

**Sec. 5.16 SIGN REGULATIONS.**

It is the intent and purpose of this section to provide proper regulation and control of all outdoor signs such that no sign will, by reason of its size, location, construction, or manner of display, endanger life and limb, confuse or mislead traffic, obstruct vision necessary for traffic safety, or otherwise endanger the public health or safety; and further, to regulate such signs in such a way as to create land patterns compatible with other major land use objectives and to prevent such signs from causing annoyance or disturbance to the citizens of the Township or the general public. Only the types of signs identified in Table 1, below, shall be permitted in Frankenlust Township in the zoning district indicated as regulated in Table 2, below, and as regulated in the definition of “sign” in Section 3.01 of this Ordinance.

**TABLE 1**  
**PERMITTED SIGNS BY ZONING DISTRICT**

SIGN TYPE	A G	RF	R-1	R-2	R-3	RT	RM	RMH	C-1	C-2	C-3	LI	WC	APPLICABLE REGULATION S
Highway signs erected by a unit of government	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Governmental use signs pertaining to public buildings or spaces	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Directional signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1, 12
Historic signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Signs posted to control/prohibit hunting/trespassing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Signs denoting utility lines, railroad lines, hazards and precautions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Memorial signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2
Decorative displays, pennants or banners	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3
Any sign, or nameplate under four sq. ft. in area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Customary farm and crop signs less than 10 sq. ft. in area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Farm nameplates under 144 sq. ft. in area	X													
Temporary signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4, 12

Flags	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3, 5, 14
Changeable copy signs									X	X	X	X		6
Freestanding signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14
Ground-mounted signs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7, 8, 12, 13, 14
Wall sign									X	X	X	X		9, 13, 14
Pylon sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		10, 12, 13, 14
Advertising signs/billboards									X	X	X	X		11, 13, 14

## TABLE 2

Regulation	Applicable Regulations
1.	<p>The following types of directional signs are exempt from regulations of this ordinance pertaining to permits, heights, locations and total signage area except as provided, below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On-premises directional signs placed for drivers, or off-street parking areas which do not exceed four square feet in area and three feet in height and which are limited to traffic control functions only.</li> <li>b. Off-premises directional signs to local businesses which do not exceed 50 square feet in area and 12 feet in height. The lowest part of such a sign shall be at least seven feet above ground level. Such signs shall also comply with all of the regulations set forth in Regulation 12 of this Table.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Memorial signs or tablets not exceeding six square feet in area which are either cut into the face of a building, or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible material when located flat on the face of a building are exempt from provisions of this ordinance pertaining to permits, heights and location.</p>
3.	<p>All decorative displays, pennants, banners, or flags shall be maintained in good condition and shall not be torn, faded or dirty.</p>
4.	<p>The following types of temporary signs are permitted for a limited period of time only and shall not require a permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Construction signs which identify the name of the building, the owner, architect, engineer, contractor and other individuals involved with construction, including the advertisement of a product or service during the period of construction. Signs shall not exceed 2 in number on any one lot or parcel of land on which construction is taking place. The aggregate of all sign surfaces on any one lot or parcel of land shall not exceed 144 sq. ft. They shall be confined to the site of construction and shall be removed following completion of construction activities.</li> <li>b. Real estate signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the signs are displayed, provided the aggregate sign area of such signs does not exceed 144 sq. ft. Such signs shall be removed after the sale, rental or lease.</li> <li>c. Election campaign signs announcing a candidate or election issue to be voted upon. Such signs shall be confined to private property and shall be removed following the election which they announce.</li> <li>d. Special event signs, subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They do not exceed 144 square feet in area.</li> <li>2. They are not placed in street rights-of-way.</li> <li>3. They may be illuminated provided such lights are not flashing or intermittent and are not placed or designed such that they can be confused with or appear similar to a highway sign or traffic safety</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>device.</p> <p>4. No special event sign shall be located in such a manner as to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow or visibility.</p> <p>5. No special event sign shall be allowed to remain after the event.</p>										
5.	<p>Flags shall be regulated as follows:</p> <p>a. All flags shall be displaced from a pole or other mounting which is permanently affixed to the ground or a building.</p> <p>b. All flags shall comply with the yard requirements of the zoning district in which they are located except that flags located in yards having frontage on a street shall comply with the 10 feet setback requirements for signs set forth in Regulation 12 of this Table.</p> <p>c. The maximum permitted area of a flag shall be as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Pole Height</u></th> <th><u>Maximum Permitted Flag Area</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>46' &amp; over</td> <td>60 sq. ft.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25'-45'</td> <td>40 sq. ft.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21'-25'</td> <td>24 sq. ft.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 21'</td> <td>15 sq. ft.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>d. No flag may advertise or direct attention to any business, profession, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered elsewhere than upon the premises upon which it is located.</p> <p>e. No more than three flags shall be permitted on any street frontage portion of any lot or parcel of land.</p> <p>f. Flags on residentially-used premises are exempt from the permit requirement set forth in Regulation 14, below. All other flags are subject to the permit requirements.</p>	<u>Pole Height</u>	<u>Maximum Permitted Flag Area</u>	46' & over	60 sq. ft.	25'-45'	40 sq. ft.	21'-25'	24 sq. ft.	Under 21'	15 sq. ft.
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6.	<p>One changeable copy sign not exceeding 50 square feet in area is permitted for any permitted or special use when permanently mounted on a freestanding sign structure, or building.</p>										
7.	<p>In the AG and R-zoned districts, one freestanding, or ground-mounted identifying sign is permitted for any permitted or special use except single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, farms, roadside stands, home occupations, child care organizations, or adult foster care homes provided that the area of the sign does not exceed 64 square feet.</p>										
8.	<p>In the C-zoned districts, one freestanding, ground-mounted, or changeable copy sign in accordance with the provisions of Regulation No. 6 is permitted along each street frontage of a parcel provided that no sign area shall exceed 144 square feet. If the sign serves more than one use on a single parcel, the surface area limitation may be increased by 50 percent. The Planning Commission may allow a larger sign along each such street frontage as a special use in accordance with the provisions of <i>Section 5.15</i> of this ordinance where the following requirements can be met.</p> <p>a. The parcel of land is C-zoned and is located within 660 feet of the centerline of that stretch of M-84 where the north-bound and south-bound lanes of travel are separated by a grassy median area;</p>										

