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Sec. 290-010 Purpose

The purpose of this sign ordinance is to support the focus and direction of the Comprehensive Plan; to promote a healthy business climate by encouraging the effective use of signs; to maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment of the county by encouraging signage to be compatible with the surrounding areas and not create a hazard due to collapse, fire, collision, decay or abandonment. Also, to promote the safety of persons and property by requiring that signs do not create traffic hazards by distracting or confusing motorists, or impairing motorist's ability to see pedestrians, other vehicles, obstacles, or to read traffic signs.

Sec. 290-020 Applicability

The requirements of this Section shall apply to all businesses, private entities, or individuals erecting signs in Oldham County. Certain signs that are exempt from the requirements of this Section are addressed in Section 290-60.

1. All signs must comply with the regulations of the zoning district in which it is located.
2. Signs shall be maintained in a safe and secure condition. If the Code Enforcement Officer is of the opinion that a sign is not secure, safe, or in good state of repair, written notice of this fact shall be given to the business owner. If the business owner can not be reached the ultimate responsibility for the sign falls to the property owner. If the defect in the sign is not corrected within the time permitted by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Officer may revoke the sign permit thus placing the sign owner in violation of the Sign Ordinance.
3. When the location of a sign falls within the LaGrange Historic District, or any other such body, approval from that body must be obtained prior to filing a sign permit with the Oldham County Planning & Zoning Office.
4. No sign shall be placed in any public or private right-of-way without written permission from the jurisdiction that has ownership of the right-of-way.

Sec. 290-030 Sign Definitions

Abandoned Sign	A permitted sign which was erected on property in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of 12 months or more, or a permitted temporary sign for which the permit has expired.
Above-roof Sign	A sign displayed above the peak or parapet of a building.
Animated or Moving Sign	Any sign or part of a sign that changes physical position or light intensity by any movement or rotation or that gives the visual impression of such movement or rotation.
Architectural, Historic District or Scenic Corridor	An area that contains unique architectural, historic, or scenic characteristics that require special regulations to ensure that signs displayed within the area enhance its visual character and are compatible with it.
Awning	A cloth, plastic, or other nonstructural covering that

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Banner	either is permanently attached to a building or can be raised or retracted to a position against the building when not in use. Backlit awing signs are prohibited. Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole, a wall or a building at one or more edges.
Bench Sign	A sign painted, located on, or attached to any part of the surface of a bench, seat, or chair placed on or adjacent to a public place or roadway.
Billboard Sign	See Off-premises sign.
Board of Adjustments and Appeals	An officially constituted body whose principal duties are to hear appeals and, where appropriate, grant variances and conditional uses from the strict application of the zoning ordinance.
Building Frontage	The side of a building abutting a street. It is possible for a structure to have multiple building frontages.
Changeable Copy Sign	Changeable message means a portion of a sign which message copy is changed manually or automatically in the field through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar characteristics. This portion of a sign is included in the maximum area allowed.
Construction Sign	A temporary sign erected on the premises on which construction is taking place, during the period of such construction, indicating the names of the architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors, or similar artisans, and the owners, financial supporters, sponsors, and similar individuals or firms having a role or interest with respect to the structure or project.
Directional/Information Sign	An on-premise sign giving directions, instructions or facility information such as parking or exit and entrance signs.
Directory Sign	A sign listing the tenants or occupants of a building or group of buildings and that may indicate their respective professions or business activities.
Double-Faced Sign	A sign with two faces which are back-to-back and have a common set of supports.
Electronic Sign	Sign whose alphabetic, numeric, pictographic, or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered on a fixed display screen composed of electronically illuminated segments; includes LED (Light Emitting Diode), LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) and other similar technologies.
External Illumination	Illumination of a sign that is affected by an artificial source of light not contained within the sign itself.
Flag	An exhibit made of flexible material which is mounted

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	on a pole or similar device and which represents or symbolizes an organization, group, cause, event, activity, or unit of government.
Flashing Sign	Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means whatsoever.
Free-Standing Sign	Any non-movable sign not affixed to a building. Free-standing signs may include pole signs, ground signs, billboard signs, bench signs, construction signs, directional signs, directory signs, monument signs, off-premises signs, and on-premises signs. The free-standing sign shall not create a public safety hazard.
Frontage	The side of a lot abutting a street. It is possible for a lot to have multiple frontages.
Governmental Sign	A sign erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental functions or required by law, ordinance, or other governmental regulation.
Ground Sign	See Monument Sign.
Home Occupation Sign	A sign containing only the name and occupation of a permitted home occupation.
Identification Sign	A sign giving the nature, logo, trademark, or other identifying symbol; address; or any combination of the name, symbol, and address of a building, business, development, or establishment on the premises where it is located.
Illuminated Sign	A sign lighted by or exposed to artificial lighting either by lights on or in the sign or directed toward the sign.
Inflatable Sign	Any display capable of being expanded by air or other gas and used on a permanent or temporary basis to advertise a product or event.
Mansard Roof	A sloped roof or roof-like façade architecturally comparable to a building wall. For the purpose of this sign regulation, a sign on a mansard roof shall be considered a roof sign.
Memorial Sign	A sign, tablet, or plaque memorializing a person, event, structure, or site.
Monument Area	The supporting framework, bracing or structure of the monument not including the sign area.
Monument Sign	A free standing business sign with a base width of at least eighty percent (80%) of the width of the sign cabinet or sign face.

