

A – Frame Signs

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18.16.010 A-board signs.

The A-board sign shall be no taller than 45 inches and no wider than 30 inches. The frame shall be of dark wood. Each business at street level will be allowed only one A-board sign. The area of the sign shall not be included within the allowable sign area permitted the business on-site. The sign will only be displayed in front of the business it is advertising. After January 1, 1980, the existing A-board signs must be discontinued in use, and no new A-board signs will be permitted to be erected thereafter. (Ord. 77-12 N.S. § 1, 1977; prior code § 8-912).

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- (2) Temporary A-frame signs. Temporary A-frame signs shall comply with the standards provided in Table 10-50.100-070C, Standards for Temporary A-Frame Signs.

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Table 10-50.100.070.D: Standards for Temporary A-Frame Signs

	Standard	Other Requirements
Placement	Private property only at the business location.	Not in public right-of-way.
Hours of use	Business hours only.	Removal at the close of business required.
Height	Max. 4 feet.	
Width	Max. 3 feet.	
Number of Signs	Max. 1 per business.	
Illumination	Non-illuminated.	
Permitting	Temporary Sign Permit required.	
Design and construction	See below.	

Construction and maintenance. Temporary A-frame signs shall be:

- (a) Constructed of minimum 3/4-inch, high density exterior grade compressed wood or molded plastic;
 - (b) Constructed with a protective, water resistant coating which are impervious to weather conditions;
 - (c) Constructed with cut vinyl graphics and may contain zip tracks for changing of cut vinyl graphics;
 - (d) Of sufficient weight and durability to withstand wind gusts, storms, and other routine weather occurrences; and,
 - (e) Maintained in a professional manner free from chipping paint, cracks, gouges, loss of letters, and other such visually identifiable damage
- (3) Temporary vertical banners. Temporary vertical banners shall comply with the standards provided in Table 10-50.100.070D, Standards for Temporary Vertical Banners.

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12.28.060 Particular locations.

A. A-Frame Type Signs Promoting Community Events. In seven specified areas of the City, A-frame signs promoting special events which are sponsored or promoted by nonprofit organizations based in San Carlos, or with an active affiliate in San Carlos, and/or sponsored or co-sponsored by the City, may be displayed within fourteen calendar days of the conclusion of the event, subject to the rules stated in this section.

B. Available Areas. The A-frame signs subject to this section may be displayed only in the following areas (on the sidewalk or island):

1. Brittan Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas (island west of Alameda);
2. Brittan Avenue and Cedar Street (northeast corner);
3. Brittan Avenue and Old County Road (northeast or northwest corners);
4. Holly Street and Industrial Road (northwest corner);
5. Howard Avenue and Old County Road (northeast or northwest corners);
6. San Carlos Avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas (island east of Alameda);
7. San Carlos Avenue and Elm Street (southwest corner).

C. Reservations—Priority Status. Reservations are booked on a first come, first served basis as well as the event's priority status; events sponsored or co-sponsored by the City will receive first priority status.

Events promoted by nonprofit organizations based in the City of San Carlos, but not sponsored or co-sponsored by the City, are given second priority status.

Reservations are subject to scheduling priorities. Application does not guarantee placement authorization.

D. Qualifying Events. The community events promoted by the signs subject to this section must take place within the City of San Carlos, and must be open to all members of the public on substantially the same terms as members of the sponsoring organizations. Noneligible events include those which are not open to or suitable for all ages, those which are predominantly religious or political in nature, those which are primarily commercial in nature, and those which discriminate on any illegal basis.

E. Application Forms. All applications for reservations must be received on the official City of San Carlos application form prior to booking. No partial applications will be accepted.

F. Limits on Number and Display Time. No more than four A-frame signs per organization or event shall be displayed at any one time. There shall be no more than three A-frame signs per location. Allowable signs may not be displayed for more than fourteen consecutive calendar days per event.

G. ADA Compliance—Access and Safety. The signs may only be displayed in a manner that assures continuous ADA access and not block or impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

H. Physical Structure. A-frame signs shall be constructed of high quality materials and shall not exceed three feet in height and no more than six square feet total.

