

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
AMENDING SECTIONS 22.70.020,  
22.70.030, AND 22.70.040 OF THE  
SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department seeks to clarify the rules related to sign permit review in order to improve its ability to enforce the regulations in an efficient and consistent manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Sections 22.70.020, 22.70.030, and 22.70.040 of Chapter 22.70 “Sign Regulations” of Title 22 are amended to read as follows:

**22.70.020 Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the indicated meanings:

A. **ACCESSORY SIGN.** A separate unit displaying information related to the principal business conducted on the premises, which is not attached to or supported by any other sign, and not made a part thereof.

B. **ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE.** Any window frame, recessed area, door, detail or other feature that is part of any building, or is a specific element of a recognized style of architecture.

C. **AWNING SIGN.** Any sign or graphic attached to, painted on or applied to an awning or awning canopy.

D. **BACK-LIT SIGN.** Any internally illuminated sign with opaque, reverse pan channel, halo-lit letters and elements with concealed light sources in which the light projects away from the viewer.

E. **BALLOON.** A lighter than air or inflated object no larger than eighteen (18) inches in any dimension.

F. **BANNER.** A bunting or other flexible sign characteristically supported at two or more points and hung on a building or otherwise suspended down or along its face, or across any public street of the City. The banner may or may not include copy or other graphic symbols.

G. **BENCH SIGN.** Any sign painted on or otherwise attached to a bench or other seat placed in an exterior area.

H. **BILLBOARD.** A freestanding sign which exceeds the size limitations of a ground or wall sign. A billboard may be on-premises or off-premises.

I. **CIVIC EVENT SIGN.** A sign, other than a commercial sign, posted to advertise or provide direction to a civic event sponsored by a public agency, the City, a school, church, civic-fraternal organization or similar non-commercial organization.

J. **COMMERCIAL, OFFICE OR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.** A group of contiguous businesses which employs a homogeneous design theme as a common perimeter treatment.

K. **COMMERCIAL SIGN.** Any sign which is intended to attract attention to a commercial activity, business, commodity, service, entertainment or attraction sold or offered, and which is to be viewed from public streets or public parking areas.

L. **EAVE.** That portion of the roofline extending beyond the building wall, a canopy attachment on the wall having the simulated appearance of an eave, or the lowest horizontal line on any roof.

M. **ELECTION SIGN.** A non-commercial sign pertaining to an election for public office or to a ballot measure to be placed before the voters in a federal, state or local election.

N. **ERECT.** To build, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend, affix, fabricate (which shall also include painting of wall signs and window signs or other graphics), or project light in a manner that creates a projected light sign.

O. **FACADE.** The front of a building or structure facing a street.

P. **FLAG.** A piece of fabric of distinctive design (customarily rectangular) that is used as a symbol of a nation, state, city, agency, corporation or person or as a signaling device and is usually displayed hanging free from a staff or halyard to which it is attached by one edge.

Q. **FRONTAGE.** The width of any face of a building.

1. **Dominant building frontage.** The principal frontage of the building where its main entrance is located or which faces the street upon which its address is located.

2. **Subordinate building frontage.** Any frontage other than the dominant frontage.

R. **GROUND SIGN.** Any sign advertising goods manufactured, produced or sold or services rendered on the premises upon which the sign is placed, or identifying in any fashion the premises or any owner or occupant, and which is supported by one (1) or more uprights or braces on the ground, the overall total height of which does not exceed (i) six (6) feet above grade measured at the edge of the public right-of-way, or (ii) six feet above the base of the sign structure when the grade at the public right-of-way is at least three and one-half feet lower than the grade at the base of the sign, whichever is higher. In no case shall an artificial grade be established for the sole purpose of placing a sign at more than six (6) feet above the grade at the edge of the public right-of-way.

