

## 3-2 SIGN REGULATIONS

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#### (A) General Requirements

- (1) **Applicability.** Signs, in the districts where they are permitted, shall hereafter be erected or placed only in compliance with the provisions of this section, provided that any sign permitted by this Ordinance, regardless of location on- or off-premises, orientation, sign structure, or subject matter, may display noncommercial messages.
- (2) **Zoning Permit Required.** A zoning permit shall be secured from the Zoning Officer prior to the construction, reconstruction, erection, enlargement, relocation, or structural alteration.
- (3) **Prohibited Signs.** The following signs or use of signs is prohibited.
  - (a) Flashing Lights. Signs displaying intermittent or flashing lights similar to those used in governmental traffic signals or used by police, fire, ambulance, or other emergency vehicles.
  - (b) Use of Warning Words or Symbology. Signs using the words *stop*, *danger*, or any other word, phrase, symbol, or character similar to terms used in a public safety warning or traffic signs.
  - (c) Temporary, Nonpermanent Signs. Temporary, nonpermanent signs, including over-head streamers, are not permitted in any zoning district, unless otherwise specified in these regulations.
  - (d) Moving and Flashing Signs (excludes electronic time, temperature, and message signs). Moving and flashing signs, excluding electronic time, temperature, and message signs, are not permitted in any zoning district.
  - (e) Roof Signs.
  - (f) Neon, plastic panel, and internally lighted signs are prohibited in any zoning district.
- (4) **Illumination.** Illuminated signs shall be so shielded as not to cast direct light onto any residential district.
- (5) **Materials.** Signs shall be made of wood, brick, metal, stone, or other substantial opaque materials.

#### (B) Permitted Signs

- (1) **Signs Permitted in Any District.**

- (a) Entrance and Exit Signs. One entrance and one exit sign containing a maximum of two (2) square feet each and a maximum height of three (3) feet shall be permitted per driveway. Entrance and exit signs shall contain no commercial content other than a symbol, name or logo of the establishment it serves.
- (b) Emergency, Safety, Warning, or Traffic Signs. Emergency, safety, warning, or traffic signs installed by or at the direction of a governmental authority or with its approval shall be permitted without size limitations.
- (c) Local, State, and National Flags. Local, state, and national flags shall have no size limitations.
- (d) Real Estate Signs. In all RS and RM Districts, a real estate sign is limited to six (6) square feet. In all other districts, real estate signs shall not exceed a maximum sign size of four (4) feet long and four (4) feet wide with a maximum height of four (4) feet. Lead-in (directional) signs are allowed from Friday noon to Monday noon.
- (e) Political Signs. Political signs shall not exceed two (2) square feet in size.
- (f) On-premises Religious Institution Signs. On-premises signs for religious institutions are permitted with the following conditions:
  - (i) Freestanding Identification Signs. One (1) sign permitted per street frontage; maximum copy area eighteen (18) square feet; maximum height five (5) feet. Other standards of Sections B.3-2.1(E)(2), (3)(a), (4) and (9) shall apply.
  - (ii) Wall Signs. One wall sign per street frontage permitted, consistent with the requirements of Section 3-2.1(F). No roof signs are permitted.
  - (iii) Projecting Signs. Projecting sign permitted consistent with Sections 3-2.1(E)(2), (3)(a), (4) and (9) shall apply.
  - (iv) Awning Signs. Awning signs not permitted.
  - (v) Bulletin Boards. One on-premises bulletin board with changeable copy permitted per church entrance; maximum exterior sign dimension eighteen (18) square feet permitted. Bulletin board signs shall be located within twenty (20) feet of a building on the church property.

