

General Permanent Sign Regulations

The following information is being provided as a courtesy and does NOT include all sign regulations.

For all sign regulations see Chapter 1147 of the City of Medina Codified Ordinances.

Commercial and Industrial Districts (C-S, C-1, C-2, C-3, and I-1)

Wall Sign(s) – Each unit is permitted 1 sign on the primary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width (max 300 sq. ft.). If a building has secondary building frontage, 1 sign is permitted on the secondary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 4 ft. of secondary building frontage width (max 75 sq. ft.).

Window Signs – Each unit is permitted window signs on the primary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width. If a building has a secondary building frontage, window signs on the secondary building frontage are permitted with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of building façade width. Permanent window signs shall cover not more than 25% of the total window area.

Ground Sign – 1 ground sign is permitted per nonresidential building up to 40 sq. ft. in area and 6 ft. in height. In the C-3 district, shopping center signs are permitted per Section 1147.14(c).

Multi-Use District (M-U)

Either Wall Sign(s), a Ground Sign, or Window Signs, as follows (Select only 1):

1. Wall Sign(s) – Each unit is permitted 1 sign on the primary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width (max 12 sq. ft.). If a building has secondary building frontage, 1 sign is permitted on the secondary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 4 ft. of secondary building frontage width (max 3 sq. ft.);
2. Ground Sign – 1 ground sign is permitted per nonresidential building at up to 12 sq. ft. in area and 6 ft. in height; OR
3. Window Signs – Each unit is permitted window signs on the primary building frontage with an area of up to 6 sq. ft.

Residential, Open Space, and Public Facilities Districts (R, O-C, and P-F)

Wall Sign(s) – In O-C and P-F Districts, each building is permitted 1 sign on the primary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width (max 100 sq. ft.). If a building has a secondary frontage, 1 sign is permitted on the secondary building frontage with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 4 ft. of secondary building frontage width (max 25 sq. ft.).

Ground Sign – For residential developments, 1 ground sign is permitted at each development entrance up to 20 sq. ft. in area and 6 ft. in height. For each nonresidential building, 1 ground sign is permitted up to 40 sq. ft. in area and 6 ft. in height.

Historic District – Supersedes Underlying District and Requires Historic Preservation Board Review (Separate Application)

Either Wall Sign(s) or a Ground Sign, as follows (Select only 1):

1. Wall Sign(s) – Each unit is permitted 1 sign on the primary building frontage with an area of 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width (max 100 sq. ft.). If a building has secondary building frontage, 1 sign on the secondary building frontage is permitted with an area of 1 sq. ft. per 4 ft. of secondary building frontage width (max 25 sq. ft.); OR
2. Ground Sign – 1 ground sign is permitted per nonresidential building at up to 12 sq. ft. in area and 6 ft. in height.

Window Signs – Each unit is permitted window signs on the primary building frontage with an area of 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of primary building frontage width. If a building has secondary building frontage, window signs on the secondary building frontage are permitted with an area of up to 1 sq. ft. per 1 ft. of secondary building frontage width. Permanent window signage shall cover not more than 25% of the total window area.

Projecting Sign – Each unit with a minimum building width of 12 ft. is permitted a projecting sign with an area up to 4 sq. ft. The sign must be between 8 ft. and 14 ft. above grade.

All Districts

Ground signs must be 5 ft. from the right-of-way and 10 ft. from side or rear property lines. Single pole signs are prohibited. Changeable copy is permitted on ground signs up to 50% of the sign area. EMC signs are regulated in Section 1147.07(j).

A building has secondary building frontage when the lot fronts on two streets, or the building has a public entrance on a wall other than the wall that faces the street.

Each nonresidential unit or multi-family building may have one small sign plate at the public entrance and each single-family or two-family residence may have one small sign plate per dwelling.

Internally illuminated and EMC signs are prohibited in the Historic District and M-U District. EMC signs require a Conditional Sign Permit application to the Planning Commission (Separate Application) in all other locations.