S. **HANGING SIGN.** A sign attached to and located below any eave, roof, canopy, awning, or wall bracket.

T. **ILLUMINATED SIGN.** A physical sign that is illuminated internally or from an exterior light source. An illuminated sign is distinguished from a projected light sign by the fact that a projected light sign uses light to create the sign rather than using light to illuminate a sign of physical material.

U. **INFLATABLE SIGNS.** A lighter than air or inflated object tethered or otherwise attached to the ground, structure or other object. This definition includes, but is not

limited to, inflated representations of blimps, products, cartoon characters, animals and the like. Balloons are a distinct subset of inflatable signs.

V. KIOSK. A small, freestanding structure permanently affixed to the ground, requiring a building permit, which may have one or more surfaces used to display temporary advertising signs.

W. LETTER HEIGHT. The height of a letter from its bottom to its top, including any shadow line.

X. LIGHTING STANDARD. A device for providing artificial light on the sign surface.

Y. LOGO SIGN WITH COURTESY PANELS. Prefabricated signs bearing a brand name, registered trademark or logo with space for the name of a local business or occupant or other items of information to be applied thereto or erected thereon.

Z. MARQUEE. A permanent roof structure attached to and entirely supported by a wall of a building, having no connection or relationship with the roof of the building to which it is attached.

AA. MARQUEE SIGN. Any sign attached to a marquee.

BB. MOBILE SIGN. A sign on a boat or on a vehicle, other than on a public transit vehicle designed to carry at least 19 passengers, advertising a good, service, or entity other than that for which the boat or vehicle is principally used.

CC. MURAL. A painting or picture applied to and made part of a wall or window which may be pictorial or abstract, and is characteristically visually set off or separated from the background color or architectural environment.

DD. NON-COMMERCIAL SIGN. Any sign which is intended to convey a non-commercial message of social, political, educational, religious or charitable commentary.

EE. OFF-PREMISES SIGN. A commercial sign not located on the premises of the business or entity indicated or advertised by said sign, or a commercial sign advertising a commodity, service or entertainment offered at a location other than the location of the sign.

FF. PARAPET. A low wall used to protect the edge of a roof from view, also called a parapet wall.

GG. PARAPET OR PERGOLA SIGN. Any sign or other graphic attached to a parapet, ramada, pergola, or other similar structure.

HH. PENNANT. A small triangular or rectangular flag or multiples thereof, individually supported or attached to each other by means of a string, rope, or other material and meant to be stretched across or fastened to buildings, or between poles and/or structures.

II. PERGOLA. A structure usually consisting of parallel colonnades supporting an open roof of girders and cross-rafters, also known as an arbor, trellis or ramada.

JJ. POLE SIGN. Any sign, other than a ground sign, supported by one (1) or more uprights or braces on the ground, the height of which is greater than a ground sign, and which is not part of any building or structure other than a structure erected solely for the purpose of supporting a sign.

KK. PORTABLE SIGN. Any sign, other than a mobile sign, designated or constructed in such a manner that it can be moved or relocated without involving any structural or support changes.

LL. PROJECTED LIGHT SIGN. A projection of light onto a physical surface in a manner designed to communicate a message by creating a variable intensity of light on the physical surface in the form of letters, shapes, or symbols.

MM. PROJECTING SIGN. Any sign which projects from and is supported by a wall of a building with the display surface of the sign perpendicular to the building wall.

NN. ROOF. The cover of any building, including the eaves and similar projections. False roofs on store fronts, coverings on or over oriels, bay windows, canopies and horizontally projecting surfaces other than marquees shall be considered roofs.

OO. ROOF SIGN. Any sign any part of which is on or over any portion of any roof or eave of a building or structure and any sign which extends above a parapet of a building or structure.

PP. SIGN. Any form of visual communication including any physical object, projection of light, digital display, or open flame (with or without lettering, a symbol, logo) used to announce, declare, demonstrate, display, or otherwise present a message to or attract the attention of the public. A sign may include a commercial or noncommercial sign. A sign includes all parts, portions, units and materials used in constructing the sign, together with the illumination, frame, background, structure, support and anchorage thereof. A mural is not a sign.

