

PERMIT FEE: \$25.00

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SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Lindstrom

13292 Sylvan Avenue

Lindstrom, MN 55045 (651)257-0805

TYPE OF SIGN: (Circle all that apply)

NEW REMOVE ALTERATION REPAIR REPLACE TWO SIDED OTHER

*Distance from ground level to lowest part of sign: feet (not including support structure)

*Total Area of Sign (one side): square feet

*Zoning District: Central Bus. (CBD) Agricul-Open (A-O)
General Bus. (B-2) Residential (R -)

*On back of sheet, provide a diagram of both the sign and the location of the sign as it relates to both the building and the building's relationship to the lot lines. Please include all dimensions and distances from existing property lines, buildings, streets, etc.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

VALUATION OF WORK:

SITE ADDRESS:

PROPERTY OWNER:

Name: Phone:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Company: License #

Street Address: Phone:

City: State: Zip:

Contact Name: Phone:

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application, state the information is correct and agree to comply with all applicable BUILDING CODES and CITY ORDINANCES.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

PRINT NAME: **DATE:**

INSPECTOR/AUTHORIZATION:

NOTE: Work may not begin until the applicant receives a signed copy of application approval.

(B) The applicant for a permit for any action for which an EAW or EIS is required and the Council may, in writing, agree as to the different divisions of costs for the preparation and review of any EAW or EIS, as provided in Minn. Rules Chapter 4410, as it may be amended from time to time.
(`87 Code, § 1001.26)

SIGN REGULATIONS

§ 154.315 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this subchapter is to regulate the location, size, placement and certain features of signs to enabling the public to locate goods, services and facilities without difficulty or confusion; to prevent unreasonable competition among businesses for attention; to prevent hazards to life and property; and to assure the continued attractiveness of the city.
(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.316 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

(A) No sign shall be erected or maintained:

(1) Which resembles, obstructs or interferes with an official traffic control device, sign or signal or railroad sign or signal or which obstructs or interferes with the driver's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic for a distance not to exceed 500 feet;

(2) Which prominently displays the words "STOP" or "DANGER;"

(3) Which contains statements, words or pictures of an obscene, indecent or immoral character, or such as would offend the local standards of public morals or decency;

(4) On private property without the consent of the owner thereof;.

(5) On trees, shrubs or which are painted or drawn upon rocks or natural features, or on public utility (telephone/power) poles;

(6) Which has distracting flashing or moving lights which, by existing standards, is found to be a traffic hazard;

(7) Which, in the opinion of the Building Official, is structurally unsafe or, in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator, are in disrepair or abandoned;

(8) Which prevents free access to and from driveways, parking areas, doors, windows or fire escapes;

(9) Which are not permanently anchored to the building housing business thereon advertised or on a permanently anchored freestanding support structure located on the parcel whereon the business advertised thereon is located; and

(10) Which are located in the public right-of-way unless otherwise permitted elsewhere in this section.

(B) Any object or structure that incorporates the a sign is prohibited unless specifically permitted by this section.

(` 87 Code, § 1001.17) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 154.317 PERMITTED SIGNS.

(A) (1) Signs shall be permitted:

(a) In commercial zoning (B-1, B-2 or CBD), open space (A-O) or industrial (I-1) districts as provided herein.

(b) With the following maximum area limitations (excluding base, apron supports and other structural area):

<i>Type</i>	<i>Square Footage</i>
Freestanding signs	160 per face
Signs overhanging a public right-of-way	32 per face
Signs mounted flat against the building thereon advertised	250

(c) Which contain or includes lights giving public service information such as, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, time, date, temperature, weather or news.

(d) Which are effectively designed to prevent distracting beams or rays of light from being directed at the traveled way of a public roadway. Signs which incorporate lighting sources of the intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of the operator of any motor vehicle or which otherwise interferes with any driver's operation of a motor vehicle are prohibited.

(e) Which do not obscure, interfere with or diminish the effectiveness of or obscure any official traffic sign, device or signal or a driver's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic.

