixed.
4. Construction: A temporary sign indicating the name of architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors or similar artisans involved in the design and construction of a structure, complex or project. Such signs shall exist only during the construction period and only on the premises on which the construction is taking place.

5. Identification: A sign giving the name and address of a building, business, development or establishment. Such signs may be wholly or partly devoted to a readily recognized symbol.
6. Name Plate: A sign giving the name and address and/or professional status of the owner or occupant of a building or premises on which it is located.
7. Real Estate: A sign pertaining to the sale or lease of a lot on which the sign is located, or to the sale or lease of a structure, or portion thereof, on which the sign is located.



C. Structural Sign Classifications:

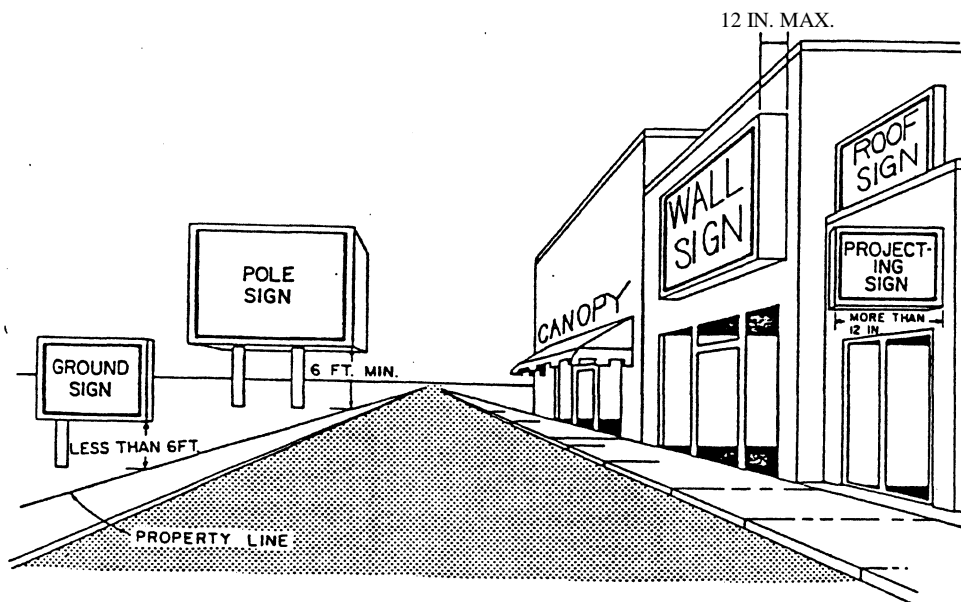
1. Awning, Canopy or Marquee Sign: A sign that is mounted, painted or attached to an awning, canopy or marquee.

In zoning districts where canopies or marquees projecting over public property may be erected, signs may be suspended from such canopy or marquee. Prior to issuing a building/zoning permit, the sign must conform with the following:

 - a) The sign is essential for the reasonable conduct of business or industry.
 - b) The sign conforms with Chart 5-3-1 restricting square footage in area.
 - c) The sign shall conform with adopted building codes of the city or county.
2. Ground: Any sign placed upon, or supported by, the ground independently of the principal building or structure on the property where the bottom edge of the sign is less than 6' above ground level.
3. Pole: Any sign placed upon, or supported by, the ground independently of the principal building or structure on the property where the bottom edge of the sign is 6' or more above ground level.
4. Projecting: A sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a structure for support

and projects more than 12" from such structure.

5. Roof: A sign totally supported on the roof of a structure. Roof signs shall not project more than 12" beyond the face of the structure.
6. Temporary: Temporary signs may be granted by permit, issued by the Zoning Administrator, allowing an excess of the number of signs or in the gross area of signs allowed in the "C-S", "C-2", "C-3", "1-1" or "1-2" Districts. Each temporary sign permit shall be effective for a maximum of 30 days and shall be accompanied by a permit fee. There shall be a minimum of 90 days between the placement of temporary signs on a lot.
7. Wall: A sign fastened to, or painted on, a wall of a structure in such a manner that the wall becomes merely the supporting structure or forms the background surface and which does not project more than 12" from such structure.