QQ. TEMPORARY. A period of time not exceeding thirty (30) consecutive days, unless otherwise specified.

RR. VENDING MACHINE. A machine or other mechanical device or container that dispenses a product or service through a self-service method of payment, but not including an automatic bank teller machine incorporated within a wall or a façade of a building; a news rack; a machine dispensing fuel, compressed air, or water at an automobile service station; or a public telephone.

SS. WALL SIGN. Any sign affixed directly to or painted on or otherwise inscribed on an exterior wall or solid fence, the principal face of which is parallel to said wall or fence and which projects from that surface no more than twelve (12) inches at all points.

TT. WINDOW SIGN. A sign that is attached to, affixed to, leaning against, or otherwise placed within six (6) feet of a window in a manner so as to present a message to or attract the attention of the public on adjoining streets, walkways, malls or parking lots available for public use.

### **22.70.030 Sign Regulations.**

A. PERMIT REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to erect, repair, alter, relocate or maintain any sign within the City, or to direct or authorize another person to do so, except pursuant to a sign permit obtained as provided in this Chapter unless the sign is specifically exempted from permit requirements by the provisions of this Chapter. No permit shall be required for repainting, cleaning, or other normal maintenance and repair of a sign unless the structure, design, color, or character is altered.

B. EXEMPT SIGNS. The following signs shall be allowed without a sign permit and shall not be included in the determination of type, number, or area of signs allowed on a building or parcel:

1. Any official federal, state, or local government sign and notice issued by any court, person, or officer in performance of a public duty, or any sign erected or placed on

park or beach property owned or controlled by the City and which (i) pertains to an event not exceeding five (5) days in duration and (ii) has been approved by the agency with authority over such property.

2. Any temporary sign warning of construction, excavation, or similar hazards so long as the hazard exists.

3. One temporary construction sign, provided the sign (i) does not exceed six (6) square feet in one- and two-family residence zones and does not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in all other zones, (ii) is used only to indicate the name of the construction project and the names and locations (city or community and state name only) of the contractors, architects, engineers, landscape designers, project or leasing agent, and financing company, (iii) is displayed during construction only, (iv) does not exceed the height limitations of a ground sign, and (v) meets all other applicable restrictions of this Chapter.

4. Any temporary sign relating to Fiesta, Solstice, or any official City holiday except banners, blinking lights, or signs and any related lighting that require a building, electrical, or other permit. Any such decorations or displays and any related lighting must be removed within ten (10) days following the event for which they were erected.

5. A sign consisting of a display of no more than twelve (12) balloons for any single business or residence, displayed at a height which is not above the roof ridge line of the main building or fifteen (15) feet, whichever is lower.

6. A non-commercial sign not exceeding six (6) square feet total for each lot in residential zones and twenty-four (24) square feet total for each lot in non-residential zones. Such a sign shall be erected only with the permission of property owner or tenant. An election sign shall not be displayed for more than ninety (90) days prior to the election or for more than ten (10) days following the election for which it is erected.

7. A temporary real estate sign which indicates that the property is for sale, rent, or lease. Only one such sign is allowed on each street frontage of the property. A temporary real estate sign may be displayed only for such time as the lot or any portion of the lot is actively offered for sale, rent, or lease. Such a sign may be single-faced or double-faced and is limited to a maximum area on each face of four (4) square feet or less on property in residential zones and twelve (12) square feet or less on property in non-residential zones. Signs allowed pursuant to this exemption shall not exceed the height limitations of a ground sign (six feet (6')).

8. Any temporary sign located on a kiosk.

9. Any "No Trespassing" sign, prohibiting or restricting access to property, provided it is (i) not more than one (1) square foot in size, (ii) placed at each corner and each entrance to the property and (iii) at intervals of not less than fifty (50) feet or in compliance with the requirements of law.