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Monument Style Sign

Multi-Tenant Sign	A sign that includes the names of two or more businesses, places, organizations, buildings, or persons it identifies.
Nameplate Sign	A sign, located on the premises, giving the name or address, or both, of the owner or occupant of a building or premises.
Nonconforming Sign	A sign that was lawfully constructed or installed prior to the adoption or amendment of this regulation and was in compliance with all of the provisions of the sign regulation then in effect, but which does not presently comply with this regulation.
Normal Average Grade	The lower of existing average grade prior to construction/ installation or the newly established average grade after construction/installation.
Off-Premises Sign	A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.
On-Site Informational Sign	A sign commonly associated with, and not limited to, information and directions necessary or convenient for visitors coming on the property, including signs marking entrances and exits, parking areas, circulation direction, rest rooms, and pickup and delivery areas.
Parapet	The extension of the main walls of a building above the roof level.
Pennant	Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material with or without a logo, suspended from a rope, wire, string or two corners, in series with like materials, creating an impression of a line, and designed to move in the wind.
Permanent Sign	A sign or advertising display constructed of durable materials attached to a building, structure or the ground and intended to be displayed for the duration of time that the use or occupant is located on the premises.
Pole Sign	A sign that is mounted on a free-standing pole or poles or other support so that the bottom edge of the sign face is above normal grade.
Political Sign	A temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national,

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	state, or local election.
Portable Sign	A sign that is not permanent, affixed to a building, structure, or the ground.
Private Sale	A temporary sign advertising private sales of personal property, such as garage sales, yard sales, rummage sales, and the like.
Projecting Sign	A sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support and that projects more than twelve inches from such building. Projecting signs may include hanging signs, suspended signs, awning signs, canopy signs, and marquee signs.
Property Line	A line of record bounding a lot that divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private street or any other public space.
Real Estate Sign	A sign pertaining to the sale or lease of the premises, or a portion of the premises, on which the sign is located.
Roof Sign	A sign that is displayed above the eave, parapet or deck line of a roof and under the peak of a building or roof. For the purpose of this sign regulation, a sign on a mansard roof shall be considered a roof sign.
Sign	Any object, device, display, or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event, or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, design, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination, or projected images.
Sign Area	The entire face of a sign, including the advertising surface and any framing, trim, or molding but not including the supporting structure.
Sign Face	The area or display surface used for the message.
Sign Height	The distance from grade to the highest point on the sign structure. Any raised landscaped bed or foundation the sign may rest upon shall be included in the total sign height.
Sign Permit	Document issued by the Planning & Zoning Office to the sign applicant granting permission to construct or install a sign.
Snipe Sign	Any sign, whether attached in any way to a utility pole, tree, traffic control device, or any object, or the ground, or otherwise situated either on public property without the consent of the appropriate public body, or on private property without the consent of the owner or occupier thereof.
Special Event Sign	A temporary sign advertising private charitable events, such as picnics, carnivals, bazaars, game nights, art fairs, and craft shows.

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Temporary Sign	A sign or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood, or other light material and designed of, intended to be displayed for 30 days or less as designated in the applicable approved sign permit.
Vehicle Sign	A sign on a vehicle not customarily and regularly used to transport persons or properties.
Wall Sign	A sign fastened to or painted on the wall of a building or structure. For the purpose of this sign regulation, a sign on a mansard roof shall be considered a roof sign.
Window Sign	A sign applied, painted or affixed to or in the window of a building. A window sign may be permanent or temporary.

Sec. 290-040 Procedure

A sign permit shall be obtained prior to the construction or erection of any allowable sign and the fee will be required in conjunction with said application. Refer to the current fee schedule in the Planning & Zoning Office.

