

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12
CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK,
COLORADO AMENDING THE SIGNAGE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN
ARTICLE 2 OF THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK DEVELOPMENT CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Cripple Creek, Colorado (“City”) is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the City’s Development Code regulates the City’s signage standards (“Signage Standards”), including placement of signs on buildings within the City, as well as private and public property, the types of signs that are allowed, the locations where signs are allowed, and sign parameters such as size, number, and illumination; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Signage Standards require a City issued sign permit be obtained before any signage may be installed; except that signs in the B and BB Zone districts also require review for historic character by the City’s Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens to review and revise the City’s Signage Standards to, among other things, ensure compliance with the City’s historic character and limit light pollution within specific zone districts of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council also finds and determines that this Ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by the City Council.

Section 2. Window Signs-Illuminated. Section 2.3.1, more specifically the table contained therein shall be amended as follows:

Window	Allowed on any and all windows, no more than 25% of divided window area, not on a sign board, painted on or otherwise directly affixed to glass. Allowed on 1 st story only.
Window, illuminated	Electronic units are limited to one 2-square feet max (display) inside the window for business frontages over 50 linear feet and one 1-square feet max (display) for those under 50 linear feet. Allowed on 1 st story only.

Section 3. Backlit Signs. Section 2.3.1, more specifically the table contained therein shall be amended by the addition of a third column containing the heading “Backlit Per District” and the following standards listed thereunder: Backlit sign Allowed in B and BB

Table 4-2 Sign Allowances	Backlit Per District
Projecting	B and BB only
Freestanding	B and BB only
On-Railings	N/A
Wall	B and BB only
Shadow Box	B and BB only
Window	N/A
Window, Illuminated	B and BB only
Mural	N/A
Flag w/business name and/or logo	N/A
Awning or Canopy	B and BB only
Sandwich Board	N/A
Banner Permanent	N/A
Banner Temporary	N/A
Real Estate	N/A

Section 4. Accent Strip Lighting. Section 2.4.1 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 7 to read as follows:

- Accent strip lighting is allowed between November 1st and January 31st, and must be removed no later than February 1st.

Section 5. On-Railing Signs. Section 2.3.1, more specifically the table contained therein shall be amended by the addition of new on-railing signage standards and conforming changes to the sandwich board signage standards to read as follows:

		Internal Illumination Per District	Backlit Per District
On-Railings	One per business with 8 sf max, not allowed with a sandwich board.	N/A	N/A
Sandwich Board	On sidewalk along business frontage only, limit of one per 50 feet of building frontage, 10 square feet maximum size per face, free-standing on sidewalk, must leave 4 feet of width of	N/A	N/A

Sandwich Boards contd.	sidewalk; not allowed with on-railing sign, only during business hours		
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Section 6. Standards Applicable to All Signs. Section 2.5 (2) shall be amended to read as follows:

2. No Sign shall have visible moving, revolving, or rotating parts or visible mechanical movements of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, electronic, or mechanical means, or be designed to move upon being subjected to pressure by wind, except as allowed by this Article; nor shall any sign have an optical illusion of movement by means of design that presents a pattern capable of reversible perspective, giving the illusion of motion or changing of copy except as allowed by this Article. Time and temperature displays, traditional barber poles, and similar 3-dimensional objects shall not be subject to this requirement; however, such devices shall be included in determining the allowable Sign area for a building or use.

Section 7. Off-Premises Signs in Vacant Buildings. Section 2.5. shall be amended to add the following new subsection 9 to read as follows:

9. Off-premises signs no larger than 12-square feet are allowed in windows of vacant buildings in the B and BB zones only with black backdrop covering entire window up to 8 feet in height to obscure the view inside building.

Section 8. Electronic Signs. Section 2.6.1(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Allowed in the C1 and C2 Zone.

Section 9. Electronic Signs. Section 2.6.2. is hereby amended by the changes to subsection 7 and the addition of new subsections 8 and 9 to read as follows:

7. Animation and video is not allowed. Flashing is not allowed.
8. Shall not exceed 100 square feet.
9. Shall not cover windows or doorways, except electronic window signs.

Section 10. Banner Temporary Signs. 2.3.1, more specifically the table contained therein shall be amended as follows:

<p>Banner Temporary and Other Temporary Signs</p>	<p>Banners may be displayed for up to sixty days during any calendar year and no more than twenty consecutive days during any display period.</p> <p>The aggregate sign area of all temporary signage shall not exceed thirty-six square feet, to be divided among up to three temporary signs per establishment or organization, with up to two temporary signs on any street frontage.</p> <p>Banners shall be affixed to a building or other permanent structure, including but not limited to canopies, permanent sign structures, fences, and retaining walls. No banners shall be affixed to fencing stakes or other methods of temporarily affixing the sign to the ground.</p> <p>Attention-getting devices such as pennants, streamers, balloons that are constructed of fabric and inflated, inflatable balloon characters or symbols, and devices designed to dance, wave or flail may be displayed only on the day or the days of the event that is being advertised by such device.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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Section 12. Commercial Zoning Districts B, BB, C-1 and C-2 Table. The complete updated table contained in Section 2.3.1 is attached and incorporated herein.

Section 13. Certificates of Appropriateness. Section 4.7.1, Submittal Requirements is hereby amended by the addition of the new subsection 5 to read as follows and the existing subsections 5 and 6 shall be renumbered as subsection 6 and 7:

5. In the case of requests for multiple signs for a parcel of land with its own Teller County Assessor Database account number, a single application is allowed. The applicant shall submit a base fee, with an additional fee for each additional sign, such fees to be established by a resolution adopted by the City Council.