10. One identification sign of no more than one (1) square foot for a residence.

11. Any parking lot or other private traffic directional sign not to exceed two (2) square feet in area having black letters on a white or building color background, and limited to guidance of pedestrian or vehicular traffic within the premises. There shall be erected no more than three (3) such signs in each parking lot or more than one (1) sign per entrance.

12. Any informational commercial signs provided the sign (i) is in a non-residential zone, (ii) has an aggregate area (when combined with all other similar signs on the parcel) of not more than one-and-one-half (1½) square feet at each public entrance nor more than five (5) square feet total, (iii) indicates address, hours and days of operation, whether a business is open or closed, credit information, and emergency address and telephone numbers. Lettering shall not exceed two (2) inches in height except for street numbers. Neon or light-emitting diode (LED) signs with the text “open” may be erected under this exemption subject to the following conditions: (i) no more than one (1) such sign may be erected per business, ii) the letter height of any such sign shall not exceed six (6) inches and the overall height of the sign shall not exceed twelve (12) inches, and (iii) such signs are not allowed in El Pueblo Viejo, unless the sign is located inside the building and at least ten (10) feet back from any window or other opening in the façade of the building.

13. Any street name and address stamped or painted on a sidewalk or curb.

14. Any civic event sign, except a banner. Such a sign shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the time of the event, shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in size and may be erected for a period not to exceed five (5) days out of any thirty (30) day period. Only one (1) such sign shall be erected per lot.

15. Temporary open house signs. Open house signs erected pursuant to this exemption shall contain only the address of the property where the open house is being held and the name of the real estate agent and/or real estate agency or party holding the open house. Open house signs may be single-faced or double-faced. Open house signs shall be erected and removed on the day the open house is held. Open house signs shall not be fastened or attached in any way to a building façade or architectural element.

a. On-Site Open House Signs. Pursuant to this exemption, one (1) on-site open house sign may be erected on each street frontage of the property that is for sale. Each face of an on-site open house sign shall have an area of three (3) square feet or less and the height of the on-site open house sign, including the supporting structure, shall not exceed four (4) feet.

b. Off-Site Open House Signs. In addition to the on-site open house sign(s) allowed pursuant to this exemption, a maximum of five (5) off-site open house signs may be erected. Each face of an off-site open house sign shall have an area of three (3) square feet or less and the height of the off-site open house sign, including the supporting structure, shall not exceed three (3) feet. Off-site open house signs shall not be erected on private property without the permission of the property owner. In addition to complying with the requirements listed above applicable to off-site open house signs, off-site open house signs may be erected within the public right of way if such signs comply with all of the following standards:

i. Signs shall not be erected in a manner which obstructs the pedestrian path of travel or which constitutes a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic;

ii. Signs shall not be placed on vehicles;

iii. Signs shall not be placed in street medians; and

iv. Decorative attachments (i.e., balloons, streamers, etc.) shall not be attached to any sign.

16. Any sign on a telephone booth or news rack, provided the sign (i) identifies only the product contained therein or displays operating instructions, and (ii) the lettering does not exceed two inches in height.

17. Flags flown on a temporary basis for purposes of honoring national or civic holidays which do not exceed eight (8) feet long in largest dimension. No more than two (2) flags may be flown pursuant to this exemption on a single parcel.

18. The official flag of a government, governmental agency, public institution, religion, corporation, business, or other similar entity. Only one (1) flag pole with a maximum height of twenty-five (25) feet and with a maximum dimension on the flag of eight (8) feet and which is not attached to the building shall be exempt. No more than two (2) flags may be flown pursuant to this exemption on a single parcel. Corporate or business flags displaying the emblem, name, logo, or other information of a business shall be included in the calculation of the maximum allowable sign area for the business.