The following information shall be included along with the application at the time of submittal:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the applicant. Name, address and signature of the owner of property on which the sign is to be located.
2. The location, size, height and type of each existing sign to remain on the property;
3. A site plan of the property on which the sign is to be erected showing property lines, existing structures, right-of-way lines and proposed location of the sign.
4. A drawing of the proposed sign showing display area dimensions, height of sign, and information to be conveyed on sign.
5. The estimated cash value of the sign.
6. If the sign is temporary the following applies:
 - a. The length of time anticipated for use of the sign;
 - b. A statement by the applicant in which he or she agrees to remove temporary signs within the time limit herein established.

Sec. 290-050 Sign Requirements/Allowances Calculations

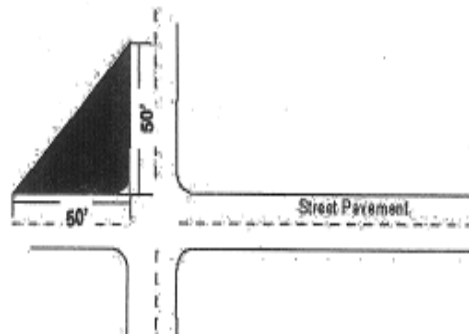
1. For the purposes of this ordinance:
 - a. The front setback is measured from the right-of-way or the front property line.
 - b. If a parcel has multiple frontages, then the parcel has multiple front setbacks.
 - c. The side yard setback is measured from the side property line.
2. The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal average grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal average grade shall be construed to be the lower of: existing-grade prior to construction or installation, or the newly established grade after construction or installation.
3. The area of a sign shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem or other display, together with any material or

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color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed. Supporting framework, bracing or structure shall not be included in computation of sign area.

4. Unless otherwise stated, the total area of a sign having two or more sides or faces shall be calculated according to the following:
 - a. Double-faced signs: the sign area is of one sign face only.
 - b. "V" shaped signs with two sides or faces: the sign area is the sum of the areas of the two sign faces.
 - c. Signs with three or more sides or faces: the sign area is the sum of the areas of all sides or faces.
5. No more than two identification signs per place of business shall be allowed, with only one of which being separated from the principal building. Additional signs may be allowed in the commercial and industrial zoning districts if:
 - a. A parcel has a total street frontage exceeding 600 feet in which case a second free-standing sign shall be allowed. Each free-standing sign shall be allowed to have a sign area up to the maximum allowable sign area for the zoning district. However, the distance between the two free-standing signs shall be no less than 300 feet.
 - b. A parcel has frontage on two or more streets in which case one wall sign for each frontage shall be allowed.
6. Clear sight triangles shall be maintained at all street intersections for a minimum of 50 feet as measured along the curb or pavement edge. No free-standing signs shall be allowed in the clear sight triangle.

**Sight Triangle at
Intersecting Streets**



Sec. 290-060 Exempt Sign Standards

The following types of signs are not required to obtain a sign permit and shall not be counted towards the total number of signs and allowable sign area, but must meet the following limitations:

1. Memorial signs – Must be characteristic with the surrounding area and must not be a public safety hazard.
2. Nameplate signs of two square feet or less– Must only contain the name or address, or both, of the owner or occupant of a building or premises.
3. No trespassing signs of six square feet in area or less.
4. On-Site Directional/Information Sign of six square feet or less– Must not be a public safety hazard.

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5. Political signs – Signs shall be removed within ten days following the election. Signs for successful primary election candidates, eligible for the general election, may remain after the primary election. Permission must be granted by the property owner for a sign to be placed on their property and the sign may not be located in any road right-of-way.
6. Private sale or special event signs of six square feet or less – May be placed seven days prior to the event and must be removed the day following the event – These signs shall advertise only the activity lawfully practiced on site and shall not be illuminated or contain any electrical component.
7. Real Estate signs of six square feet or less – Must be located on the property that is for sale, lease, or rent and must be taken down within seven days after the sale is complete. May not be located in any road right-of-way.
8. Public signs, notices or traffic signs required by law, or any sign relating to an emergency.
9. Signs carried by a person – Must not be a public safety hazard.
10. Signs integrated into or on a coin-operated machine, vending machine, gasoline pump, or telephone booth.
11. Signs used to identify local Landmark/National Register of historic sites.
12. Sports signs within a ballpark, field or diamond which indicates sponsorship of the teams or activities that occur therein. These signs shall be oriented toward the field or diamond and shall not be higher than the fences.
13. Traffic signs-traffic control signs which contain no commercial message and that comply with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways”
14. Temporary window signs in commercial zoning districts – Total area of window signs shall not exceed 30% of the window area of the façade of the building.
15. Three (3) flags per parcel, symbolic in nature, for non-commercial, non-promotional purposes.
16. Electronic signs not exceeding 4 square feet provided that there is no more than one such sign per business establishment (not applicable in LaGrange).
17. In the city of LaGrange signs stating that a business other than a home occupation is open, provided that there is no more than one such sign per business establishment inside the building, and that such sign does not exceed four (4) square feet in area. Neon signs are allowable in this case.

