



Signs shall not reduce the continuous width of a sidewalk less than 5'



Signs shall be sandwich board or A-frame (NO stake signs)



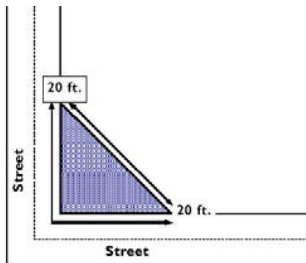
NO sign may be placed within twenty feet of a Wheelchair Ramp



NO sign may be placed within the roadway, traffic island, circle or Median

NO materials such as paper, balloons, wind socks or lights shall be attached

NO sign shall be placed within a sight vision clearance triangle



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# Vancouver's Zoning Regulations

Portable Signs in the Right-of-Way



# A guide to portable signs in the Right-of-Way

In 2004, the City of Vancouver changed the Sign Ordinance, with recommendations from the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Clark County Association of REALTORS® to allow temporary portable signs to be placed within the public right-of-way. This new ordinance applies to all businesses or business activities placing temporary signs within the City, including the downtown area. Violations are subject to a penalty of up to \$250 per sign. This information is a guide to the new regulations, but does not cover the new code language in its entirety. For further information go to: [www.cityofvancouver.us/vmc/Title\\_20](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/vmc/Title_20) (20.960.090) Portable Signs in the Public Right of Way

## Definitions

- ◆ **Public Right-of-Way** means property held by the City for public access including streets and sidewalks
- ◆ **Permanent Portable Signs** are onsite signs placed in the right-of-way along the business frontage identifying the business during hours the business is open
- ◆ **Temporary Portable Signs** are offsite signs placed in the right-of-way advertising an approved business activity displayed on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm

## Design

- ◆ Signs shall be sandwich board or A-frame
- ◆ Maximum size - 9 square feet per sign face
- ◆ Maximum height - 36 inches above the sidewalk/walkway
- ◆ Signs shall be constructed of weather-resistant materials
- ◆ NO materials such as paper, balloons, wind socks or lights shall be attached

## Placement

- ◆ Maximum of one onsite sign in the right-of-way along the business frontage
- ◆ Maximum of three off-site signs per approved business within a mile radius of business
- ◆ Signs shall not reduce the continuous width of a sidewalk less than five (5) feet
- ◆ Signs may not obstruct an entrance to a building, steps or driveway access
- ◆ NO sign may be placed within a sight vision clearance triangle
- ◆ NO sign may be placed within twenty (20) feet of a wheelchair ramp
- ◆ NO sign may be placed within the roadway, traffic island, circle or median

## Courtesy

Potential obstacles for someone who is sight impaired or attempting to navigate a sidewalk in a wheel chair or crutches are easily avoided. Place signs on one side of the walkway so pedestrians don't have to zigzag around or through obstacles.



Do not place signs adjacent to disabled parking spaces as shown here. Vans with chair elevators could not use this spot if a sign were placed next to this parking space, if placed while van owner was shopping, there would be no access to the van.