	<p>b. The parcel of land is at least 10 acres in size;</p> <p>c. There is a minimum of 400 feet of frontage along any street where the sign is to be placed;</p> <p>d. The sign area does not exceed 500 square feet;</p> <p>e. The sign is not located closer than 60 feet to any street right-of-way or driveway;</p> <p>f. The sign is not located within 100 feet of any property line;</p> <p>g. There is compliance with all other applicable requirements of this section; and,</p> <p>h. No variances are required. <i>(Amended by ord no. 29B eff. July 26, 2007)</i></p>
9.	In the C-zoned district and LI-zoned district, wall signs are permitted in addition to a freestanding or ground-mounted sign provided that they are attached to a building parallel to the side on which it is attached and cannot project above the building roof line. Wall signs can be placed on more than one side of a building, provided that the total sign area of such wall signs does not exceed 144 square feet. Wall signs are permitted in the C-zoned districts in addition to a freestanding sign and changeable copy sign.
10.	With the exception of pylon signs in the C-3 General Commercial District and wall signs, no exterior freestanding sign, signboard, billboard or pylon sign shall exceed 25 feet in height. Pylon signs in the C-3 District shall not exceed a maximum height of 60 feet.
11.	<p>Advertising signs/billboards are allowed by special use in the C-zoned districts and are permitted in the LI-zoned district. All billboards must comply with the following regulations:</p> <p>a. No more than 5 billboards may be located per linear mile of street or highway regardless of the fact that such billboards may be located on different sides of the subject street or highway. The linear mile measurement shall not be limited to the boundaries of Frankenlust Township where the particular street or highway extends beyond such boundaries. Double-faced billboard structures (i.e., structures having back-to-back billboard faces) and V-type billboard structures having only one face visible to traffic proceeding from any given direction on a street or highway shall be considered as one billboard. Billboard structures with tandem (side-by-side) or stacked (one above the other) sign surfaces shall be considered as 2 billboards and shall be prohibited in accordance with the minimum spacing requirement set forth in Subsection b, below.</p> <p>b. No billboard shall be located within 1,000 feet of another billboard abutting either side of the same street or highway.</p> <p>c. No billboard shall be located within 200 feet of a residential zone,</p>