Sec. 290-070 Signs Prohibited

The following signs are prohibited:

1. Any sign or part of a sign that incorporates in any manner any continuous scrolling, flashing, blinking, oscillating or moving lights, or that changes physical position or light intensity by any movement or rotation or that gives the appearance of such movement or rotation.
2. String lights or any unshielded light that is visible by the public from a public street or produces glare onto a residential structure, and is used in connection with commercial premises for commercial purposes, including attention-getting, other than seasonal decorations.
3. Any sign which has any visible moving part, visible revolving parts or visible mechanical movement achieved by electronic or mechanical means or action of

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- normal wind currents.
4. Any sign which obstruct or detract from the visibility of any traffic sign or traffic control devise on public streets and roads, by reason of the size, location, coloring, or illumination.
 5. Any sign or sign structures which (a) is structurally unsafe, (b) constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidated or abandonment, (c) is not kept in good repair, or (d) is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons likely to come into contact with it.
 6. Signs which make use of words such as “STOP”, “LOOK”, “DANGER”, “YIELD”, or other similar words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner to imply the need or requirement of stopping or the existence of danger.
 7. Permanent use of portable signs, folding signs, “A” frame signs, or any other similar free-standing signs.
 8. Free standing signs that extend or are built over public property.
 9. Wall signs painted on a building, except as permitted under conditional use application by the appropriate Board of Adjustments and Appeals, after public hearing. Area requirements are same as for permitted wall signs in zoning district in which property is located.
 10. Any sign erected or maintained upon trees or painted or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.
 11. No marquee constructed over sidewalks in those districts where permitted shall extend closer than two feet to the curb line of any adjoining street.
 12. Snipe signs.
 13. Above-roof signs.
 14. Signs on vehicles or trailers which are parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying said sign.
 15. Free-standing banner or banners not attached to a building, wall. See banner section of this ordinance for proper display regulations.
 16. Backlit awning signs.

Sec. 290-080 Sign Lighting

1. Signs may be internally illuminated, backlit, or illuminated by downlighting or by ground-mounted light fixtures that illuminate the sign face and base only.
2. Illumination of the sign face by ground-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 50 foot-candles as measured on the sign face.
3. Illumination for off-premise advertising signs is prohibited.
4. Signs shall not have exposed bare-bulb or flashing illumination.
5. In the city of LaGrange internally illuminated signs other than changeable copy signs shall have opaque backgrounds with translucent letters, symbols and logos unless the background is integral to the design of a corporate image or registered trademark.
6. In the city of LaGrange the use of neon window signs is prohibited, and illuminated banding on buildings shall be limited to one band.

Sec. 290-090 Electronic Signs

Electronic Signs Prohibited:

1. Electronic Signs shall be prohibited in the following zoning districts: IPD District, AG-1, CO-1, T, R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A, R-3 and R-4A Zoning Districts.

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2. Electronic Signs displayed as wall signs, projecting signs, or roof signs in any zoning district are prohibited.
3. Electronic Signs with continuous scrolling, flashing, blinking, or oscillating messages are prohibited.
4. Electronic Signs with displays other than alpha-numeric messaging are prohibited.

Electronic Signs Permitted:

R-4 (Professional Office Use Only), C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, I-1, I-2 Zoning Districts: Electronic Signs shall be permitted in these zoning districts subject to the following (permitted only in C-3, C-4, I-1 and I-2 zoning districts in the city of LaGrange):

1. Electronic Signs shall only be displayed on allowable freestanding or monument signs and shall not exceed allowable height requirements for the zoning district in which the sign is located.
2. Square footage of the Electronic sign shall not exceed 30 %, of the total allowable square footage for freestanding or monument signs for the zoning district in which the sign is located or shall not exceed 20 square feet, which ever is lesser.
3. Alpha-numeric message shall change in increments not less than 60 second intervals and the change must be complete in one second.
4. No more than one Electronic sign shall be attached to a permitted, conforming freestanding or monument sign per parcel or business.
5. Electronic Signs shall not be added to any legal non-conforming freestanding or monument signs.