- (vi) Building Materials. Materials consistent with the character of the main structures of the religious institution.
- (vii) Prohibited Signs. No neon, plastic panel, plastic panel rear lighted, flashing signs or other signs listed in Section B.3-2.1(A)(3) permitted.
- (g) Occupancy Signs. Occupancy signs shall be limited to one sign per dwelling unit or principal use, and no such sign shall exceed one (1) square foot in area.
- (h) Historical Markers. Historical markers shall be erected or placed by a bona fide historical association or by a governmental agency and shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
- (i) Landmark Indicators. Landmark indicators including signs, banners or streamers displayed in the downtown, center city, or other limited areas, which promote special points of interest and events and do not exceed fourteen (14) square feet in area are permitted. Said signs shall be installed by the jurisdiction, its agents, or employees, at the direction of, or with the approval of, the Elected Body.
- (j) Information, Direction, and Identification Signs. Information, direction, and identification signs installed by or at the direction of a governmental authority or with its approval and institutional use signs: On-premises ground and projecting signs not to exceed thirty-six (36) square feet. Signs shall be so located to not obstruct the vision of drivers of motor vehicles. Wall and roof signs shall also be permitted.
- (k) Agricultural Signs. Up to two off-premises directional signs are permitted for agricultural produce grown and sold on the premises.
- (l) Residential Construction and Development Signs. Temporary signs that identify construction and marketing information for residential subdivisions and planned residential developments are permitted during construction provided:
  - (i) Maximum number: one (1);
  - (ii) Maximum copy area: thirty-two (32) square feet;
  - (iii) Maximum height: ten (10) feet;
  - (iv) Maximum duration: no such sign shall exist beyond issuance of the development's last Certificate of

Occupancy or when construction ceases for twelve (12) months, whichever occurs first.

- (m) Commercial Construction and Development Signs. Temporary signs that identify construction and marketing information for commercial properties are permitted provided they meet the following requirements:
  - (i) Signs at construction sites for new development
    - [A] Maximum number: one (1);
    - [B] Maximum copy area: thirty-two (32) square feet;
    - [C] Removal: upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy;
    - [D] Additional signage: following receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy, one additional sign is permitted with a maximum sign size of four (4) feet long and four (4) feet wide with a maximum height of four (4) feet for a period not to exceed one (1) year.
  - (ii) Signs at construction sites for redevelopment of building(s) with one to three (1-3) tenants are permitted provided the developer displays leasing or construction information on the existing permitted ground, wall or projecting sign.
  - (iii) Signs at construction sites for redevelopment of building(s) with four (4) or more tenants shall be permitted a maximum sign size of four (4) feet long and four (4) feet wide with a maximum height of four (4) feet to display only marketing and leasing information.
- (n) Job Site Signs. Signs placed in RSQ and RM districts that help contractors identify job sites are permitted provided they shall be removed when that trade is no longer active at the site.
- (o) Grand Opening Signs. Signs that advertise grand opening events for new business locations on that site in nonresidential zoning districts are permitted once provided they meet the following criteria:
  - (i) Maximum duration: fourteen (14) days;
  - (ii) Maximum copy are: forty-eight (48) square feet for wall signs and six (6) square feet for ground and projecting signs; roof signs are prohibited;

(iii) Maximum height for ground signs: four (4) feet.

- (2) **Application of Table of Permitted Districts for Signs.** The following signs shall be permitted in the zoning districts as indicated in Table B.3.6, and shall comply with all regulations of the applicable district unless otherwise regulated by specific regulations of this section.

Table B.3.6  
Permitted Districts for Signs

	R M	N O	L O	C P O	G O	N B	P B	L B	N S B	H B	G B	C B	L I	C P I	G I	C I	I P	C	M U S	L D 1 - S	L D 2 - S
Off-Premises Signs																					
Ground Sign										Z			Z		Z	Z					
On-Premises Signs																					
Ground Sign	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Awning		Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Projecting Sign	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z		Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
Roof Sign																					
Wall Sign	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z

Z = Districts in which signs permitted; zoning permit required.

**(C) Off-Premises Ground Signs**

- (1) **Zoning Districts.** Ground signs (off-premises) are permitted only in the districts as shown in Table B.3.6 and only along designated roads which are not identified as view corridors listed in Section B.3-2.1(C)(2).
- (2) **View Corridors.** No off-premises sign shall be permitted in any view corridor as described below and shown on the *View Corridor Map* located in the office of the Planning Board.