Section 14. Definitions/Miscellaneous Provisions. Section 2.7, Definitions/Miscellaneous Provisions is hereby amended by the addition of two new definitions to read as follows:

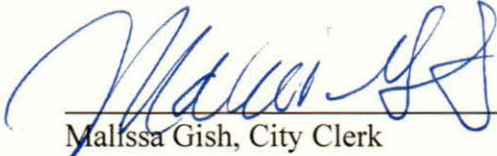
Backlit: Lighting accomplished via placing individually cut reverse channel letters against a surface and lighting them with reverse projection, creating a halo effect that outlines the letters.

Window signs, illuminated: A sign displayed in a window that emits light through electronic means or contains a lighted digital display.

Section 15. Police Power Finding. The City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the welfare, and improve the order, comfort and convenience of the City of Cripple Creek and the inhabitants thereof.

Section 16. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect application to other persons or circumstances.

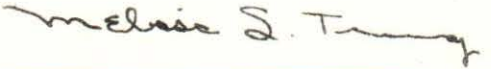
PASSED ON THE FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 4th DAY OF October, 2023.



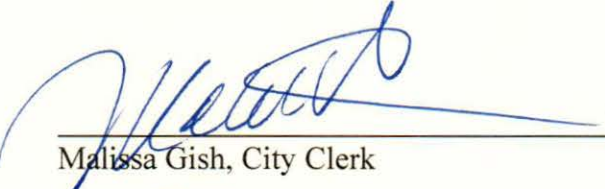
Malissa Gish, City Clerk

1st PASSED ON SECOND READING AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF November 2023.




Approved: 

Melissa Trenary, Mayor

Attest: 

Malissa Gish, City Clerk

Approved as to form: 

Erin Smith, City Attorney

2.3.1 COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS B, BB, C-1, AND C-2:

Table 4-2 Sign Allowances		Internal Illumination Per District	Backlit Per District
Projecting	Allowed a minimum of 7 feet above a public way, max 48" from building, 1 per each 25 feet of building frontage in which the business is operated, 12 square feet each face max size of any one sign	B, not allowed Gaming Uses, not allowed BB, 1 @ 6sf Allowed C-1, 1 @ 12sf Allowed C-2, 1 @ 18sf Allowed	B and BB only
Freestanding	Allowed as an alternative to a Projecting Sign, building setback must be min 15 feet, max 8 feet height, not allowed in B district, 16sf in the BB district, 36sf in the C-1 district, 60sf in the C-2 district	B, not allowed Gaming Use, not allowed BB, 12sf Allowed C-1, 28sf Allowed C-2, 42sf Allowed	B and BB only
On-Railings	One per business with 8 sf max, not allowed with a sandwich board.	N/A	N/A
Wall	12sf max for every 25 feet of building frontage, side and rear of building 6sf per 25 feet of building frontage, max size of any one sign 150sf, flush-mounted to building wall	B, not allowed Gaming Uses, not allowed BB, 10sf Allowed, as alternative to projecting sign C1, 25sf Allowed C2, 35sf Allowed	B and BB only
Shadow Box	Allowed no more than 7 feet above public way on building wall. One per Business License per public entrance, Limited to 14 square feet max. Flush-mounted to building wall extending from wall max 8 inches	B, BB, C1, C2, White light adequate only to illuminate the contents with no moving, flashing, or internal illumination	B and BB only
Window including Electronic Type	Allowed on any and all windows, no more than 25% of divided window area, not on a sign board, painted on or otherwise directly affixed to glass, electronic units are limited to one 2.5 square feet max (display) inside the window for business frontages over 40 linear feet and one 2.5 square feet max (display) for those under 40 linear feet	Not Permitted, except Open/close signs, max 3sf, with no flashing and moving images allowed, Electronic Type signs may have content typical of them such as video and animation, see Section 2.6 for detailed regulations for Electronic Signs	B and BB only
Mural	Requires approval of Historic Commission, no set parameters except historic theme, professionally painted on building or sign board	N/A	B and BB only

Flag w/business name and/or logo	One per business with max 24sf and max height of 25 feet except as noted in section 2.5.1 (6)	N/A	B and BB only
Awning or Canopy	On the valance or sides of the awning or canopy, .25 square feet for each linear feet of awning or canopy	N/A	B and BB only
Sandwich Board	On sidewalk along business frontage only, limit of one per 50 feet of building frontage, 10 square feet maximum size per face, free-standing on sidewalk, must leave 3 feet of width of sidewalk; not allowed with on-railing sign. Only during business hours.	N/A	N/A
Banner Permanent	Allowed as alternative to Projecting Sign, same parameters	N/A	N/A
Banner Temporary	<p>Attention-getting devices such as banners, pennants, streamers, and balloons that are constructed of fabric and inflated may be displayed for up to thirty days during any calendar year and no more than twenty consecutive days during any display period. Inflatable balloon characters or symbols, and devices designed to dance, wave or flail are prohibited.</p> <p>The aggregate sign area of all temporary signage shall not exceed thirty-six square feet, to be divided among up to three temporary signs per establishment or organization, with up to two temporary signs on any street frontage; and</p> <p>Banners shall be affixed to a building or other permanent structure, including but not limited to canopies, permanent sign structures, rigid fences, and retaining walls. No banners shall be affixed to fencing stakes or other methods of temporarily affixing the sign to the ground.</p>	N/A	N/A
Real Estate	One allowed per 100 feet or less of property frontage, max 16sf in B and BB districts, max 32sf in C-1 and C-2 districts	N/A	N/A