



OKC Development Codes Update

Attachment B - Sign Code Changes since January 11, 2022 draft code

Since the ordinance draft (dated January 11, 2022) that was reviewed and recommended by the design review committees and commissions, the ordinance text has been updated to address the specific conditions recommended by Arts Commission, suggestions discussed by the Planning Commission Development Review Committee, and additional comments received by Planning staff from internal and external stakeholders. These changes are summarized below.

Section	Subject	Summary of change
59-16103.F	General Requirements	F. Landscaping Deleted: 1. All ground signs shall include a Landscaped Area containing one point per two square feet of sign or fraction thereof located within ten feet of the base of any freestanding accessory sign.
59-16105.A.9	Electronic Message Displays (EMDs) and Illumination	Added text requiring light-directing louvers on freestanding EMD signs
59-16105.3	EMD Standards (Table)	Added "allowed" after the Level 1, 2 and 3 headings, for clarity.
59-16106.D	Street Typology	Changed g. Downtown to add, "(as shown in the Downtown Development Framework ("DDF"), adopted on September 29, 2015 area and incorporated by this reference)"
59-16107.1	Ground Signs (Table)	Added a note to clarify that the number permitted (as currently shown in both tables) is the total, and that a property can have both types of signs so long the total number does not exceed the number shown in the table.
59-16107.4	Subdivision Entry Signs	Deleted note "Z" in the setback line
59-16108.1	Wall Signs Standards (Table)	Changed allowed area of signs in C-Low from 500 sf to 400 sf

59-16108.3	Table for awning, canopy, marquee, and over- and under-canopy signs	Changed text to not allow EMD's for awning, canopy, and over- and under-canopy signs, and to allow only for marquee signs
59-16109.A.1	Balloon signs	Added text requiring balloon signs to display a sticker as required by 59-16109.A.4.b., similar to the requirement for temporary signs
59-16111.B	Billboards/Street Location	Changed to replace "planokc" with "comprehensive plan"
59-16111.J	Billboards/Scenic Corridors	Changed "City" to "City Council" to clarify who may initiate/designate a Scenic Corridor
59-16111.K	Billboards/Conditional Use Standards	Changed 2. to replace "planokc" with "comprehensive plan"
59-16112.1.B.2	Murals	Changed to read as follows: The Planning Director <u>shall</u> approve additional words, text, logos, emblems, trademarks or numbers (hereinafter "text") if within 65 days after the mural permit is submitted, the Arts Commission determines that the text is an artistic element that is integral to the mural. In making this determination, the Arts Commission shall consider the form, proportion, scale, color, materials, surface treatment, overall mural size, and the size and style of lettering. The Arts Commission shall not consider the message that the text conveys. Once a request for comment is presented to the Arts Commission, the additional text area is deemed approved unless the Arts Commission recommends denial within the time period established above.
59-16112.1.B.2.a-c	Murals	Added text to make it clear that a-c are "ands" and all must be fulfilled for text to be approved
59-16112.E.4.c.2.	Murals	Changed to read: 2. Arts Commission staff may refer any application to the Oklahoma City Arts Commission for consideration if: a. Staff finds that the project is not consistent with the standards in this section; or, b. Staff finds that compliance with any standard in this section cannot be objectively measured or uniformly verified by reference to an external and uniform benchmark and therefore requires interpretation; or, c. Project has potential adverse effects on surrounding areas or uses due to the mural's placement or use of bright colors and/or distracting patterns; or, d. Requested in writing by the applicant.

59-16112.E.5.g	Murals	Changed to read: g. The mural is designed and constructed under the supervision of an artist who has demonstrated murals expertise.
59-16112.E.5.h	Murals	Added h. as follows: h. The Arts Commission, and Arts Commission Staff, shall also be guided by the most recently approved Arts Commission's Murals Policy: Standing Rules and the Curatorial Plan: Standing Rules. Copies of the same are on file in the office of the City Clerk, are available in the Planning Department and online at okc.gov/planning , and are incorporated by reference. Where discrepancies exist between the Murals Policy: Standing Rules, the Curatorial Plan: Standing Rules, and other regulations established in this section, the regulations established in this section shall take precedence. Nothing in this section authorizes the Arts Commission or Arts Commission Staff to consider or review the content of a mural in rendering a recommendation or decision pursuant to this section.
59-16113	Signs in the Right of Way	Added language to 1. to clarify that Article VI applies to banners in all other areas (non-CDRP districts) Added "city-designated district" before the term "sign" at various places to correlate with new definition of City-Designated Districts that has been added.
59-16113.C	Identification Signs for City-Designated Districts	Deleted 5: The sign shall only be placed on the right-of-way adjacent to a lot and only if the current owner consents to the placement of the sign. Changed 6 to add: A sign permit is required per 59-16114 upon initial installation
59-16114.B	Master sign plans	Added language to B.4.a: "If the master sign plan is submitted as part of a PUD or SPUD, a sign permit is required for any sign subject to the master sign plan (if required by sections 59-16105, 59-16107, 59-16108, 59-16109, 59-16110, 59-1611 or 59-16112) before the sign is erected or displayed."

59-16115.A	Nonconforming signs	<p>Changed 2. And 4. to read as follows:</p> <p>2. Any sign that was fully lawful when erected but does not conform with the current regulations of this article may continue <u>and be replaced</u> unless the sign is altered in a manner that increases the degree of nonconformity or is abandoned for a period of more than two years.</p> <p>4. If a sign is damaged by fire, explosion, natural causes, or public enemy, the sign may be restored without regard to the extent of the alteration subject to subject to subsection 2 above.</p>
59-16116.C	Enforcement/Dilapidated Signs	<p>Changed 2. Removal Procedures to read as follows: The City Council may cause dilapidated signs <u>(including the sign face and any pole or other supporting structure)</u> within the municipal limits to be torn down and removed in accordance with the procedures established in 11 O.S. § 22-112.</p>
59-16117	Sign Measurement	<p>Changed B. to read: Irregular Signs <u>or</u> Directly Affixed Copy</p>
59-16119	Definitions	<p>Changed the definition of "sign height" to clarify that the existing definition is just for freestanding signs, and that lowest to highest is for attached signs.</p> <p>Changed the definition of murals to read: One-of-a-kind visual depictions and/or works of art or licensed reproductions of original works of art including, but not limited to, mosaic, painting, or graphic art techniques that are applied, painted, implanted, or placed directly onto the exterior of any structure. This definition is not intended to discourage the use of new paint and printing technologies. [Reference: see Section 59-16112 of this Code.</p> <p>Changed as follows: Canopy Sign: An attached accessory sign painted on or attached to the vertical side of, or erected on the roof surface of, a canopy or awning.</p> <p>Combination sign: A single attached accessory sign incorporating any combination of the features of the projecting, parapet wall, canopy, marquee, and wall signs.</p> <p>Marquee Sign: An attached accessory sign painted on or attached to the vertical side of, or erected on the roof surface of, a marquee.</p>

		<p>Parapet wall sign: Attached accessory sign erected on the top surface of a parapet.</p> <p>Roof sign, Type B: attached accessory sign erected on a vertical framework supported by and located immediately and entirely over the roof of a building</p> <p>Wall Sign: An attached accessory sign painted on or attached to the wall or surface of a building or display surface which is parallel to the supporting surface. A sign attached to a wall or fence located on the boundary of a parcel shall be regulated as a ground sign.</p>
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