I. Removal for Safety Reasons. Any sign allowed by this section may be summarily moved or removed by the City of San Carlos Police Chief whenever such sign(s) constitutes an immediate and significant threat to the public safety by virtue of its physical condition or location, or to facilitate public safety officials in dealing with any public emergency.

J. Removal. The sponsoring organization shall remove the A-frame sign(s) within twenty-four hours of the end of the special event.

The sponsoring organization agrees to indemnify the City for any claims arising out of the placement of private party signs on City property. (Ord. 1415 § 4 (Exh. B (part)), 2010)

18.22.110 Prohibited signs.

The signs and messages described in this section are prohibited, unless allowed by another explicit provision of this chapter.

A. Unprotected Speech. Any message or image which is outside the protection of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and/or the corollary provisions of the California Constitution is prohibited. Examples include threats against the president or vice president of the United States, material that meets the legal definition of obscenity, misleading or deceptive commercial messages, messages which promote illegal products or services, etc.

B. Abandoned signs, those which no longer advertise a bona fide business, product, service or establishment available to the public. Signs are presumed abandoned after one hundred eighty days of nonuse or nonapplicability. If a legal sign is left in place by the tenant or landowner for the next occupant, opaque plastic inserts must be installed for any cabinet type sign and the sign shall be maintained during vacancy.

C. A-frame and I-frame signs, except as authorized by Title [12](#).

Vehicle Signs

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18.24.010 Prohibited signs – Generally.

Unless specifically authorized under other sections of this title, the following types of signs shall not be erected or maintained: a flashing sign; a moving sign; a sign which has banners, flyers, pennants, pinwheels, or utilizes two or more light bulbs in a wire string; a portable sign; a projecting sign; a sign painted directly on the wall of a building or fence; a dilapidated or abandoned sign or a sign in disrepair or dangerous condition; a sign which is affixed to a fence, utility pole or utility structure, or a tree, shrub, rock or other natural object; a mobile sign or a sign attached to a motor vehicle which is parked with the intent to advertise to the public passing by; a sign containing obscene or profane matter; a sign illuminated by exposed light globes, i.e., clear light bulbs not turned away or properly shrouded from the viewer; and a sign created by the arrangement of vegetation, rocks, or other objects, such as hillside, visible to pedestrians and motorists, without application to and approval by the planning commission. (Ord. 07-25 § 4; Ord. 77-12 N.S. § 1, 1977; prior code § 8-915).

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Table 10-50.100.010.A: Sign Types			
Sign Type	Zoning Code Section	Permit Required	Description
Suspended Sign	10-50.100.060.C.5.c(11)	Yes	A sign mounted above a sidewalk adjacent to a business, affixed to a beam, overhang or other fixture.
Vehicle Sign	10-50.100.060.C.5.c(12)	No	A sign displayed on a motor vehicle.
Window Sign	10-50.100.060.C.5.c(13)	Yes	A sign displayed in the window(s) of a business.
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Sign Walker	10-50.100.070.D.4	No	A sign carried by a person for advertising purposes.
Temporary A-Frame Sign	10-50.100.070.D.3.c(2)	Yes	A two-faced sign designed in an A-frame style.
Temporary Directional Signs for Special Events and Recreation Events	10-50.100.070.D.2	No (part of Special Event Permit)	A sign used to direct the public to a temporary event.
Temporary Event Sign	10-50.100.070.D.1	No	A sign used to advertise a temporary event.
Temporary Projecting Sign	10-50.100.070.D.3.c(5)	Yes	A banner sign suspended from a pole, mounted perpendicular to an exterior wall of a business.
Temporary Use Sign	10-50.100.070.D.3.e	No (part of Temp. Use Permit)	A sign used for authorized temporary uses.
Temporary Vertical Banner	10-50.100.070.D.3.c(3)	Yes	A banner sign attached to a vertical pole mounted to the ground.
Temporary Wall Banner	10-50.100.070.D.3.c(1)	Yes	A banner sign attached to the exterior wall of a primary business structure.
Temporary Window Sign	10-50.100.070.D.3.c(4)	Yes	A sign displayed in the window(s) of a business.