Sec. 290-100 On-premise Signage

1. AG-1, CO-1, T, R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A, R-3 and R-4A Zoning Districts
 - a. Subdivision construction signs are allowed in the above zoning districts subject to the following:
 - i. One non-illuminated sign at each major entrance.
 - ii. The total sign area shall not exceed 48 square feet for each sign (32 square feet in LaGrange).
 - iii. Signs shall have a maximum height limit of 12 feet (6 feet in LaGrange).
 - iv. Signs shall have a setback of 15 feet from any public right-of-way.
 - v. Permits for such signs are valid for a period of one year or until construction is complete whichever comes first.
 - b. Two subdivision identification signs are allowed at a major entrance not to exceed 48 square feet in sign area for each sign.
 - c. All other signs in the above zoning districts must meet a minimum 15 feet front setback and shall not be larger than 24 square feet in area and shall not be taller than 8 feet in height (6 feet in LaGrange). Only one sign per lot is allowed.
 - d. Roof signs are not allowed in the above zoning districts.
 - e. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning districts shall be either monument signs or mounted on two posts.

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2. R-4 High Density Residential District
 - a. All signs as permitted in AG-1, CO-1, T, R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A, R-3 and R-4A zoning districts are allowed.
 - b. One identification sign per entrance to apartment or condominium complex, not to exceed 48 square feet in sign area.
 - c. Property zoned R-4 with the intended use of Professional Offices may be allowed signage under the following constraints. Professional Offices may be allowed two identification signs, only one of which may be separated from the building. The sign requirements for the residential zoning districts other than R-4 will apply to any use in R-4 that is not considered Professional Offices.
 - d. Free-standing signs for Professional Offices in the R-4 zoning district must meet a minimum 5 feet front setback and shall not be larger than 24 square feet in area and shall not be taller than 8 feet in height (6 feet in LaGrange).(In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the R-4 zoning district shall be either monument signs or mounted on 2 posts.)
 - e. Wall Signs-Professional Offices:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 50 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. Not higher than roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.
 - f. Projecting Signs-Professional Offices:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 15 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. Not higher than roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalk.
 - g. Roof Signs are not allowed in the R-4 zoning district.

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3. O-1 and O-2 Office Districts, C-N Commercial Neighborhood District

a. Free-Standing Signs

- i. No sign shall be any closer than 5 feet from any property line.
- ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet from the street right-of-way line.

iii.

Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5' to less than 10'	10'	12 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	15'	16 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	20'	25 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	25'	25 Sq. Ft.

City of LaGrange: only monument signs are allowed			
Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5' to less than 10'	6'	20 Sq. Ft.	4 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	8'	24 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	10'	28 Sq. Ft.	12 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	12'	40 Sq. Ft.	20 Sq. Ft.

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development, the maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same sign and no other free-standing signs are displayed on the premises.
- v. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning districts shall be monument signs.

b. Wall Signs

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 50 square feet which ever is less.
- ii. Not higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.

c. Projecting Signs

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 15 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalks

d. Roof Signs: Roof signs are not allowed in the O-1, O-2 and C-N zoning districts.

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4. C-1 Local Business District

a. Free-Standing Signs:

- i. No sign shall be any closer than five feet from any property line.
- ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet (20 feet in LaGrange) from the street right-of-way line.
- iii.

Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5' to less than 10'	15'	12 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	20'	16 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	25'	25 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	30'	25 Sq. Ft.

City of LaGrange: only monument signs are allowed			
Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5' to less than 10'	6'	20 Sq. Ft.	4 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	8'	24 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	10'	28 Sq. Ft.	12 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	12'	40 Sq. Ft.	20 Sq. Ft.

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development, the maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same sign and no other free-standing signs are displayed on the premises.
- v. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning district shall be monument signs.

b. Wall Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned /leased by the applicant or 50 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.

c. Projecting Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 15 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalks

d. Roof Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 24 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. The maximum height measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sign shall be 36".
- iii. Top of sign shall not extend higher than the peak of the roof.
- iv. A roof sign shall not extend higher than the maximum building height requirement.
- v. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

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5. C-2 Community Business District

a. Free-Standing Signs:

- i. No sign shall be any closer than 5 feet from any property line.
- ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet from the street right-of-way line.

iii.

Front Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5' to less than 10'	15'	24 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	20'	32 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	25'	40 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	30'	50 Sq. Ft.

City of LaGrange: only monument signs are allowed			
Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5' to less than 10'	6'	20 Sq. Ft.	4 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	8'	24 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	10'	28 Sq. Ft.	12 Sq. Ft.
20' or more	12'	40 Sq. Ft.	20 Sq. Ft.