STRUCTURAL TYPES OF SIGNS

D. General Requirements:

1. Gross Area of Sign: The entire area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the sign, exclusive of the base on which it is mounted or from which it is suspended. If more than one side of a sign is utilized as a sign, it shall also be computed and counted as a portion of the gross area. On lots with more than one sign, the total gross area of all signs shall not exceed the maximum gross area permitted in Chart 5-3-1.

For computing the gross area of any wall sign which consists of letters mounted or painted on a wall, the gross area shall be the area of the smallest rectangular figure which can encompass all the letters.

2. Sign Height: Shall be measured from the ground elevation at base of sign to highest element of the sign.

3. Lineal Street Frontage:- In zoning districts where gross area of sign is allocate based on lineal street frontage and the lot has frontage on more than one street, lineal street frontage is computed as:

a) Lots located on arterial or collector streets as designated in the Major Thoroughfare Plan Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan - distance of the property line fronting the arterial or collector street.

b) Lots not located on arterial or collector streets as designated in the Major Thoroughfare Plan Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan – 1/2 the sum of all street frontages.

4. Illumination:

a) Illuminated signs shall be designed to reflect or direct light away from any residential zoning district. Any sign located on a lot adjacent to, in front of, or across the street from any residential zoning district, which sign is visible from the residential zoning district, shall only be illuminated between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Refer to the Pratt City Code for additional requirements within the city limits.

b) Illuminated signs in direct vision of a traffic signal shall not be red, amber or green.

5. Traffic Safety:

a) No sign shall be maintained at any location where by reason of its position,

size, shape or color it obstructs, impairs, obscures or interferes with the view of, or could be confused with any traffic or railroad control sign, signal or device or where it may interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

- b) Any sign located within 3' of a driveway or within a parking area shall have its lowest element a minimum of 10' above curb level.
- c) Under no circumstances shall any sign be placed in the Sight Triangle as defined in this Ordinance.

6. Flashing or Moving Signs:

- a) Flashing signs which are in any way similar to traffic signals or emergency vehicle lights are not permitted.
- b) Signs whereon the current time and/or temperature is indicated, through the use of intermittent lighting, are not deemed as-flashing signs if the lighting changes are limited to the numerals indicating the time and/or temperature and any ancillary messages.

7. Metal Signs:

- a) Signs constructed of metal and illuminated by any means requiring internal wiring or electrically wired accessory fixtures attached to a metal sign shall maintain a free clearance to grade of 9'. Accessory lighting fixtures attached to a non-metal frame sign shall also maintain a free clearance to grade of 9'.
- b) No metal ground sign shall be located within 8' vertically and 4' horizontally of electric wires or conductors in free air carrying more than 48 volts, whether or not such wires or conductors are insulated or otherwise protected. (All. such areas shall conform with the adopted National Electric Code.)

8. Signs on Trees or Utility Poles: No sign shall use a tree or utility pole for support, whether on public or private property.

9. Blocking of Access way or Window: No sign shall block any required access way or window.

10. Exceptions: The following signs are exempt from the requirements of this Section:

- a) Flags or emblems of a governmental, political, civic, philanthropic, charitable, educational or religious organization displayed on private property.
- b) Signs of a duly constituted governmental body, including traffic or similar

regulatory signs, legal notices, warnings at railroad crossings and other instructional or regulatory signs having to do with health hazards, parking, swimming, dumping, etc.

c) Memorial signs and tablets displayed on private property.

d) Small signs, not exceeding 3 square feet in area, displayed on private property for the convenience of the public including signs to identify ingress and egress drives, parking areas, rest rooms, freight entrances and other similar signs.

e) Scoreboards in athletic stadiums.

f) Political campaign signs displayed on private property, not exceeding 4 square feet in area, displayed during not more than a 45 day period preceding and a one-week period following an election.