19. Signs, except banners, announcing the opening of a new business which, in the aggregate, do not exceed ten (10) square feet in area or twenty-five percent (25%) of the window area, whichever is greater. Such signs shall be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled opening of the business and shall be removed no later than thirty (30) days after the opening of the business, but in no case shall such a sign be erected for more than forty-five (45) days within this period. The business owner or manager shall provide proof of opening date upon request.

20. Temporary window signs, except banners, not exceeding four (4) square feet or fifteen percent (15%) of the window area of each facade, whichever is greater. For windows which are more than twenty-five (25) feet from the public right-of-way, such signs shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of such window area. No temporary window signs on a building or parcel shall be displayed for more than thirty (30) consecutive days nor more than a total of sixty (60) days per calendar year. Signs erected pursuant to this exemption shall not be illuminated. Unless specifically exempt pursuant to this subsection B, any illuminated sign erected within ten (10) feet of a window, door, or other opening in the façade of a building in a manner so as to present a message to or attract the attention of the public on adjoining streets, walkways, malls, or parking lots available for public use shall require a permit.

21. Signs specifically required by federal, state, or City law, of the minimum size required.

22. Signs on the air operation side of the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport which are designed and oriented to provide information to aircraft.

23. A sign, such as a menu, which (i) shows prices of goods or services not on window display to the public, (ii) does not exceed twenty-four (24) inches by eighteen (18) inches, (iii) has letters and numbers not exceeding three-quarters (3/4) of an inch in height, and (iv) is located on a wall or in a window.

24. Signs on public transit vehicles designed to transport at least 19 passengers. No more than one sign may be displayed on each side of these vehicles, except as approved by the Sign Committee.

25. Temporary "Garage Sale" or other similar signs located only on the premises upon which the sale is occurring.

C. **PROHIBITED SIGNS.** In addition to any sign not conforming to the provisions of this Chapter, the following signs are prohibited:

1. Any sign which, by color, shape, working, or location, resembles or conflicts with any traffic control sign or device.
2. Signs attached or placed adjacent to any utility pole, traffic sign post, traffic signal, historical marker, or any other official traffic control device.
3. Any sign, except as may be required by other code or ordinance, placed or maintained so as to interfere with free ingress or egress from any door, window, or fire escape.
4. Signs erected on public or private property without the permission of the property owner.
5. Signs visible from the public street or parking lot attached to or placed on merchandise or materials stored or displayed outdoors except for parking lot sales of less than four (4) days in duration.
6. Signs that rotate, move, glare, flash, change, reflect, blink, or appear to do any of the foregoing, except time and temperature devices.
7. Off-premises signs, including billboards, except off-site open house signs erected in compliance with the standards specified in Section 22.70.030.B.15.
8. Any sign displaying obscene, indecent, or immoral matter as defined under California Penal Code.
9. Signs on awnings or canopies except on the valance.
10. Signs that create a hazard by obstructing clear views of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
11. Portable signs.
12. Mobile signs.
13. Any sign (generally known as a "snipe sign,") tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences, or the exterior of a building or other structure, where the information appearing thereon is not applicable to the present use of the premises upon which such sign is located. Whenever a sign is found so placed, the same shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person benefited by the sign placed or authorized the placement of the sign.
14. Bench signs.
15. Banners, including any banner inside a building that is attached to, leaning against, or otherwise placed within ten (10) feet of a window, door, or other opening in the façade of the building in a manner so as to present a message to or attract the attention of the public on adjoining streets, walkways, malls or parking lots available for public use.
16. Roof signs and any other graphics which extend, wholly or in part, above the eave line of the structure to which it is attached.
17. Any parapet or pergola sign placed above or partially above the parapet or pergola.
18. Logo signs with courtesy panels.
19. Pennants.
20. Signs which cover or interrupt architectural features.
21. Signs containing changeable copy, except theater marquee signs, business directories, church and museum signs, gas price signs and restaurant interior menu boards.