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development. The maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same sign and no other free standing signs are displayed on the premises.
- v. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning district shall be monument signs.

b. Wall Signs:

- i. One square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant is the maximum area not to exceed 150 square feet.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.

c. Projecting Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 50 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalk.

d. Roof Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 24 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. The maximum height measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sign shall be 36".
- iii. Top of sign may not extend higher than the peak of the roof.
- iv. A roof sign may not extend higher than the maximum building height requirement.
- v. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

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6. C-3 General Business District

a. Free-Standing Signs:

- i. No sign shall be any closer than 5 feet from any property line.
- ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet (30 feet in LaGrange) from the street right-of-way line.

iii.

Front Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5' to less than 10'	15'	32 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	20'	40 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	25'	50 Sq. Ft.
20' to less than 25'	30'	60 Sq. Ft.
25' or more	35'	75 Sq. Ft.

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Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5' to less than 10'	8'	32 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	10'	38 Sq. Ft.	12 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	15'	54 Sq. Ft.	21 Sq. Ft.
20' to less than 25'	18'	60 Sq. Ft.	30 Sq. Ft.
25' or more	20'	75 Sq. Ft.	45 Sq. Ft.

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development, the maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same sign and not other free-standing signs are displayed on the premises.
- v. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning district shall be monument signs.

b. Wall Signs:

- i. One square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant is the maximum area.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.

c. Projecting Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each linear foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 75 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
- iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalk.

d. Roof Signs:

- i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 24 square feet whichever is less.
- ii. The maximum height measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sign shall be 36".
- iii. Top of sign may not extend higher than the peak of the roof.
- iv. A roof sign may not extend higher than the maximum building height requirement.
- v. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

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7. C-4 Highway Service District:

a. Free-Standing Signs:

- i. No sign shall be any closer than 5 feet from any property line.
- ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet from the street right-of-way line.
- iii.

Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5' to less than 10'	15'	32 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15'	20'	40 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20'	25'	50 Sq. Ft.
20' to less than 25'	30'	60 Sq. Ft.
25' to less than 30'	35'	75 Sq. Ft.
30' to less than 40'	40'	90 Sq. Ft.
40' and more	45'	100 Sq. Ft.

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Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5' to less than 10' Only monument signs allowed	8'	34 Sq. Ft.	6 Sq. Ft.
10' to less than 15' Only monument signs allowed	10'	40 Sq. Ft.	10 Sq. Ft.
15' to less than 20' Only monument signs allowed	15'	54 Sq. Ft.	21 Sq. Ft.
20' to less than 25; Only monument signs allowed	18'	56 Sq. Ft.	24 Sq. Ft.
25' to less than 30' Only 2-pole signs allowed	26'	96 Sq. Ft.	
30' to less than 40' Only 2-pole signs allowed	32'	100 Sq. Ft.	
4' or more Only 2-pol signs allowed	32'	110 Sq. Ft.	

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development, the maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same free-standing sign and no other free-standing signs are displayed on the premises.
- v. For aesthetic purposes within the city of LaGrange all free standing pole signs in the above zoning district shall use round or rectangular poles with a minimum diameter or width of 20 inches.

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- b. Wall Signs:
 - i. One square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant is the maximum area.
 - ii. Shall not be higher than the roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.
- c. Projecting Signs:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 100 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalk.
- d. Roof Signs:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 24 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. The maximum height measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sign shall be 36”.
 - iii. Top of sign may not extend higher than the peak of the roof.
 - iv. A roof sign may not extend higher than the maximum building height requirement.
 - v. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

8. I-1 Light Industrial District, I-2 Heavy Industrial District

- a. Free-Standing Signs:
 - i. No sign shall be any closer than 5 feet from any property line.
 - ii. No lot frontage shall have a free-standing sign unless the frontage is at least 50 feet wide and the building situated on that lot is set back at least 15 feet from the street right-of-way line.
 - iii.

Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area
5’ to less than 10’	15’	32 Sq. Ft.
10’ to less than 15’	20’	40 Sq. Ft.
15’ to less than 20’	25’	50 Sq. Ft.
20’ to less than 25’	30’	60 Sq. Ft.
25’ or more	35’	75 Sq. Ft.

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Front Sign Setback	Max Sign Height	Max Sign Area	Maximum Monument Area
5’ to less than 10’	8’	26 Sq. Ft.	6 Sq. Ft.
10’ to less than 15’	8’	30 Sq. Ft.	10 Sq. Ft.
15’ to less than 20’	8’	46 Sq. Ft.	36 Sq. Ft.
20’ or more	8’	54 Sq. Ft.	26 Sq. Ft.

- iv. For a multi-tenant building or development, the maximum sign area may be increased by up to 50% if all occupants share the same sign and not other free-standing signs are displayed on the premises.

