



City of Hampton, Virginia

Ordinance - Zoning Text

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Ordinance to amend and re-enact chapter 18.1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia entitled “Signs” by amending sections 18.1-2, 18.1-4, 18.1-13, 18.1-17, 18.1-18, 18.1-21, 18.1-33, 18.1-36, and 18.1-39.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that Chapter 18.1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hampton, Virginia, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 18.1-2. [Reserved]

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Section 18.1-4. Prohibited Signs.

The following signs shall be prohibited within the city:

- (1) Abandoned nonconforming signs. The city may order removal of an abandoned nonconforming sign provided the city gives the owner of the property on which the sign is located written notice to remove the sign. For the purposes of this section, a sign shall be considered abandoned if the business for which the sign was erected has not been in operation for a period of at least two years. Such notice may not be given until the expiration of the two year period necessary for the nonconforming sign to be considered abandoned. If, following such two-year period, the city has made a reasonable attempt to notify the property owner, the city through its own agents or employees may enter the property upon which the sign is located and remove any such sign whenever the owner has refused to do so. The cost of such removal shall be chargeable to the owner of the property. Nothing herein shall prevent the city from applying to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order requiring the removal of such abandoned nonconforming sign by the owner by means of injunction or other appropriate remedy.

- (2) Discontinued signs. The owner of the property on which the discontinued sign is located shall (i) remove the copy from the sign face, (ii) replace the sign face with a blank face, or (iii) remove the sign structure.
- (3) Signs of any material which are attached in any manner to a utility pole, tree, or similar object located on public property, except for yard sale signs, as allowed in section 18.1-12(11), and banners, as allowed in section 18.1-6(6)(d).
- (4) Signs displayed on any vehicle unless such vehicle is licensed in accordance with state and local requirements and has a current state inspection.
- (5) Rooftop displays of any kind, with or without text.
- (6) Any private sign on public rights-of-way is prohibited and shall be subject to immediate removal, without notice.

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Sec. 18.1-13. Nonconforming Signs.

No nonconforming sign may be enlarged, extended, altered or relocated except as set forth in chapter 21 of this ordinance.

Any damaged or destroyed nonconforming sign requiring repairs valued at fifty percent (50%) or more of the current appraised value of the sign face shall be removed or brought into conformity with this ordinance.

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Sec. 18.1-17. Prohibited signs.

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in article I of this chapter, the following signs shall be prohibited in the Langley Flight Approach - Hampton Roads Center (M-5A) and Special Public Interest – Hampton Roads Center (SPI-HRC) Districts:

- (1) Exterior identification signs containing information other than that pertaining to a use conducted on the property.
- (2) Signs painted on a building.
- (3) Portable signs.

- (4) Off-premise advertising signs.

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Sec. 18.1-21. Prohibited Signs.

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in article I of this chapter, the following signs shall be prohibited within the Old Hampton (SPI-OH) District:

- (1) Signs and parts thereof which move by spinning, rotating, or similar motion, and all forms of flashing or intermittent light, or any similar type devices, located on public or private property.
- (2) Any window sign except those either specifically exempted in section 18.1-22 or those painted on a window surface.

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Sec. 18.1-33. Prohibited Signs.

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in article I of this chapter, the following signs shall be prohibited in Hampton Roads Center II (SPI-HRC2) District:

- (1) Exterior identification signs containing information other than that pertaining to a use conducted on the property.
- (2) Signs painted on a building.
- (3) Off-premise advertising signs.
- (4) Portable signs.
- (5) Internally illuminated signs.

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Sec. 18.1-36. Prohibited Signs.

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in article I of this chapter, the following signs shall be *prohibited in the Magruder Visual Corridor (SPI-MVC)*:

- (1) Signs painted on a building.

- (2) Portable signs.
- (3) Reader boards.
- (4) Animated signs.
- (5) Off-premise advertising signs.

Sec. 18.1-39. Prohibited Signs.

In addition to the prohibitions set forth in article I of this chapter, the following signs shall be prohibited in the Hampton Roads Center West (SPI-HRCW) District:

- (1) Exterior identification sign containing information other than that pertaining to a use conducted on the property.
- (2) Signs painted on a building.
- (3) Off-premise advertising signs.
- (4) Portable signs.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia held on June 9, 2010.

Signed by _____ **Date** _____
Molly Joseph Ward, Mayor

Attested by _____ **Date** _____
Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of the Council