22. Historical markers placed on the structure, tree or other historical monument itself, except as approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

23. Pole signs.

24. Exposed cabinet/raceways behind channel letters.

25. Inflatable signs, except for balloon displays exempted by this Chapter.

#### D. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. No sign, other than a sign installed by a public agency, shall be allowed to be erected, installed, placed or maintained in or on any public property, including sidewalks and parkways, except off-site open house signs erected in compliance with the standards specified in Section 22.70.030.B.15.

2. Churches, schools, and other public or semi-public facilities may have one (1) on-site sign not exceeding eighteen (18) square feet in any area, provided that, except for the name of the premises, the lettering shall not exceed three (3) inches in height, and such signs in residential zones shall not be internally illuminated.

3. Any sign which is supported by more than one means and therefore cannot be clearly defined as a ground, marquee, wall, roof, projecting or other sign shall be administratively assigned to the sign category most logically applicable and be subject to the corresponding standards.

4. Accessory signs will be considered only if they are designed in conjunction with or made an integral part of the signing existing on the subject building or project. Said signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the building's total signage.

5. A temporary window sign in excess of four (4) square feet, or fifteen percent (15%) of the window area of each facade, whichever is greater, requires a permit, unless the sign is otherwise exempt from the permit requirements of this chapter. For a window which is more than twenty-five (25) feet from the public right-of-way, such a sign shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the window area. Such signs shall not be displayed for more than thirty (30) consecutive days nor for more than a total of sixty (60) days per calendar year. Unless specifically exempted in subsection B above, all illuminated signs erected within ten (10) feet of a window, door, or other opening in the façade of a building in a manner so as to present a message to or attract the attention of the public on adjoining streets, walkways, malls, or parking lots available for public use shall require a permit.

6. Only one (1) face of a double-faced sign with parallel opposing faces, and bearing identical copy or language translation, shall be used in computing the area of a sign. Signing and illumination shall be on two opposing faces only.

7. In order to calculate the size of a sign, the following provisions apply:

a. If the sign is enclosed by a box or outline, the area of the sign includes that portion of the sign comprised of said box or outline.

b. If the sign consists of individual letters attached directly to the building or wall, the size is calculated by drawing a rectangle around each line of copy.

c. If the sign is a ground sign, the base or support structure shall be included in calculating the height of the sign.

8. If a building consists of two (2) or more above-ground stories, no sign shall be allowed more than five feet six inches (5'6") above the second floor line or in conformance with Subsection D.11 below, where applicable.

9. Prior to issuance of a sign permit, a ground sign shall be approved by the traffic engineer to ensure that placement of the sign would not adversely affect traffic or pedestrian safety.

10. A non-temporary window sign shall be not larger than twenty-five percent (25%) of the window area of the facade on which it is displayed.

11. A wall sign may be attached flat against or pinned away from the wall. A wall sign placed in the space between windows on the same story shall not exceed more than two-thirds (2/3) of the height of the window, or major architectural details related thereto. A wall sign placed between windows on adjacent stories shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) the height of the space between said windows.

12. A projecting or hanging sign must clear the nearest sidewalk by a minimum of seven (7) feet and may project no more than four (4) feet into the public right-of-way. Such a sign for a business in the second story of a building is allowed only if the business has a separate street or public parking lot entrance and may be placed at the entrance only.

13. A device displaying time or temperature is permitted in all zones except residential zones and designated historic districts, subject to the provisions herein regulating various types of signs. Such devices are limited to one (1) per block. Only a logo is allowed to appear on the same structure as such a device.

14. A kiosk is permitted in all non-residential zones, subject to approval by the Sign Committee and (i) the Historic Landmarks Commission if within El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District or another landmark district, or (ii) the Architectural Board of Review in other parts of the City.

15. A relocated sign shall be considered to be a new sign, unless the relocation is required by a public agency as a result of a public improvement, in which case approval shall be obtained only for the new location and base of the sign.