(f) Which are no closer to any other sign on the same side of the highway facing traffic proceeding in the same direction than 50 feet. However, this provision shall not prevent the erection of double-faced, back-to-back or V-type advertising devices.

(2) The following signs are excluded from the provisions hereof, provided they are given prior written approval by the Zoning Administrator:

(a) Directional and other official signs, including, but not limited to signs pertaining to natural wonders, scenic and historical attractions;

(b) Signs advertising the sale or lease of property upon which they are located, provided that there shall be no more than one sign, advertising the sale or lease of the same property, visible to traffic proceeding in any one direction on any one highway;

(c) Signs stating the name and address of the owner, lessee or occupant of the property or information otherwise required or authorized by law to posted or displayed thereon;

(d) Public utility signs; and

(e) Service club and religious notices.

(B) The signs outlined in § 154.321 are allowed in residential districts.

(C) The following signs are permitted in the A-O, B-1, B-2, CBD and I districts.

(1) All signs allowed in a residential district in accordance with division (B) above.

(2) All on-premise signs projecting not more than four feet over the public right-of-way but no closer than two feet from the outside edge of the curb or edge of an uncurbed driving surface. The signs may have a sign area in compliance with division (A) above.

(D) Further, all on-premise projecting signs shall comply with the provisions of § 154.328.

(E) All signage in the R-B, B-1, B-2, and CBD business districts shall comply with the "Design Character Statement for Lindstrom, Minnesota, revised August, 2008 as my be amended from time to time."

(` 87 Code, § 1001.17) (Am. Ord. 08-09-01, passed 9-18-2008)

§ 154.318 SETBACKS.

(A) Signs shall conform to the building setback regulations for the district in which they are located in accordance with the appropriate sections hereof.

(B) Except that freestanding signs located within the CBD or B-2 zones may have a support structure located no closer than two feet from the property owner's side of the property line or public right-of-way.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.319 AREA CALCULATIONS.

The area of a sign shall include that area as defined in this chapter.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.320 HEIGHT.

The top of any sign, including its super structure if any, shall be no higher than ten feet above the roof of a building to which the sign may be attached or 35 feet above ground level, whichever height is less.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.321 EXEMPTIONS.

(A) The following sized signs do not require a sign permit but are otherwise subject to regulations of this subchapter.

<i>Type of Sign</i>	<i>Maximum Sign Area</i>
Home occupations	One square foot, non-illuminated name plate attached to building entrance
Identification, name plate, business and advertising signs	Two square feet
Construction, informational and directional, political and public signs	Eight square feet
Rummage/garage sale signs either on the site of the sale or on an intersection boulevard with tacit permission of the adjacent land owner	Four square feet
Signs located inside an enclosed building and visible through a window thereof	NA
The flag of any state or nation respectfully displayed	NA

<i>Type of Sign</i>	<i>Maximum Sign Area</i>
Advertising signs located on the common stock of common carriers or motor vehicles bearing current license plates so long as the vehicle is either traveling or lawfully parked upon the public right-of-way	NA
Signs advertising the sale or lease of property upon which they are located	Four square feet

(B) This section does not apply to signs posted by duly constituted public authorities in the performance of their public duties.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.322 SIGN VARIANCE.

Any person wishing to erect a sign, but for reason of a clear, unique and demonstrable hardship is unable to comply with the provisions of this section, may submit an application for a variance in accordance with the procedures set forth regulated hereby.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.323 POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN SIGNS.

All non-commercial signs of any size may be posted from August 1 in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election, and in the case of a special election, from 30 days before the special election to seven days after a special election.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.324 CONSTRUCTION SIGNS.

A construction sign may be located in any district provided the sign does not exceed six feet above grade in height if located in a residential district, and eight feet above grade in height if located in other districts. The sign shall not be erected before issuance of a building permit or remain after issuance of certificate of occupancy.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.325 TEMPORARY SIGNS.