End Notes

¹Except detached single-family dwellings and duplexes.

Section 10-50.100.020 Applicability

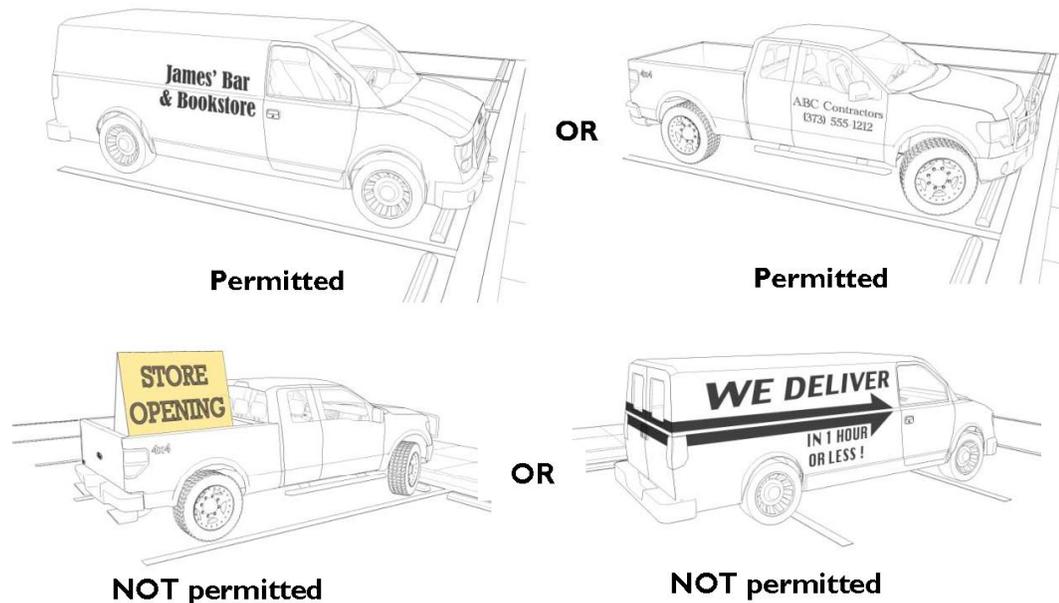
- A. **Applicability.** This division applies to all signs, of whatever nature and wherever located, within the City.
- B. **Interpretations.** This division is not intended to, and does not restrict speech on the basis of its content, viewpoint, or message. Any classification of signs in this division that permits speech by reason of the type of sign, identity of the sign user or otherwise,

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on public property determined to be a traditional public forum and does not block ingress and egress from buildings or create a safety hazard by impeding travel on sidewalks, bike and vehicle lanes, and trails;

4. Any sign, which by reason of its location, will obstruct the view of any authorized traffic sign, signal, or other traffic control device or which by reason of shape, color, or position interferes with or could be confused with any authorized traffic signal or device;
5. Any sign which is placed so as to prevent or inhibit free ingress to or egress from any door, window, or any exit way required by the Building Code currently in effect, or by Fire Department regulations;
6. Any commercial, advertising, or business sign that is not located on the premises of the business to which it refers;
7. Any sign mounted, attached, or painted on a trailer, boat, or motor vehicle when parked, stored, or displayed conspicuously on private premises in a manner intended to attract attention of the public for the purpose of advertising or identifying the business premises. This provision excludes signs indicating the name of the owner or business that are permanently painted or wrapped on the surface of the vehicle, adhesive vinyl film affixed to the interior or exterior surface of a vehicle window, or signs magnetically attached to motor vehicles or rolling stock that are actively used in the daily conduct of the business. Such vehicles shall be operable and parked in a lawful or authorized manner;

Figure 10-50.100.040A
Signs on Vehicles Used for Business Purposes



(12) Vehicle sign. Signs indicating the name of the owner or business that are permanently painted on or wrapped on the surface of the vehicle, adhesive vinyl film affixed to the interior or exterior surface of a vehicle window, or signs magnetically attached to motor vehicles or rolling stock that are actively used in the daily conduct of the business are allowed as on-premises business signs. Business vehicles shall be parked in an assigned parking space which is not immediately adjacent to a street frontage.—(See also Section 10-50.100.040.A.7).