16. Except as otherwise stated in this Chapter, letter height shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) inches, except where it can be found that said letter size is inconsistent with building size, architecture and setback from the public right-of-way.

17. A ground sign which exceeds six (6) square feet in area shall not be located within seventy-five (75) feet of any other ground sign.

18. All signs on parcels immediately adjacent to El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District are subject to El Pueblo Viejo regulations.

#### **22.70.040 Sign Standards.**

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENT. All signs shall conform to the following standards.

1. Residential Uses. The following sign standards shall apply to any residential use in any zone in the City:

a. An apartment or condominium project identification sign identifying an apartment or condominium complex by name or address. One (1) such sign shall be allowed for each complex, shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in size if less than twenty-five (25) units, nor twenty-five (25) square feet if larger than twenty-five (25) units, and shall not be internally illuminated.

b. The Sign Committee may authorize one (1) ground sign or wall sign, not to exceed an area of twenty-four (24) square feet, to identify a neighborhood or subdivision, other than an apartment or condominium project, at the entrance to such subdivision or neighborhood. Such sign shall not be internally illuminated.

c. Any existing legal non-conforming use in a residential zone may have one-half (½) the number and size of signs as are allowed in commercial zones.

2. Office Uses. The following sign standards shall apply to office uses in any zone:

a. The aggregate area for all signs identifying a building or complex shall not exceed one-half (½) square foot of sign area per linear foot of building frontage or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less.

b. Establishments within an office building or complex may collectively place a directory sign at each public entrance to said building listing establishments within.

c. An office complex which maintains a group identity shall submit to the Sign Committee a sign program for all signs proposed within the complex. Upon approval, the sign program shall apply to all tenants. This sign program shall be included as a provision in the lease for each individual tenant. Proof of said inclusion in the standard lease for the office complex shall be submitted to the Planning Division by the lessor.

3. Commercial and Industrial Uses. The following sign standards shall apply to commercial and industrial uses including hotels and motels in any zone:

a. The total area for all signs identifying a business shall not exceed the following:

(1) For a dominant building frontage up to one hundred (100) linear feet, one (1) square foot of sign area per linear foot of building frontage, or sixty-five (65) square feet, whichever is less.

(2) For a dominant building frontage with more than one hundred (100) linear feet, three-quarters (¾) square foot of sign area per linear foot of dominant building frontage or ninety (90) square feet, whichever is less.

(3) For a building occupied by more than one tenant, the dominant building frontage for each business is that portion of the building elevation adjacent to the business. For a business which is not on the ground floor, one-half (½) square foot of sign area per linear foot of dominant building frontage is permitted.

b. For a commercial or industrial complex containing four (4) or more occupants, the following sign standards apply:

(1) One (1) sign per frontage to identify the commercial or industrial complex, allowing one (1) square foot of sign area per linear foot of complex frontage or seventy-five (75) square feet, whichever is less, on the dominant facade.

(2) For each individual business with frontage on a public street or parking lot, one-half (½) square foot of sign area per linear foot or twenty-five (25) square feet, whichever is less.

(3) One (1) directory sign not exceeding ten (10) square feet in size may be allowed at each public entrance.

(4) A commercial or industrial complex which maintains a group identity shall submit to the Sign Committee a sign program for all signs proposed within the complex. Upon approval, the sign program shall apply to all tenants. This sign program shall be included in the lease for each individual tenant. Proof of said inclusion shall be submitted to the Planning Division by the lessor.

B. EL PUEBLO VIEJO LANDMARK DISTRICT. Signs in El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District (EPV) shall contribute to the retention or restoration of the historical character of the area. In addition to the other standards and restrictions in this Chapter, signs in EPV shall comply with the following:

1. Colors shall be consistent with the Hispanic styles specified in Chapter 22.22.  
2. The typeface used on all signs in EPV shall be consistent with the Hispanic styles specified in Chapter 22.22, except that where the business logo or trademark uses a particular typeface, it may be used.

