

**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Goodman

**Amending Title 20, Chapter 543 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
Relating to Zoning Code: On-Premise Signs.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the following portion(s) of Table 543-3 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

Table 543-3 Specific Standards for Signs in the Downtown Districts

	<i>Downtown District Sign Standards</i>				
	<i>B4</i>	<i>B4S</i>	<i>B4C</i>	<u><i>B4N</i></u>	<i>Downtown Entertainment Area1</i>
Signs Attached to Buildings					
Size Allocation	Two and one-half (2.5) sq. ft. of signage per one (1) ft. of primary building wall.				Eight (8) sq. ft. of signage per one (1) ft. of primary building wall.
	Sign area based upon one (1) primary building wall shall not be placed on any other wall.				
Minimum sign area guaranteed for a ground floor nonresidential use that comprises a portion of a building wall	30 sq. ft.				45 sq. ft.
Maximum number of signs	No limit within size allocation				

Maximum area per sign, except projecting signs	120 sq. ft.	300 sq. ft.
Maximum area per projecting sign	48 sq. ft.	80 sq. ft.
Lighting of signs	Yes, but no backlit signs.	
Maximum height of signs	28 ft.	No limit
Types of signs attached to buildings allowed		
Wall signs	Yes	
Projecting signs	Yes. A projecting sign shall not extend outward from the building more than four (4) feet except in the Downtown Entertainment Area where a projecting sign shall not extend outward from the building more than eight (8) feet.	
Awning, canopy and marquee signs	Yes, but no backlit awning or canopy signs.	
Dynamic Changeable Copy Signs	Yes, see Section 543.330.	
Dynamic signs	Yes, see Section 543.340	
Window signs	Yes	
Freestanding Signs		
Size allocation	One (1) sq. ft. of signage per one (1) ft. of frontage, subject to the zoning district sign area limitations. Where there is more than one (1) frontage, sign area shall be based upon the frontage toward which the sign is oriented. Sign area based upon one (1) frontage shall not be placed on another frontage.	
Maximum number of signs (See also Section 543.360)	One (1) per zoning lot	
Maximum area per sign	32 sq. ft.	
Lighting of signs	Yes, but no backlit signs.	
Maximum height of signs	8 ft.	

When not allowed	A freestanding sign shall not be allowed if existing signs attached to buildings on the same zoning lot exceed two and one-half (2.5) sq. ft. of signage for each one (1) ft. of primary building wall.	A freestanding sign shall not be allowed if existing signs attached to buildings on the same zoning lot exceed eight (8) sq. ft. of signage for each one (1) ft. of primary building wall.
Location restriction	A freestanding sign may be located in a required front or corner side yard not exceeding eight (8) ft. in height and shall be no closer than ten (10) ft. from the nearest residence or office residence district boundary	
Types of freestanding signs allowed		
Monument Signs	Yes	
Pole Signs	No	
Dynamic Changeable Copy Signs	Yes, see Section 543.330.	
Service Area Canopy Signs	Yes, see Section 543.430.	
Auxiliary Signs	Yes, see Section 543.300.	