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- v. In the city of LaGrange all free-standing signs in the above zoning district shall be monument signs.
 - b. Wall Signs:
 - i. One square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant is the maximum area.
 - ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend more than 12 inches from wall.
 - c. Projecting Signs:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each linear foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 75 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. Shall not be higher than roof or parapet line.
 - iii. May not extend over 1/3 of public sidewalk.
 - d. Roof Signs:
 - i. The maximum area shall be one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant or 24 square feet whichever is less.
 - ii. The maximum height measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sign shall be 36”.
 - iii. Top of sign may not extend higher than the peak of the roof.
 - iv. A roof sign may not extend higher than the maximum building height requirement.
 - v. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.
9. IPD Industrial Park District
- a. Free-Standing Signs:
 - i. A single free standing sign may be installed per lot. Free standing signs shall be designed and installed as a monument style sign.
 - ii. Free Standing Sign Minimum Setbacks:
 - Front Yard 10 feet
 - Side Yard 15 feet
 - iii. A free standing sign cannot obstruct the view of vehicular traffic at street intersections or driveway entrances. Free standing signs shall not encroach into any determined clear sight triangle.
 - iv. Free Standing Sign Size:
 - Maximum Sign Height 6 feet
 - Maximum Sign Area 60 square feet per side (120 square feet total)
 - b. Wall Mounted Signs:

A wall mounted sign may be installed per every building façade facing a public right-of-way.

 - i. Wall Sign Size:
 - Maximum Sign Area –one square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of building facing the public rights-of-way.
 - ii. Wall signs shall not extend above the roof line of the building façade in which they are located.
 - c. Prohibited Signs:
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The following types or style of signs shall be prohibited:

- i. Electronic signs with changing advertisements or display faces.
- ii. Flashing signs.
- iii. Mechanical signs with movement.
- iv. Portable signs.
- v. Roof Signs.

Sec. 290-110 Off-premises Signage

1. All off-premises signs must receive approval as a conditional use from the appropriate Board of Adjustments prior to the issuance of a sign permit from the Planning & Zoning Office.
2. In addition to any condition of approval which the Board applies to an off-premises sign approval, the sign must also comply with the sign regulations for the zoning district in which it is located and shall be counted towards the total number of signs allowed.
3. Off-premises signs will not be allowed to be located within:
 - a. Fifty feet from street intersections as measured along the curb or edge of pavement;
 - b. The placement of one panel on top of another panel is prohibited.
 - c. The maximum height for all off-premises signs is 35 feet or the maximum height allowed for on-premises signs in the zoning district in which the sign is located, whichever is lesser.
 - d. Off-premises signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

Sec. 290-120 Temporary Signage

A temporary sign permit shall be obtained prior to the placement of any combination of signs, banners, posters, pennants, portable signs, flags, inflatable devices, or other similar devices used for commercial promotional purposes or to announce community events. The Planning & Zoning Office reserves the right to revoke a temporary sign permit at any time. The following rules apply to temporary sign permits.

Types of Permits

1. 30-day permit not to exceed 32 square feet.

Free-Standing Signs

1. These signs must meet the front setback requirements and the height requirements for the zoning district in which they are located.
2. More than one temporary sign may be permitted simultaneously as long as the total area of all temporary signs does not exceed the maximum sign area.
3. Various types of portable signs may be used on a temporary basis by permit. (not allowed in the city of LaGrange).
4. Banners for commercial purposes are not allowed as temporary free-standing signs in LaGrange.

Wall Signs

1. Apply the appropriate percentage to the one square foot of area allowed for every one lineal foot of building frontage owner/leased by the applicant not to exceed 32 square feet.

Banners

1. Business owners of commercially zoned properties may obtain a sign permit valid for 30 days to periodically display banners attached to the building. No more than one such permit may be issued per property per calendar year.
2. Banners must be attached to the building. No more than one such permit may be issued per property per calendar year.
3. The area of the banner may be equal to but not greater than one square foot for every lineal foot of building frontage owned/leased by the applicant.
4. The Planning & Zoning Office may revoke this permit if the appearance of the banner becomes a safety hazard or is in disrepair.
5. In the city of LaGrange banners may also be used to announce community events (not to exceed 32 square feet). Said banners may be free-standing.

Flags for Commercial Promotional Purposes

1. The total area of all flags on a lot shall not exceed 60 square feet in area.
2. No flag shall be flown from a pole that exceeds 35 feet in height.
3. If a flag is mounted to a building, the vertical clearance from ground level when limp shall not be less than 9 feet. and
4. No flag shall be mounted above the roofline of a structure.
5. Flags for commercial promotional purposed are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.

Sec. 290-130 Areas of Special Character

The Commission may approve a special sign regulation for an Area of Special Character following notice and hearing. The special sign regulations in Areas of Special Character shall be consistent with the purposes of this ordinance and the character of the Area of Special Character.