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18.22.030 Definitions.

“Billboard vehicle” means any wheeled vehicle used primarily for the display of general advertising or general advertising for hire, by means of traversing upon any public street or parking on any public street in a manner that the advertising image(s) on the vehicle are visible from any portion of the public right-of-way. Also known as “sign truck” or “billboard truck.” This definition does not apply to vehicles displaying images related to the same business or establishment of which the vehicle is an operating instrument, such as, by way of example and not limitation, an advertisement for a grocery store on a truck delivering merchandise to that store. Also, it does not apply to vehicles which are on the public road for the primary purpose of transportation, such as taxis and buses, even if such vehicles display general advertising.

“Sign” means any device for displaying visual images, graphics, symbols, and/or written copy for the primary purpose of communicating with the public, when such image is visible from any public right-of-way. “Sign” shall include any moving part, lighting, sound equipment, framework, background material, structural support, or other part thereof. A display, device, or thing need not contain lettering to be a sign. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the following are not within this definition:

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22. Vehicle and vessel insignia. On street legal vehicles and properly licensed watercraft: license plates, license plate frames, registration insignia, noncommercial messages, messages relating to the business of which the vehicle or vessel is an instrument or tool (not including general advertising) and messages relating to the proposed sale, lease or exchange of the vehicle or vessel;

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F. Billboards and billboard vehicles.

18.22.130 Residential signs.

This section controls signs on legal dwelling units, whether located in a residential zone or otherwise.

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H. Vehicles used to display commercial messages may not be parked in the public street in a residential district.

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18.16.060 Neighborhood association signs.

A. A sign for neighborhood identification is subject to approval by the city planner as to location, size, height, lighting and design. The sign shall be for the sole purpose of identifying the area and may not advertise a dwelling for sale or lease.

B. The city planner shall see that the neighborhood identification signs harmonize with their surroundings. (Ord. 77-12 N.S. § 1, 1977; prior code § 8-925).

18.16.090 Service club signs.

A sign for identification of a service club is subject to approval by the city planner as to location, size, height, width, lighting and general design. This section does not apply to a membership sign displayed by members of a service club. (Ord. 77-21 N.S. § 1, 1977; prior code § 8-924).

18.16.100 Shingle signs.

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D. Required Findings. An application for a shingle sign may not be approved except upon the following written findings;

1. The sign is reasonably required for and assists in the identification of the premises by persons in motor vehicles or by pedestrians approaching along public streets or open spaces; and
2. The sign will have no garish or obtrusive qualities, and embodies strong elements of quality graphic design; and
3. Neither the supporting structure nor the proposed external lighting will materially detract from the design qualities of the sign or building; and

18.16.120 Temporary signs.

A. In addition to other signs permitted by this chapter, a business which sells goods or services to consumers may install and maintain temporary signs on a window of the premises for the purpose of advertising a bona fide special sale or promotion on the premises, subject to the following conditions:

1. No more than 50 percent of the total window space on a wall may be covered by temporary window signs; and
2. Each temporary window sign shall be removed when the sale or promotion advertised ends, or within 30 days following its installation, whichever is sooner; and
3. No sign permit is required in subsections (A)(1) and (2) of this section.

B. Notwithstanding BMC [18.24.020](#), temporary signs including those involving the use of banners, flyers, pennants, pinwheels, or utilizing two or more light bulbs in a wire string are permitted to advertise or promote a special or seasonal event. However, each such temporary sign shall be removed when the

special event ends or within 45 days following installation, whichever is sooner. A sign permit is not required for such temporary signs. Temporary signs allowed in this section may only be used twice a year by any individual business. One period of use may be 30 days and the other period of use may be 45 days, but in no case shall the temporary signs be used more than 75 days in any one year. Seasonal decoration of windows is exempted. (Ord. 77-12 § 1, 1977; prior code § 8-916).