3. Letter height shall be limited to a maximum height of ten (10) inches, except where it can be found that said letter size is inconsistent with building size, architecture, and setback from the public right-of-way.

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# CORRESPONDENCE

**Rodriguez, Cyndi**

**From:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 10:10 AM  
**To:** Mayor & City Council  
**Cc:** Armstrong, Jim; Wiley, Stephen; Casey, Paul; Brooke, Renee  
**Subject:** FW: outdoor helium balloons & gas station video displays

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**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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Nancy Ransohoff

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**From:** Sue Sadler-Pare' [mailto:slsp2@hotmail.com]  
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I urge you to rethink this ordinance and think first about the effects this will have on our precious environment, its creatures and noise pollution within SB! We don't need to turn into LA!

Sincerely,

Sue Sadler-Pare'  
Goleta Ca

I work in downtown SB

**Rodriguez, Cyndi**

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**From:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 10:07 AM  
**To:** Mayor & City Council  
**Cc:** Armstrong, Jim; Wiley, Stephen; Casey, Paul; Brooke, Renee  
**Subject:** FW: Helium Ballons & Gas Station Videos  
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**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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E-mail: [kantamac@aol.com](mailto:kantamac@aol.com)

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**To:** Mayor & City Council  
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Jeannette Webber

1436 Santa Rosa Avenue,

SB 93109

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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**Rodriguez, Cyndi**

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**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 10:05 AM  
**To:** Mayor & City Council  
**Cc:** Armstrong, Jim; Wiley, Stephen; Casey, Paul; Brooke, Renee  
**Subject:** FW: Offensive Balloons

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**From:** Deanna Gregg [mailto:deannamgregg@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 9:18 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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**From:** Susette Warynick [mailto:susettew@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:45 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Romani Reavley [mailto:glassgirl3@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 11:52 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
**Subject:** a voting issue for Santa Barbara

Dear C M Rodriguez

I as a person who has lived and still work in Santa Barbara, ask that you look at this issue below. I have been in Oxnard and subject to pumping gas with a video screen , TELLIN ME WHAT I SHOULD BE COOKING, BUYING, SAVING, DRIVING.....it is VERY ANNOYING to say the least.

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Thank you so much

R Reavley

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celebration of Earth Day, April 16th and 17th, I urge you to respect the wishes of our community and to take extremely thoughtful actions in this matter. Please do not waste the time and money of taxpayers with unthoughtful decisions at the upcoming council meetings in April, because these inappropriate decisions regarding Signage and displays in Santa Barbara will be fought to the end.

Sincerely,

Mariah Moon

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**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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**I am writing to speak in opposition to allowing helium balloons and video displays with audio at area gas stations. The environmental impact would degrade our wonderful Santa Barbara ambience.**  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 1:01 PM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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Aren't we bombarded enough with advertising everywhere we turn?! I hadn't heard about your vote on this matter until I received a notice. Please rescind that decision and give us citizens of this lovely city a break! Thank you. Susan Mellor

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Sincerely,

PS - I just found out that twelve balloons per retailer issue is set to be heard at the April 12th afternoon

City Council hearing, the gas station video screens hearing would be held separately on a Tuesday later in April, not scheduled yet.

**Rodriguez, Cyndi**

**From:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 9:58 AM  
**To:** Mayor & City Council  
**Cc:** Armstrong, Jim; Wiley, Stephen; Casey, Paul; Brooke, Renee  
**Subject:** FW: Please let us have a peaceful little town!

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**From:** mary Zeldis [mailto:mzeldis@silcom.com]  
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**To:** Rodriguez, Cyndi  
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• Thank you sincerely,  
• Mary Zeldis, 3631 San Gabriel Lane, Santa Barbara, CA  
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