Table B.3.7  
View Corridors

Designation	Location
1. "A"	The north side of Business 40 from Broad Street on the west to Cameron Avenue on the east
2. "B"	The south side of Business 40 from Cherry Street on the west to Salem Avenue on the east
3. "C"	The west side of US 52 from 16th Street on the north to the Southern Railroad line on the south
4. "D"	The west side of US 52 from the Southern Railroad line on the north to Stadium Drive on the south
5. "E"	The east side of US 52 from I-40 on the north to Stadium Drive on the south
6. "F"	The south side of Business 40 from US 52 on the west to US 158 (Reidsville Road) on the east
7. "G"	Both sides of I-40 from Jonestown Road on the west to the City zoned jurisdiction on the east
8. "H"	Both sides of US 311 from I-40 on the west to the Forsyth County line on the east
9. "I"	Both sides of US 311 connector from Business 40 on the north to I-40 on the south
10. "J"	Both sides of the Northern Beltway from Stratford Road (US 158) on the south to US 52 on the north
11. "K"	Both sides of the Northeast connector from US 52 on the west to the eastern terminus of the connector on the east
12. "L"	Both sides of I-40 in the unincorporated area of Forsyth County
13. "M"	Both sides of US 421 from I-40 on the east to the Winston-Salem City limits on the west, and within the jurisdiction of the Town of Lewisville."
14. "N"	North and south sides of US 421 within the Town of Lewisville Coporate Limits.

**(3) Designated Roads.**

- (a) Permitted Areas. Ground signs (off-premises) are permitted only along roads in the Interstate System or the National Highway System.

**(4) Location and Setbacks.**

- (a) Distance from the centerline. Ground signs (off-premises) shall be located within six hundred sixty (660) feet of the centerline of the roadway to which they are oriented.
- (b) Spacing. Ground signs (off-premises) shall be located no closer than one thousand (1,000) feet from other off-premises signs on the same side of the road.

- (c) Setback. Ground signs (off-premises) shall be set back from each property line a minimum of one-half the distance required by the *Zoning Ordinance* for principal structures as defined in Section B.2-1 and Tables B.3.1 and B.3.2.
- (d) Distance from Residential Zones. Ground signs (off-premises) shall be located no closer than the following distances from residentially zoned property:
  - (i) Freeways/Expressways in the Interstate System. On freeways/expressways in the Interstate System:
    - [A] Twenty-five (25) feet from any residence;
    - [B] Fifty (50) feet from any residential zone abutting the permitted zone away from the roadway; and,
    - [C] One hundred (100) feet from any residential zone abutting the permitted zone parallel to the roadway.
  - (ii) Other Roads in the National Highway System. On other roads in the National Highway System:
    - [A] Twenty-five (25) feet from any residence;
    - [B] One hundred (100) feet from any residential zone abutting the permitted zone away from the roadway; and,
    - [C] One hundred (100) feet from any residential zone abutting the permitted zone parallel to the roadway.

**(5) Size Measurement.**

- (a) Area Calculation. The sign area for ground signs (off-premises) shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof, which will encompass the entire sign designated to attract attention, including any molding, trim, border, or frame. Any such measurements shall be taken on only one face of the sign; however, informational or advertising matter may be displayed on both sides of any permitted sign.
- (b) Maximum Sign Area. The maximum sign area of an off-premises ground sign shall be limited, depending on location, as follows:
  - (i) On freeways/expressways in the Interstate System outside the Center City Area, maximum sign size shall

be six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet plus one hundred (100) square feet for extensions.

(ii) On freeways/expressways in the Interstate System inside the Center City Area maximum sign size shall be four hundred fifty (450) square feet.

(iii) On other roads in the National Highway System outside the Center City Area maximum sign size shall be three hundred (300) square feet.

(c) Height. Off-premises ground signs shall be limited to a maximum height of thirty-five (35) feet above the roadway to which it is oriented or grade of the site on which the sign is located, whichever is higher. Sign height shall be measured to the highest portion of the sign, including any molding, trim, border, or frame designed to attract attention, excluding any extensions.

(6) **Number of Faces**. Off-premises ground signs shall be permitted to have a maximum of two (2) faces, provided, however, that stacked and/or rooftop locations of off-premises signs shall not be permitted.

**(D) On-Premises Signs - Awning Signs**

(1) **Zoning Districts**. Awning signs are permitted only in the districts as shown in Table B.3.6.

(2) **Illumination**. No background illumination of an awning sign is permitted.

(3) **CB District Restriction**. In the CB District, printed information, limited to the name, street number, and address, or logo of the establishment(s) occupying the building to which the awning is attached, may be printed on the outside surface area of the awning. Printed information and/or logo shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building frontage on the street or thirty percent (30%) of the total outside surface area of the awning, whichever is less.

