

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-31

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, INDIANA
PERMANENT SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Lowell is the municipal legislative body of the Unit; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of time various practices, procedures, and policies must be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that an ordinance concerning temporary signs is in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lowell Plan Commission has voted to send this Ordinance to the Town Council with a favorable recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Lowell, Lake County, Indiana, that Section 155.104 be amended as follows:

§ 155.104 PERMANENT SIGN STANDARDS.

(A) These permanent sign standards apply to the following districts: PB, B1 and B2. The following sign regulations shall apply. All signs require a permit unless otherwise specified.

(1) One square foot of signage shall be allowed for every one foot of the front facade of the building that is occupied by that use. (For example: If a use occupies a tenant space in a commercial building, and that space includes 50 feet of the building's frontage, then 50 square feet of signage would be allowed for the use.) In no instance shall the amount of signage permitted per use exceed ~~100~~ 150 square feet.

(a) Any combination of the following signs may be used as long as they do not exceed the total area allowed per use or are inconsistent with the other development standards listed in this section:

1. Wall signs;
2. Awning signs;
3. Free-standing signs;
4. Ground signs;
5. Changeable copy signs;
6. Time and temperature sign; and
7. Multi-tenant joint entrance signs.

(b) Development standards per type of sign are as follows:

1. Wall sign. Wall signs shall be located on the facade of the primary structure. No sign shall exceed ~~50~~ 75 square feet in area.
2. Awning sign. Awning signs shall be printed on awnings mounted on the facade of the primary structure.

3. Free-standing sign. Freestanding signs shall **not be permitted** be placed a minimum of ten feet from the public right of way. No free standing sign may exceed six feet in height or 50 square feet in area. .

4. Ground sign. Ground signs may not exceed **five eight** feet in height or **24 50** square feet per sign face in area. Ground signs shall be placed a minimum of five feet from the public right-of-way and shall not be placed in any required sight visibility triangle.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Lowell Town Council on this 26th day of October, 2015 by vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**TOWN OF LOWELL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL:**

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Attest:

Judith Walters
Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Executive this 26th day of October, 2015.

[Signature]

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