



# ZONING FACT SHEET

## SIGNS

This Zoning Fact Sheet is not intended to be a complete summary of zoning information nor is it intended to replace the Zoning Ordinance. Please refer to the Zoning Ordinance for more information, which can be found on Schuylkill County's website at [www.co.schuylkill.pa.us](http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us) or in the Planning and Zoning Office at the Schuylkill County Courthouse. Whenever there might be a discrepancy between the information provided on the Fact Sheet and the information found in the Zoning Ordinance, the information in the Zoning Ordinance shall apply.

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*Listed below are Frequently Asked Questions regarding Signs.*

*The entire text related to signs can be found in **Article 7** of the Schuylkill County Zoning Ordinance.*

### What Signs Do Not Require a Permit?

- Holiday Decoration
- Not-Readable
- Official
- Political
- Required
- Right-of-Way
- Contractor(s)
- Financing Entity.
- Wall and window signs provided they do not exceed the height of the building to which they are attached by more than ten (10) feet.
- Signs attached to decorative masonry or stone walls provided they do not obstruct safe distances.

### What Signs are Prohibited?

- Portable, including those on mobile stands, except as a temporary charitable event
- Most moving object or flashing lights used to attract attention to a commercial use/business; flashing, blinking, twinkling, animated, moving, emitting smoke, visible vapors or particles, sound or odor
- Those that resemble an official traffic sign, signal or device which are likely to distract an operator of a motor vehicle
- Use of the word "Danger"
- Obscene or Pornographic
- Floodlights and outdoor lasers for advertising

### Can Any Sign Be Replaced and Does it Require a Zoning Permit?

- Yes, If pre-existing non-conforming (legally existing at the time of enactment of this ordinance), it may be replaced provided the new sign is not more non-conforming. Yes, a Zoning Permit is required.

### Is a permit needed to paint, repair, or change a logo or message on a sign?

- No, providing that it does not increase the sign area, result in noncompliance or increase a non-conformity.

### If a lot includes 2 or more principal, non-residential uses, may the sign be increased in size?

- Yes, by 15 square feet for each use beyond the first non-residential use. For example: In a C-1 district, if a lot includes 3 non-residential uses, the maximum freestanding sign area shall be 60 square feet plus 30 square feet for a total of 90 square feet.

### Must abandoned or outdated signs be removed?

Yes, within 180 days of cessation and all existin