(4) **Restrictions in NO and NB Districts**. In the NO and NB Districts, only one of the following signs is permitted for each business: awning, ground (on-premises), projecting, or wall.

**(E) On-Premises Signs - Ground Signs, Projecting Signs**

(1) **Zoning Districts**. Ground signs (on-premises) and projecting signs are permitted only in the districts as shown in Table B.3.6 or as specified in Section B.3-2.1(E)(9).

(2) **Location and Setbacks**.

- (a) All parts of ground signs (on-premises) must be completely out of the right-of-way.
- (b) On premises projecting signs that come within six feet of the edge of a right-of-way should be ten feet above the grade and should not extend into the right-of-way.
- (c) Ground signs (on-premises) shall be set back a minimum of one linear foot per square foot of sign area from any structure used exclusively as a residence.

**(3) Sign Measurement.**

- (a) Area Calculation. Sign area shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof, measuring the copy area. The outside dimensions of the sign, exclusive of structural support shall not increase the overall dimensions by more than twenty-five percent (25%).
- (b) Maximum Sign Area. The maximum sign area of ground (on-premises) signs in any zoning district shall be limited in area to a maximum of eighteen (18) square feet. Projecting signs in any zoning district shall not exceed an area of six (6) square feet.
- (c) Height. The maximum height of a ground (on-premises) sign shall be five (5) feet, measured from the road to which the sign is oriented or grade of the site, whichever is higher. Where a sign interferes with pedestrian clearance or sight distance, the lowest part of the sign shall be a minimum of nine (9) feet from the grade of the site on which the sign is located. Sign height shall be measured from the highest portion of the copy area.

**(4) Number of Faces.** Ground signs (on-premises) which contain two (2) faces may contain up to the maximum sign area as computed under size requirements in this section. Signs with three (3) faces shall contain a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) less sign area for each face than the standard maximum. A sign with four (4) faces shall contain a minimum of thirty percent (30%) less sign area for each face than the standard maximum.

**(5) Number.**

- (a) Maximum. Every zoning lot frontage shall be allowed one on-premises ground or projecting sign per property. If the frontage abuts more than one street, one on-premises ground or projecting sign shall be permitted per street
- (b) Restrictions in NO and NB Districts. In the NO and NB Districts, only one of the following signs is permitted for each business: awning, ground (on-premises), projecting, and wall.

**(6) Exceptions.**

- (a) Corner Lots and Lots with Two Hundred Fifty (250) Feet of Frontage. Corner lots and lots with two hundred fifty (250) or more feet of frontage are permitted a fifty percent (50%) addition in maximum ground and projecting sign size for using one sign where two (2) would be allowed.
- (b) Lots on Freeways/Expressways in the Interstate System. Signs located within four hundred (400) feet of the centerline of a freeway/expressway in the Interstate System, except in any RM District, may display additional sign area up to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet and a maximum height of fifty (50) feet. This exception will become void along any highway which installs a government sponsored highway logo sign system.
- (c) Lots of Three (3) Acres or More. On zoning lots containing three (3) acres or more, the maximum size of ground and projecting signs shall be that permitted in the zoning district where the sign is permitted, regardless of the amount of road frontage of the lot.
- (d) Shopping Centers.
  - (i) Number and Size. Any shopping center or multiple proprietorship in one building or connected buildings occupied by four (4) or more tenants shall be permitted a fifty percent (50%) increase in ground sign (on-premises) area provided that such signs shall be of the marquee type. If the lot frontage is greater than one hundred fifty (150) feet, two (2) ground signs may be used with seventy-five (75) feet separation between signs and the fifty percent (50%) addition applies to both signs.
  - (ii) Freestanding Building Signs. A freestanding building located within designated shopping center parking lots and containing eight hundred (800) square feet or more shall be permitted one additional ground sign (on-premises) not to exceed thirty-six (36) square feet.

**(7) Movie Theaters and Performance Halls.** A changeable copy marquee may apply to either a ground or projecting sign with a fifty percent (50%) addition to the maximum size permitted in the district.

**(8) Illumination in RM Districts.** In any RM District, internally illuminated signs are not permitted, except such internally illuminated signs in RM District which existed as of the effective date of this Ordinance .

