

Information Notice - Signs

Within our city, we see many signs that serve different purposes – information, advertisements, etc. What may not be well known is that the placement and use of these signs is regulated by our city zoning code (**§370-65**) in an effort to promote and protect public safety and the city's overall appearance.

This information notice was prepared for your benefit to help improve our city's appearance - educating the public with examples of commonly observed violations.

Please note that the following list does not address all the requirements of **§370-65**. The complete ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office. It may also be read online by visiting our web site at CityofBridgeton.com

- No **utility pole** or **tree** located in any public right-of-way or public easement shall be used for the posting of signs, except for those required by the City for the enforcement of traffic ordinances [§370-65.F(1)]
- **Temporary signs** as regulated by this chapter shall include any sign, banner, pennant, flag, valance or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a short period of time only and shall be permitted only by special approval of the Mayor and Council [§370-65.A(8)]
- It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, repair, alter or relocate within the City of Bridgeton any sign or other advertising structure as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining a permit from the Construction Code Official [§370-65.C]
- No sign, permanent or temporary, located on the inside of a window shall occupy more than 33 1/3% of the aggregate area of said window [§370-65.F(4)]
- No commercial outdoor advertising, signs, billboards or other signs which are not expressly and directly related to the business being conducted on the premises and which do not conform to the applicable requirements and standards set forth in other sections of this chapter shall be permitted [§370-65.G]
- **Garage /Yard sales** sign placement is generally restricted to the immediate personal property of the person holding the sale, and follow the requirements of ordinance 06-18 (effective 12/29/06).

Please contact the Zoning Officer (455-3230, ext.218) should you have any questions related to sign requirements within the City of Bridgeton.