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18.24.040 Billboards/nonaccessory signs.

The city completely prohibits the construction, erection or use of any billboards or nonaccessory signs other than those which legally exist in the city, or for which a valid permit has been issued and has not expired, as of the date on which this provision is first adopted. No permit shall be issued for any billboard which violates this policy, and the city will take immediate abatement action against any billboard or nonaccessory sign constructed or maintained in violation of this policy. In adopting this provision, the city council affirmatively declares that it would have adopted this billboard/nonaccessory sign policy even if it were the only provision in this chapter. The city council intends for this billboard policy to be severable and separately enforceable even if other provision(s) of this chapter or title may be declared, by a court of competent jurisdiction, to be unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable. This provision does not prohibit agreements to relocate, remodel or enhance presently existing, legal billboards or nonaccessory signs. (Ord. 07-25 § 6).

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2. Applicability. The following display features are prohibited:
 - a. Any sign or lighting device, whether on the exterior of a building, or on the inside of a window which is visible beyond the boundaries of the lot or parcel, or from any public right-of-way, with intermittent, flashing, rotating, blinking or strobe light illumination;
 - b. Any sign with an exposed light source, except for neon incorporated into the design of the sign;
 - c. Any sign which emits sound, odor, smoke, laser or hologram lights, or other visible matter, including any sign that uses motion picture projection;
 - d. Any sign animated by any means, including fixed aerial displays, balloons, pennants, spinners, including strings of flags, streamers, tubes or other devices affected by the movement of the air or other atmospheric or mechanical means;
 - e. Any sign in which the sign body or any portion of the sign rotates, moves up and down, or any other type of action involving a change in position of the sign body or any portion of the sign, whether by mechanical or any other means;
 - f. Electronic message center signs; and,

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- g. Any changeable copy LED or similar signs.

3. Electrical service. When electrical service is provided to freestanding signs or landscape wall signs, all such electrical service is required to be underground and concealed. Electrical service to building mounted signs, including conduit, housings, and wire, shall be concealed or, when necessary, painted to match the surface of the structure upon which they are mounted. A building permit (electrical) shall be issued prior to installation of any new signs requiring electrical service.

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“Digital display” means a device which allows the image on a sign to be changed by electronic control methods; such devices typically use light emitting diodes or their functional equivalent to create the visible image. Both slide show type and moving image type displays are within this definition.

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“Readerboard” means a sign with detachable and interchangeable letters which are easily changed. Digital signs are within this definition, as are older technologies using channel lettering and functionally similar devices.

18.22.050 Permits and appeals.

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I. Application—Information. The application form may call for the following information:

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11. A statement or graphical description as to whether the proposed sign, or any part of it, is proposed to utilize any of the following physical methods of message presentation: sound; odor, smoke, fumes or steam; rotating, moving or animated elements; activation by wind or forced air; neon or other fluorescing gases; fluorescent or day-glow type colors; flashing or strobe lighting; liquid crystal displays or other video-like methods; digital display technology; live animals or living persons as part of the display; mannequins or statuary.

18.22.070 Signs exempt from the sign permit requirement.

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G. Temporary signs displaying exclusively noncommercial messages on nonresidential properties; provided, that such temporary signage does not exceed one hundred square feet at all times, or one hundred square feet during the election period. Such signs may be illuminated only by ambient lighting, and are subject to building permit requirements only when they meet the definition of “structure” in the Building Code. (Ord. 1438 § 4 (Exh. A (part)), 2011: Ord. 1415 § 4 (Exh. A (part)), 2010. Formerly 18.150.040)

18.22.080 Permanent signs on nonresidential properties.

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E. Illumination. Ambient lighting only, special illumination is prohibited. Neon and other fluorescing gases are prohibited.

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J. Readerboards, subject to the following standards:

1. Readerboards may not exceed twelve square feet.
2. Digital/LED type readerboards are prohibited.

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- I. Digital signs and digital displays.
- J. Fluorescent. Permanent signs containing fluorescent or day-glow colors as all or part of their copy.