**(9) On-Premises Ground and Projecting Signs in the YR, AG, MH, and RS Districts.**

- (a) Permitted Districts and Uses. On-premises ground and projecting signs are allowed with the following uses in the YR, AG, and MH Districts, and in any RS District:
- (i) Agriculture production
  - (ii) Cemetery, licensed or unlicensed
  - (iii) Child day care center accessory to a church or school
  - (iv) Church or Religious Institution, Neighborhood and Community
  - (v) Fish hatchery
  - (vi) Golf course
  - (vii) Manufactured housing development
  - (viii) Park and shuttle lot
  - (ix) Planned residential development and subdivision
  - (x) Riding stable
  - (xi) Shooting range, outdoor
  - (xii) Utilities
- (b) Number and Size. Only one sign per use with a maximum of eighteen (18) square feet per zoning lot per street or right-of-way frontage. If a zoning lot is permitted more than one sign, there shall be at least fifty (50) feet of spacing between each sign.
- (c) Height. Fifteen (15) feet maximum, measured from the road or grade of the site to which the sign is oriented, whichever is higher.
- (d) Illumination. Internally illuminated signs are not permitted for these uses, except such internally illuminated signs which existed as of the time of the adoption of this Ordinance.

**(F) On-Premises Signs - Roof Signs, Wall Signs**

- (1) **Zoning Districts.** Wall signs are permitted only in the districts as shown in Table B.3.6 or as specified in Section B.3-2.1(F)(5). Roof signs shall not be permitted except such roof signs which existed as the effective of this ordinance.
- (2) **Size.**
- (a) Maximum Size. On-premises wall signs shall be limited to ten percent (10%) of the wall size. In calculating the size of a wall sign, the square footage of the principal building and accessory building(s) may be combined and the wall sign may be located on the wall of the accessory building; providing, however, the maximum size of such wall sign on the wall of an accessory building shall be no greater than thirty-six (36) square feet in area and not higher than ten (10) feet in height. Total wall face,

for the purposes of calculating the sign area of a wall sign shall be determined as follows:

- (i) In a single story building:
    - [A] All of the vertical surface of a single plane wall; and
    - [B] For recessed or projecting surfaces, the sum of all the vertical surfaces.
  - (ii) In a multi-story building, all of the vertical surface of the main floor only; or if multi-tenant or multi-levels, then the vertical surface of each level may be used in determining the area of each sign.
  - (iii) For the purposes hereof, the term “single story” shall mean a maximum of fourteen feet as it pertains to determining the maximum area of sign.
  - (iv) Sign area of a wall sign placed on an irregular area, such as a gable or dormer, shall be based on the vertical surface area of that feature.
  - (v) The maximum area of any wall sign shall not exceed one-hundred fifty (150) square feet.
- (b) Restrictions in NO and NB Districts. In the NO District, sign size shall be limited to eight (8) square feet; in the NB District, sign size shall be limited to four (4) square feet.

**(3) Height.**

- (a) Flat Roof Building. On a flat roof building, no roof signs are allowed. No wall sign shall project more than fifty percent (50%) of its height above the wall on which it is placed, but in no case shall extend more than two (2) feet above the wall.
- (b) Peaked Roof Building. Signs on a peaked roof building shall not extend above the peak of the roof.

**(4) Number.**

- (a) Maximum Number. Only one wall sign per tenant and per wall shall be permitted.
- (b) Restrictions in NO and NB Districts. In the NO and NB Districts, only one of the following signs is permitted for each business: awning, ground (on-premises), projecting, and wall.

(5) **Wall Signs in the YR, AG, MH, and RS Districts.** Wall signs are allowed with the following uses in the YR, AG, and MH Districts, and in any RS District:

- (a) Agriculture production
- (b) Cemetery, licensed or unlicensed
- (c) Child day care center accessory to a church or school
- (d) Church or Religious Institution, Neighborhood and Community
- (e) Fish hatchery
- (f) Golf course
- (g) Manufactured housing development
- (h) Park and shuttle lot
- (i) Planned residential development
- (j) Riding stable
- (k) Shooting range, outdoor
- (l) Utilities

(6) **Rooftop Penthouses or Unenclosed Screening.** No signage is permitted on either roof top penthouses or unenclosed screening of roof top mechanical equipment.

