

Federal Way Revised Code (FWRC)

Title 19, Zoning and Development Regulations

Chapter 19.140, Signs

19.140.130 Prohibited signs.

The following signs or displays are prohibited in all zones within the city. Prohibited signs are subject to removal by the city at the owner's or user's expense pursuant to FWRC 19.140.190:

- (1) Abandoned or obsolete signs.
- (2) Animated or moving signs.
- (3) Banners, except as expressly allowed pursuant to Table 1, FWRC 19.140.060(6) and 19.140.150(1)(n).
- (4) Billboards.
- (5) Dilapidated, nonmaintained signs.
- (6) Flashing signs, except electronic changeable message signs or changeable copy signs.
- (7) Inflatable advertising devices, except as expressly allowed in FWRC 19.140.070.
- (8) Mylar balloons.
- (9) Obstructing signs which obstruct or interfere with free access to or egress from a required exit from a building or structure.
- (10) Off-site signs except those expressly allowed in this title.
- (11) Pennants, streamers, ribbons, spinners, whirlers, propellers, festoons, blinking lights, or similar items that attract attention through movement, reflection or illumination unless expressly allowed pursuant to Table 1 of this chapter.
- (12) Portable signs except as expressly allowed in FWRC 19.140.060.
- (13) Real estate signs providing information other than the name of the development and that the subject property is for sale, lease or rent, such as signs which only announce the features or amenities of the subject property (i.e., features such as indoor pool, hot tub, fireplaces, skylights, covered parking, free cable, laundromat services, community centers, etc.).
- (14) Signs in a public right-of-way except signs for government and city-sponsored civic or community events, and portable signs that follow the requirements of FWRC 19.140.060(29).
- (15) Roof signs.
- (16) *Simulations of traffic signs.* Any sign using the words "stop," "look," or "danger," or any other words, symbols, or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (17) Snipe signs.
- (18) Vehicle signs including any sign attached to, or placed on, a parked vehicle or trailer used principally for advertising purposes, rather than transportation, but excluding signs relating to the sale, lease, or rental of the vehicle or trailer and excluding signs which identify a firm or its principal product on a vehicle operated during the normal course of business.

(Ord. No. 12-720, § 5, 3-6-12; Ord. No. 12-713, § 4, 1-17-12; Ord. No. 08-583, § 3(Exh. A), 10-21-08; Ord. No. 07-554, § 5(Exh. A(14)), 5-15-07; Ord. No. 07-550, § 3 [4], 3-20-07; Ord. No. 06-523, § 3(Exh. A), 4-18-06; Ord. No. 05-486, § 3, 4-19-05; Ord. No. 99-357, § 5, 12-7-99; Ord. No. 99-348, § 5, 9-7-99; Ord. No. 95-235, § 4, 6-6-95. Code 2001 § 22-1600.)