	<p>existing residence, church or school. If the billboard is illuminated, this required distance shall instead be 300 feet.</p> <p>d. No billboard shall be located closer than 50 feet to any roadway right-of-way or 20 feet from an interior boundary lines of the premises on which the billboard is located.</p> <p>e. The sign area of a billboard shall not exceed 750 sq. ft.</p> <p>f. The height of a billboard shall not exceed 45 feet above the grade of the ground on which the billboard sits or the grade of the abutting roadway, whichever is higher. The lowest part of a billboard shall not be less than 10 ft. above ground level.</p> <p>g. No billboard shall be on top of, cantilevered or otherwise suspended above the roof of any building.</p> <p>h. A billboard may be illuminated, provided such illumination is concentrated on the surface of the sign and is located so as to avoid glare or reflection onto any portion of an adjacent street or highway, the path of on-coming vehicles, or any adjacent premises. In no event shall any billboard have flashing or intermittent lights, nor shall the lights be permitted to rotate or oscillate.</p> <p>i. A billboard must be constructed in such a fashion that it will withstand all wind and vibration forces that can normally be expected to occur in the vicinity as set forth in the current edition of the Frankenlust Township Building Code. A billboard must be maintained so as to assure proper alignment of structure, continued structural soundness and continued readability of message.</p> <p>j. A billboard established within a business, commercial or industrial area as defined in the Highway Advertising Act of 1972 (PA 106 of 1972 as amended) bordering interstate highways, freeways or primary highways as defined in said act shall, in addition to complying with the above conditions, also comply with all applicable provisions of said act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as such may from time to time be amended.</p>
12.	<p>No portion of a sign shall be located closer than 10 feet to any street right-of-way, or driveway. No portion of a sign shall be located within a required side yard and in no case within 20 feet of a side lot line. No part of a sign shall be attached to, supported by, or in any way connected to a building. A minimum two feet separation shall be maintained between any sign and any adjacent building or structure. No sign shall be located in such a manner as to interfere with any motorist's visibility.</p>
13.	<p>Signs may be illuminated, provided that such illumination is concentrated on the surface of the sign and is located so as to avoid glare or reflection onto any portion of an adjacent street or highway, the path of on-coming vehicles, or any adjacent premises.</p>
14.	<p>Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, alter, relocate, or maintain within the Township any sign as defined herein without first obtaining a permit from the administrative officer, and making payment of any fee required.</p> <p>a. Application Procedure. Sign Application Form obtained from the Frankenlust Township Clerk,</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information that must be included in the application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Location. A written description of the site as well as an adequate depiction of the requested sign location that would allow on-site inspection by the Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector.</li> <li>(ii) A drawing of the sign and supports at a scale of not less than 1"=5', showing all pertinent dimensions of the sign.</li> <li>(iii) A schematic sketch or drawing of the site showing the sign's proposed relationship to the roadway, adjacent land uses within four hundred (400) feet, and any landscaping to be used in conjunction with the sign. Scale to be 1" 50'.</li> <li>(iv) The application shall conform with all aspect of Section 5.16 of this Ordinance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Township Clerk shall transfer all applications to the Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector.</li> <li>3. The Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector will review, approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application.</li> </ol>
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a. **PROHIBITED SIGNS.** No sign listed in any of the following subsections shall be permitted, erected or maintained in any district:

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1. Permanent signs which incorporate any manner of flashing or moving lights.
    2. A sign which has any visible moving part, visible revolving part, or visible mechanical movement of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, electronic or mechanical means, including intermittent electrical pulsations or by action of natural wind currents.
    3. String lights used in connection with commercial premises for commercial purposes.
    4. Any sign or sign structure which is structurally unsafe 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 shocks to persons likely to come in contact with it.
    5. Any sign which, by reason of its size, location, content, coloring or manner of illumination, constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety of obstructing the vision of drivers or by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any traffic sign or control device on public streets or roads. In determining whether

a sign may constitute a traffic hazard or interfere with traffic safety or visibility, the Zoning Administrator shall consider the following:

- (a) Height, area, supporting structure, and distance from ground level of the sign.
  - (b) Lighting of the sign.
  - (c) Location of the sign in relation to roads, drives, points of ingress and egress, parking areas, sidewalks and other vehicular or pedestrian accessways.
  - (d) Location of the sign in relation to nearby buildings and structures.
6. Any sign which obstructs free ingress to or egress from a required door, window, fire escape or other required exit-way.
  7. Signs which make use of words such as "STOP", "LOOK", "DANGER", or any other words, phrases, symbols, or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.
  8. Any sign unlawfully installed, erected, or maintained.
  9. Any sign which is not accessory to the business being conducted on the property on which the sign is located, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
  10. Any sign projecting into a public right-of-way or dedicated easement, except those erected by the Township, County, State or Federal government.
  11. Signs painted on or attached to operable or inoperable automobiles, trucks or truck trailers, farm or industrial machinery, airplanes or other vehicles of any sort, which do not have current registration certificates or plates or signs painted on rocks or other natural features.
  12. Any sign which projects from and is supported by a building wall, any part of which extends more than 12 inches beyond the building face or ends of the building wall.
  13. Any sign attached and any portion of which is erected, constructed and maintained above the roof of a building.
  14. Portable signs.

- B. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS.** All signs shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the applicable building code.  
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