Special sign regulations for Areas of Special Character shall supersede and may be either more or less restrictive than the sign regulations contained in this ordinance.

1. Historic Districts: A historic district may establish a special sign regulation.
2. Municipalities: Each municipality may establish a special sign regulation.
3. Planned Unit Development Districts: A planned Unit Development may establish alternative signage standards in lieu of this sign ordinance contained herein.

Sec. 290-140 Programs for Signs

1. Purpose: A Program for Signs is a creative incentive for a unified visual statement that integrates the design of signs with the design of the building on which they will be displayed and with the surrounding area.
2. When allowed: The owners of one or more adjacent premises, or one or more occupants of a shopping center or multi-use building, may submit a Program for Signs to the Commission that need not comply with some or all of the requirements of this ordinance. The Program for Signs shall contain a visual representation of the lettering,

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illumination, color, size, height, placement, and location of the signs proposed for display.

3. Standards for Approval: The Commission may approve a Program for Sign following notice and the Commission hearing if the signs visually represented in the Program are:
 - a. Consistent with the purposes of this ordinance; and
 - b. Compatible with the theme, visual quality, and overall character of the surrounding area or an Area of Special Character, if the signs included in the Program for Signs are located in such an area; and
 - c. Appropriately related in size, shape, materials, color, illumination, and character to the function and architectural character of the building or premises on which they will be displayed, and are compatible with existing adjacent activities.
 - d. Display of signs: A premises or occupancy for which a Program for Signs has been approved by the Commission may only display signs that comply with the approved program, which shall supersede and replace the regulations for signs in this ordinance.

Sec. 290-150 Signs along Scenic Corridors

Scenic Corridors Designated: The following road segments in Oldham County are designated as Scenic Corridors and have associated signage requirements:

1. Interstate 71 Corridor

For the purpose of this sign regulation, the Interstate 71 Corridor shall be defined as shown below. (A map showing the boundary of the Interstate 71 Corridor is available at the Planning and Zoning Office).

Signs located along the Interstate 71 corridor, shall meet the following design standards in addition to the standards in the zoning district in which the sign is located:

- a. No billboards shall be located within fifteen hundred (1,500) feet of the center of the nearest travel lane of Interstate 71. A billboard, also known as an off-premise sign, is defined as a sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premise on which the sign is located. Billboards are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.
- b. No roof signs shall be located within six hundred sixty (660) feet of the center of the nearest travel lane of Interstate 71. Roof signs are not allowed in the city of LaGrange.
- c. No freestanding signs or banners shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of the center of the nearest travel lane of Interstate 71.
- d. No freestanding signs shall exceed eighty (80) square feet in area on one side and one hundred sixty (160) square feet in area on all sides when located between three hundred (300) and six hundred sixty (660) feet of the center of the nearest travel lane of Interstate 71.

- e. No signs located within fifteen hundred (1,500) feet of the center of the nearest travel lane of Interstate 71 may be constructed or installed prior to being reviewed and approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Sec. 290-160 Nonconforming Signs

Any sign legally in existence on the effective date of this sign regulation may continue in existence as a matter of right with the following limitations. A change in copy is not an alternation for the purposes of this subsection.

Non-conforming Sign Not to Expand. Non-conforming signs may not expand.

Non-conforming Sign Not to Rebuild. Any non-conforming sign which has been damaged to the extent of 50 percent of its current fair cash value, as estimated immediately prior to damage, shall not be repaired or reconstructed, except in conformity with this ordinance.

Discontinued or Obsolete Non-conforming Sign Not to Re-establish after One Year. No non-conforming sign shall be re-established after having been discontinued or obsolete for twelve (12) months. Vacating of premises or building, non-operative status, or not advertising or identifying a bona fide business conducted on the property or product sold shall be evidence of a discontinued or obsolete sign.

Ordinary Repair and Maintenance. Work may be done on ordinary repair and maintenance, or on repair or replacement of sign fixtures or framing, sign wiring, or sign face. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of a sign or other structure in accordance with the order of an appropriate public agency, and who declares such sign or other structure to be unsafe, and orders its restoration to a safe condition.

Sec. 290-170 Variances

The Commission or the appropriate Board of Adjustments may grant variances from this sign regulation if they find the variance requested is required by special or unique hardship.

A variance may be granted:

1. To permit a setback for a sign that is up to 25 percent less than the required setback; or
2. To permit the height of a sign to be increased by up to 25 percent more than the maximum height (variances for height are not allowed in the city of LaGrange).

Sec. 290-180 Severability Clause

The invalidation of any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this ordinance by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.