

Sec. 38-402. Prohibited signs.

(a) Unless otherwise permitted by this Article, the following signs shall not be permitted:

(1) Signs which imitate an official FHWA, MDOT, or LCRC traffic control sign or signal.

(2) Signs which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring, or manner of illumination which may be confused with, or construed to be, a traffic control device.

(3) Signs which hide from view all or any part of any traffic sign, street sign, or traffic signal.

(4) Signs which obstruct the view (sight lines) in any direction at a street or road intersection or entranceway.

(5) Signs located in, or which project into or overhang any public right-of-way, except as allowed by local, state, or federal law or regulation.

(6) Obsolete signs.

(7) Signs which are pasted or attached to utility poles or placed upon trees, fences, rocks or in an unauthorized manner to walls or other signs.

(8) Any sign displayed on an unlicensed automobile, truck, trailer (MCL 257.1 – 257.93), or wagon or other conveyance. This restriction shall not apply to temporary for sale signs in vehicle windows.

(9) Roof signs, except any sign erected or constructed as an integral, or essentially integral, part of a normal roof structure (See “Roof Sign, Integral”).

(10) Signs on public or private towers. Any type of signage, including logos, shall not be permitted on a public or private radio, television, cellular phone or water tower, except the name of the municipality, utility company, name of provider, and emergency contact number, which does not exceed four (4) square feet in sign area.

(11) Any sign or sign structure which is structurally unsafe as determined by the Township Building Official, or constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or abandonment, or is not kept in good repair, or is capable of causing electrical shock to persons likely to come in contact with such sign.

(12) Any new non-conforming sign in any zoning district is expressly prohibited.

(13) Flagpoles greater than thirty (30) feet in height.

(14) A sign which displays flashing, animation, scrolling, blinking, or intermittent lights, or lights with changing levels of light intensity (Section 38-410).

(15) Rotating searchlights or similar devices.

(16) All portable or nonstructural signs, except as allowed under other sections of this article. For purposes of this article, a sign shall be considered nonstructural if it has no permanently mounted, self-supporting structure or is not an integral part of the building to which it is accessory.

(17) Temporary electronic message (LED) signs.

(18) All signs advertising a model home or residential sales office for which a residential certificate of occupancy has been issued or has received permanent or temporary residential occupancy.

(19) Off-premise signs, except as allowed in this Ordinance.

(20) Banners, wire stake signs, balloon signs, inflatable signs or figures, flag signs and feather signs.