Banners, pennants and temporary signs may be used for grand openings, special events, sales promotions and holidays, but they must be approved by the Zoning Administrator and limited for a period not to exceed 14 days.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.326 REAL ESTATE SIGNS.

(A) For the purpose of selling or leasing property, a sign or signs not in excess of 32 square feet per side may be placed within the front yard of commercial property to be sold or leased. The sign must comply with the other provisions of this section.

(B) The signs must be removed within ten days of sale or lease of property.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.327 ILLUMINATED SIGNS.

External illumination for signs in all districts shall be so constructed and maintained that the source of light is not visible from the public right-of-way or residential property, does not interfere with or obstruct any official traffic sign or signal.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.328 PROJECTIONS OVER RIGHT-OF-WAY.

(A) It is unlawful to erect or maintain any sign on or above any public right-of-way if any part of the sign:

- (1) Extends more than four feet into the right-of-way;
- (2) Closer than two feet from the roadside edge of a public sidewalk;
- (3) Closer than two feet from the back of a curb or shoulder of a public roadway;
- (4) Less than eight feet above ground level;

(5) Is supported by any other means other than being securely attached to the building housing the business thereon advertised; or

(6) Is otherwise located such that it will interfere with the safe passage of a pedestrian or motor vehicle or impedes the removal of snow from the right-of-way.

(B) Signs on the faces of any marquee or canopy may extend over the right-of-way not more than two inches beyond the edge of the marquee or canopy so long as the marquee, canopy and sign all comply with provisions above.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 154.329 READERBOARD SIGNS.

The location of signs designed with changeable letters must conform to all provisions of this subchapter, including but not limited to setbacks and anchoring. Any temporary location of readerboard signs are subject hereto.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.330 CONSENT OF OWNER REQUIRED.

It is unlawful to erect or maintain any sign on any property, public or private, without the consent of the property owner thereof.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 154.331 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.

Signs which do not conform to the provisions of this subchapter applicable thereto, shall be a nonconforming use and subject to the section hereof dealing with nonconforming uses.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.332 PERMITS REQUIRED.

(A) Signs permitted by this chapter may be erected only upon the issuance of a sign permit by the city for each individual sign eligible hereunder. Permit applications shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator with the appropriate fee determined from a fee schedule adopted by the City Council. The permit is valid for the life of the sign so long as the sign is kept in good repair and not altered in a way that is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Signs exempted herein do not need a permit. Unused sign permits expire six months after the issuance date. If a sign requires inspection by the Building Inspector, the permittee is responsible for the appropriate inspection fees.

(B) Signs located along state highways must also obtain a sign permit issued by the state.

(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

§ 154.333 REMOVAL OF SIGNS.

Signs erected on private property in violation of this subchapter are hereby designated as a nuisance and subject to removal. Any signs erected on public property in violation of this subchapter may be immediately removed and confiscated by the city or its assigns.
(`87 Code, § 1001.17)

MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS**§ 154.345 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this subchapter is to maintain property values and otherwise promote the health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare by defining a certain class of manufactured housing as manufactured homes, by regulating the location and use of manufactured homes and by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, alteration and enlargement of manufactured home parks; providing for the inspection of manufactured home parks, the licensing of operators thereof and fixing penalties for violations of the provisions herein.
(`87 Code, § 1001.28)

§ 154.346 DEFINITIONS.

See Chapter 155.

§ 154.347 HOME REGULATIONS; PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

(A) Manufactured homes shall be prohibited that:

- (1) Do not conform to the requirements of the vehicle code of the state;
- (2) Are in any unsanitary condition or having an exterior in bad repair; and/or
- (3) Are structurally unsound and do not protect the inhabitants against the elements.
- (4) Are non-compliant manufactured homes as defined in Chapter 155.

(B) There shall be no outdoor camping anywhere in a manufactured home park.

(C) No sales lot for new or used manufactured homes shall be permitted within a manufactured home park.