(7) **Roof Signs Not Permitted.** Roof signs are not permitted, except such roof signs which existed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

(G) **Other Sign Regulations**

(1) **Menu Boards, Fast Food Restaurants.** Menu boards for fast food restaurants must be located in such a way as to be viewed from a designated drive-through lane and not located within the required front, side, or rear yards.

(2) **Adult Establishment Advertisements.** Adult establishments shall not be permitted to display promotional materials visible to the public from pedestrian sidewalks or walkways; nor shall any signage contain lewd or offensive language, or any sort of sexually explicit graphics.

(3) **Nonconforming Uses.** Nonconforming uses shall be permitted on-premises ground, projecting, roof, or wall signs, provided such signs are on the premises of the use and provided:

- (a) Existing signs as of the time of adoption of this Ordinance which advertise a nonconforming use on a site shall comply with the requirements of any zoning district which would permit such use. These existing signs may be replaced, or may be replaced and increased by a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) provided that such increase would not exceed the requirements of any zoning district which would permit such use. Existing signs meeting these requirements may be replaced due to deterioration or destruction.

- (b) Signs existing as of the time of the adoption of this Ordinance which advertise a nonconforming use on a site that do not comply with the requirements of any zoning district which would permit such use, shall have one hundred and eighty (180) days after the time of the adoption of this Ordinance to come into compliance or the signs shall be removed.
  - (c) Nonconforming uses which do not have ground (on-premises) signs on the site as of the time of the adoption of this Ordinance shall not be permitted to install such signs.
- (4) **Parks and Recreation Areas Open to the Public With One Thousand (1,000) Acres or More.** On-premises ground and projecting signs not to exceed seventy-five (75) square feet. Maximum height of signs shall be fifteen (15) feet. Signs shall be spaced at least four hundred (400) feet apart. Exempt from this spacing requirement are signs located within fifty (50) feet of the centerline of the main entrance to the park or recreation area. The main entrance shall be defined as the one major controlled access point from a major or minor thoroughfare to the park or recreation area. The nearest sign located to the main entrance signs shall meet the four hundred (400) foot spacing requirement. Signs shall be so located as to not obstruct the vision of drivers of motor vehicles.
- (5) **Removal of Nonconforming Temporary Sign.** Town employees and their designees may remove nonconforming temporary signs in the Town's right-of-way. Whenever a noncompliance sign on private property is found to exist within the Town, the Town Manager or his assigns shall give written notice to the owner or occupant of the property upon which such sign exists or upon the person causing or maintaining the sign. The issued notice to remove a sign shall contain:
- (a) An order to remove the sign or to request, in writing, a hearing within a stated time which shall be reasonable under the circumstances;
  - (b) The location of the sign;
  - (c) A description of the sign;
  - (d) A statement of acts necessary to abate the situation;
  - (e) A statement that if the sign is not removed or the situation abated as directed and no request for hearing is made within the prescribed time, the Town will remove such sign and assess the cost thereof against such person.

The opportunity for a hearing with the Town Manager shall be granted upon written request, properly delivered to the Town Manager within the allotted time.

**(H) Amortization Schedule**

**(1) Nonconforming Signs**

All nonconforming signs shall be removed or brought into compliance with the requirements of this ordinance within seven (7) years from October 14, 1999, or until removed, renovated, altered, destroyed, or damaged as specified in this section, whichever is earlier. All nonconforming signs in any areas annexed into the Town of Lewisville after October 14, 1999 shall also be removed or brought into compliance with the requirements of this ordinance within seven (7) years from the date of annexation or until removed, renovated, altered, destroyed, or damaged as specified in this section, whichever is earlier. Nonconforming signs situated on zoning lots used for any use allowed under the IP, RS zoning classifications and existing as of August 10, 2000, shall not be subject to amortization hereunder; provided such nonconforming signs shall be removed or brought into compliance if renovated, altered, destroyed or damaged as specified in this section; provided, further, however, with respect to all on-premises religious signs in any or all districts made non-conforming per Section B.3-2.1(B)(f), if any such religious sign is renovated, altered, destroyed or damaged, then such sign may be replaced with an identical sign so long as such sign is rebuilt within six (6) months or such renovation, alternation, destruction or damage.