11. Signs Permitted: Signs permitted in the zoning districts are set forth in Chart 5-3-1. All signs erected under the provisions of this Section shall comply with the construction requirements and other structural regulations of city and county codes. No sign shall be erected, enlarged, constructed or otherwise installed without first obtaining a sign permit.
12. Discontinuance of Nonconforming Signs: Signs existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance and not in conformity with this Ordinance, shall cease to be used and the sign shall be removed within 5 years after the effective date of this Ordinance.

APPLICATION FOR A SIGN PERMIT

City of Pratt; PO Box 807; Pratt, KS 67124; 620-672-3866

DATE: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

FAX: _____ Mobile: _____

Sign Location: _____

Zoning District: _____ Business Type: _____

Project Cost: _____

Request to: Install Alter Relocate

Illuminated - \$50.00 permit fee for each sign or

Non-Illuminated - \$25.00 permit fee for each sign or

Billboards - \$50.00 fee for each within 3 mile boundary of City Limits.

Attached to Detached from the building

Height of sign from bottom edge to top edge: _____ ft _____ inches

Width of sign: _____ ft _____ inches

Thickness of sign: _____ Type of materials: _____

Gross area of the sign: _____ square feet

Lower edge will be: _____ ft _____ inches above grade

Inner edge will be: _____ ft _____ inches from Building

Outer edge will be: _____ ft _____ inches from Building

Wording of sign: _____

Type of sign: Advertising Bulletin Board Business Construction Identification

Name Plate Real Estate Other _____

Structure: Awning, Canopy, Marquee Ground Pole Projecting Roof

Temporary Wall Other _____

Installer Name and Address: _____

ALL SIGNS ARE SUBJECT TO CITY ZONING ORDINANCES.

	Functional Class								Structural Class								Max Height	Setbacks	Illumination
	Maximum Gross Area in Sq Ft								#Signs permitted per zoning lot										
	Advertising	Bulletin Board	Business	Construction	Identification	Name Plate	Real Estate		Awning, Canopy, Marquee	Ground	Pole	Projecting	Roof	Wall	Billboard				
RS, R1, R2, R3, R4, MHS, MHP and residential areas of a PUD	N	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	N	N	N	N				
	N	24	*	20	24	2	**	One sign total per zoning lot								15'	No Closer to front property line than 1/2 the distance of the front yard setback	Bulletin Board & ID signs indirectly illuminated with incandescent or fluorescent lighting	
C-O and commercial areas of PUD	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N				
	Not more than 30 sq ft on one façade of any sign or more than a total of 75 sq ft per zoning lot								1	One sign total per zoning lot						No limit	1	20'	10'
C-S, C-2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	6 sq ft per lineal foot of street frontage provided no single sign exceeds a gross area of 400 sq ft								No Limit	Two signs total per zoning lot		1	1	No limit	1	25'	None except that any sign exceeding 200 sq ft in gross area has same setback as the principal structure	Permitted	
C-3	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	-----No Limit-----								No Limit	One sign total per zoning lot		1	1	No limit	1	Not to project more than 20' above highest point of roof on which located; otherwise, 25'	None	Permitted	
I-1, I-2 and industrial areas of a PUD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N				
	12 sq ft per lineal foot of street frontage provided no single sign exceeds a gross area of 300 sq ft								Two signs total per zoning lot								Not to project more than 20' above highest point of roof on which located; otherwise, 25'	10'	Permitted
F-P	Same as underlying district, except no signs shall be located in the floodway.																		
Notes:	* Business signs pertaining to a Home Occupation subject to Article 5, Section 1.																		
	** 32 sq ft in area, however one sign not more than 100 sq ft in area announcing the sale of lots and/or houses in a subdivision or park may be located in the development. Said sign shall be removed at the end of 3 years from placement or when 75% of the lots have been built upon, whichever is first.																		
	*** Limit one sign per zoning lot																		
	Y = Yes (Permitted)								N = No (Not Permitted)										