

Federal Way Revised Code (FWRC)
Title 19, Zoning and Development Regulations
Chapter 19.140, Signs

19.140.120 Tables of sign allowances.

Table 1
Allowances for Temporary and Special Signs – Permit Required

Sign Purpose/Description	Applicable Zones	Sign Type Allowed	Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height	Location	Remarks
Civic event, community service event, or farmers market (temporary)	All	Wall-mounted banners, temporary portable signs, inflatable advertising devices, search lights and beacons	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Off-site signs, excluding wall-mounted banners, may be no larger than six square feet per face. On-site signs and wall-mounted banners may be no larger than 32 square feet per face	Five feet except wall-mounted signs	On site and off site	30 days prior to the event. Remove within five days of the close of the event
Civic event, community service event, or farmers market (permanent)	All	Freestanding monument or wall sign	One per site	The total sign area of freestanding monument signs shall not exceed 64 square feet for the total of all faces and no one face shall exceed 32 square feet. Wall signs shall not exceed seven percent of the exposed building face to which it is attached	Monument signs: six feet. Freestanding signs: 12 feet. Wall signs shall not project above the roofline	Nonresidential zones: on/off site. Residential zones: on site only	Electronic changeable message signs allowed. Signs cannot contain commercial messages

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City-sponsored civic or community event (temporary)	All	Street pole banner or over-the-street banner	Handled on a case-by-case basis	In accordance with specifications provided by the director of public works	In accordance with specifications provided by the director of public works	Mounted on city street poles or over-the-street banner structures in the right-of-way	Permissible via application to the director of public works in accordance with department specifications. Duration decided on case-by-case basis.
Special sale/promotional event (e.g., anniversary sale, etc.)	Nonresidential zoning districts	Banners only	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	On site. Banners must be attached to an exposed building face	Special promotions: 90 days total per calendar year. No more than four events per year. Does not include window signs
Grand openings	Nonresidential zoning districts	Banners, temporary portable signs, inflatable advertising devices, search lights and beacons	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	On site. Banners must be attached to an exposed building face	Grand openings: 30 days. Event must occur within 60 days of occupancy
Mural display	Nonresidential zoning districts	Painted mural	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	Handled on a case-by-case basis	

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Scoreboards (athletic fields)	All	Electronic changeable message sign	Handled on a case-by-case basis				