



TEMPORARY SIGNAGE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

What is a sign?

The Anderson Township Zoning Resolution designates a sign as any device and its supporting structure, including any writing, word, number, pictorial, illustration, decoration, emblem, symbol, trademark, flag, banner, pennant, insignia, or similar feature which is placed in a manner that the communication, announcement, message, attraction, advertisement, or promotion inherent to the device is visible or appears to be intended to be visible to persons on adjoining property or nearby public rights-of-way, and is used for purposes of advertisement, announcement, declaration, demonstration, identification or expression.

What is a temporary sign?

The Anderson Township Zoning Resolution designates a temporary sign as a sign for use for six (6) months or less, not for permanent use, including transportable signs which are not incidental to identifying a delivery or service vehicle. The material of which the sign may be made (cloth, canvas, light metal, plastic, cardboard) or the manner in which the sign is affixed to the ground or structure are of a nature not suitable for permanent display because exposure to the elements may unreasonably deface the message, discolor or tear the material or loosen the method by which a sign is anchored.

These definitions can be found in Article 6 – Definitions – Anderson Township Zoning Resolution.

What kind of temporary signs may be displayed?

The Anderson Township Zoning Resolution does not regulate signs by the message or content that they display.

Do temporary signs require a zoning certificate?

In residentially zoned areas, any temporary sign 8 square feet or less may be displayed without a zoning certificate for six months. One sign greater than 8 square feet (but no greater than 32 square feet) may be displayed in these areas, with a zoning certificate (\$.50/per sq. ft. per side per 12 day period) for up to 48 days per year. In areas zoned other than single and multi-family residence, a total of 16 square feet of temporary signage may be displayed without a zoning certificate for six months (*i.e.* 1-16 sq. ft. sign, 2-8 sq. ft. signs, etc.). Up to 32 square feet of temporary signage may be displayed in these areas; however, all signage beyond the exempted 16 square feet per premises requires a zoning certificate (\$.50/per sq. ft. per side per 12 day period) and can only be displayed up to 48 days per year.

All temporary signs must be located no closer than 10' to the edge of pavement AND be located out of the right of way, whichever is greater. In addition, no temporary sign may be closer than 5' to another temporary sign or other property line, and the height of any temporary sign shall not exceed the maximum allowable height for a freestanding sign in the district in which the property is located, or ten (10) feet in districts where freestanding signs are prohibited.

For additional information, you may contact our office during normal business hours 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (513) 688-8400.