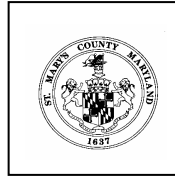




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SIGN CHECKLIST



(as per Section 58 of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance)

Applicable ___ or Exempt ___

Applicability

- >5 square feet
- contain a commercial message
- utilized for more than 60 days

Exemptions

- Political Campaign Signs
 - not illuminated or affixed to any public structure
 - displayed 60 days prior to a primary election
 - removed within 15 days after a primary election
- Real Estate signs <5 feet (however redundant)
- Public Service and special event sign
 - displayed 30 days prior to the event advertised
 - may include signs displayed on barns, trucks, trailers and similar structures and vehicles
 - removed within 15 days after the event
 - must represent a non-profit, charitable, or civic organization or event sponsored by same, including political fund raiser events

If applicable, proceed here: (indicate N/A, if appropriate)

Sign Location

- ___ 5-foot front yard set back.
- ___ 10-foot side yard set back.
- ___ 20-foot set back from any thoroughfare intersection.
- ___ Sign located out of clear sight distance as per DPW and SHA.
- ___ Sign not located in the public way or any utility easement.
- ___ Roof signs (only) do not protrude above the highest portion of roof.

Sign Type

- ___ Sign is either: (Specify here _____)
 - mounted flat against a building,
 - mounted on a post or pole

- Freestanding.

___ **Sign is displayed on the property** where the advertised business or function takes place, but may not be affixed to a public structure.

- Exceptions (check one that applies):

- ___ Public service/special event signs (may be posted off-site).
- ___ Directional signs-may be used off-site (see below).

___ **Mobile and portable signs**-prohibited. (Can not be approved)

___ **Directional signs**-indicate distance/direction to service type businesses, developing subdivisions, developments or shopping centers w/in St. Mary's.

- ___ Must be set back at least 5 feet from right-of-way

___ Limited to:

- ___ Retail businesses serving the traveling public
- ___ Agricultural businesses (not for local needs)
- ___ Three signs, maximum, not more than 10 miles from site
- ___ Maximum of 12 square feet

___ **Bus shelters**

- ___ Maximum sign area 32 square feet
- ___ 2 signs per shelter

___ **Illumination**

- ___ Does not cause glare or reflection on adjacent roadways or residences
- ___ No flashing signs (exception: time/temperature signs)
- ___ Electrical service must be in accordance with the NEC

___ **Obsolete, damaged, abandoned and/or nonconforming signs**

- ___ Legal nonconforming signs = those in existence on 8/1/90
- ___ Exemption: portable and bus shelter signs.
- ___ Obsolete and damaged signs shall be removed by owner, agent, beneficial owner or P&I will remove and bill responsible party. (Can not be approved.)

___ **Size of sign**

___ Rural Preservation District/Rural Limited Commercial District

- ___ Freestanding Sign 32 square feet (Max 1 per site).
 - ___ Shall not be closer to an interior property line than half its height.
 - ___ Shall not be closer than 20 ft. to a projecting sign on the same site.
 - ___ Shall not extend over a public right of way or utilities line
 - ___ Shall not be located on the same frontage as a projecting sign
 - ___ Shall be at least 10 ft. from nearest curb of a public road.
 - ___ Permanent sign shall be placed within a planted area not less than three feet wide around the base of the sign.

___ Wall Sign 32 square feet per business.

___ May be 172 square feet, max height 20 feet, if visible from state road with speed limit of 50 miles per hour).

- ___ Shall not project more than 14 inches from face of building.
- ___ Shall not project above an apparent eave or parapet.
- ___ May be integrated into a sloping roof fascia or mansard roof.

___ Residential Districts

___ All Types – 6 square feet per lot, max height 5 feet (excluding subdivision entry signs).

___ 32 sq. ft. Freestanding Entry Identification Sign for residential subdivision or multi-family housing project (In addition to above).

Mixed Use Commercial, Marine Commercial, Industrial District

- Free Standing - 64 square feet.
 - May be 172 square feet, max height 20 feet, if visible from state road with speed limit of 50 miles per hour).
 - Shall not be closer to an interior property line than half its height.
 - Shall not be closer than 20 ft. to a projecting sign on the same site.
 - Shall not extend over a public right of way or utilities line
 - Shall not be located on the same frontage as a projecting sign
 - Shall be at least 10 ft. from nearest curb of a public road.
 - Permanent sign shall be placed within a planted area not less than three feet wide around the base of the sign.

- Wall Sign – (Front Setback less than 50') - 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft of building width. (Max 100 sq. ft. per building).
 - May be 172 square feet, max height 20 feet, if visible from state road with speed limit of 50 miles per hour).
 - Shall not project more than 14 inches from face of building.
 - Shall not project above an aparent eve or parapet
 - May be integrated into a sloping roof facia or mansard roof.

- Wall Sign – (Front Setback 50' or more) – 1.5 sq. ft. per lineal ft building width. (Max 150 sq. ft. per building).
 - May be 172 square feet, max height 20 feet, if visible from state road with speed limit of 50 miles per hour).
 - Shall not project more than 14 inches from face of building.
 - Shall not project above an aparent eve or parapet
 - May be integrated into a sloping roof facia or mansard roof.

- Projecting – 16 sq. ft. per building (Cumulative area of wallsand projecting signs shall not exceed 100 sq. ft. per wall or 150 sq. ft. per building).
 - No portion shall be less than 9 ft. above the surface.
 - No portion shall be less than 14 ft. above a vehicular passageway.
 - Shall be set back at least 5 ft. from interior property line.
 - No portion shall project above an eve, including eve of mansard roof.

Outside RPD, RSC, RCL, CM, or RNC Zones

- Freestanding Signs – Max 32 sq. ft., Max height 16 ft. (Max 1 sign per lot).
 - May be 172 square feet, max height 20 feet, if visible from state road with speed limit of 50 miles per hour).
 - Shall not be closer to an interior property line than half its height.
 - Shall not be closer than 20 ft. to a projecting sign on the same site.
 - Shall not extend over a public right of way or utilities line
 - Shall not be located on the same frontage as a projecting sign
 - Shall be at least 10 ft. from nearest curb of a public road.
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