

not be:

- a. Changed to or replaced with another non-conforming sign.
- b. Structurally altered as to extend their useful life.
- c. Expanded.
- d. Relocated.
- e. Re-established after damage of more than fifty percent (50%) of the value at the time of such damage or destruction.
- f. Such repair, reinforcement or maintenance shall not in any way increase the degree of non-conformity of such sign. Nothing in this article shall prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any portion of a sign or structure declared unsafe by the Sign Administrator. Such signs may be improved only to the extent that such improvement does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the current market value of the existing sign structure.
- g. Discontinuance or abandonment. Abandonment or obsolescence after one (1) year of a non-conforming sign shall terminate immediately the right to maintain such a sign.

2. Reserved.

SECTION 14.15. PROHIBITED SIGNS. All signs not expressly permitted under this article or exempt from regulation hereunder in accordance with the aforementioned sections or any other City ordinances are prohibited. Such signs include, but are not limited to:

1. Signs visible from a public right-of-way where by reason of the position, shape, intensity or color it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device; or which makes use of the words "stop" or "danger" or otherwise that may interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.
2. Signs which are not securely affixed to the ground, or otherwise affixed in a permanent manner to an approved supporting structure, including but not limited to portable, moving (animated), flashing, inflatable and revolving signs; provided however, that temporary signs specifically allowed under this article shall be exempt from this prohibition.
3. Flashing signs or signs that contain reflective materials, which present a hazard or danger to traffic or the general public.
4. Signs on public property, other than those erected at the direction or with the permission of a public authority having jurisdiction.
5. Signs which contain works or pictures of an obscene, indecent, or immoral character, which could offend public morals or decency.
6. Beacon lights.
7. Signs which are structurally unsound or which are rendered structurally sound by guy wires or unapproved facing or bracing.

8. Signs attached to, suspended from or painted on any vehicle(s) and/or trailer(s), which is parked on or visible from any street or public right-of-way and which is left stationary shall not be allowed. This shall not apply to those signs which are required to be affixed to service vehicles by the requirements of federal, state, or local regulations; nor is this prohibition to be construed as prohibiting the identification of a firm or its principal products on a vehicle operating during the normal course of business.

SECTION 14.16. ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS. Illuminated signs shall adhere to the following provisions and restrictions in addition to those stated in the sign requirements by zoning districts.

1. Signs may be illuminated by a direct or indirect source of light, as per district regulations, provided the indirect light source is shaded, shielded or directed so that no direct rays or glare emanating from the light source are visible from any public right-of-way or abutting property.
2. No sign shall have blinking, flashing, or fluttering lights or other illuminating device, which has a changing light intensity, brightness or color.
3. Neon signs shall be allowed so long as they conform to all district regulations. Fluorescent tubes, which are typically used as a source of internal illumination, shall be shielded or diffused.
4. No colored lights shall be used at any location in any manner so as to be confused with or construed as traffic control devices.
5. Neither the direct nor reflected light from primary light sources shall create a traffic hazard to operators of motor vehicles on public streets.

SECTION 14.17. GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS. All signs constructed or placed within the City of Oak Ridge must comply with all current building codes adopted by the City of Oak Ridge. An electrical permit must be obtained for installation of any sign requiring electrical service or connection.

1. **Inspections.** The Sign Administrator shall make inspections periodically for each permanent business sign displayed in the City to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article.
2. **Maintenance.** All signs and components thereof shall be kept in good repair and in safe, neat, clean and attractive condition.
3. **Removal of Sign.** Any sign outside of the City's right-of-way or located on public property which is defaced; has internal illumination exposed; or whose face, frame and/or supports are chipped, peeling or otherwise damaged shall be deemed in disrepair. The Sign Administrator shall give thirty (30) days written notice for the removal of any permanent sign erected or maintained in violation of this article. Upon failure to comply with this notice, the Sign Administrator shall remove or cause to be removed the sign with the cost of such action charged to the responsible party or shall be issued a summons into City Court. The Sign Administrator and/or building inspectors without notice may remove temporary signs erected or maintained in violation of this article. The Sign Administrator and/or building inspectors shall be allowed to remove any sign that presents an immediate threat to the safety of the general public and there is no attempt by the owner(s) to correct the situation. Any removal of such signs shall be at the expense of the property owner. The property owner shall be determined by the most recent property tax roll listing.