

Sign Permit

Overview

Why regulate signs?

Shelby Township regulates signs to ensure that they contribute to the character of the community, are placed in proper locations, and are not detrimental to the public safety and welfare.

Shelby Township recognizes the legitimate needs of businesses to have signs for identification and informational purposes.

The standards of Section 5.05 of the Zoning Ordinance are intended to promote traffic safety for motorists and pedestrians, avoid conflicts between different types of land uses, prevent the blighting impact created by an excessive number of unregulated signs, and enhance the visual appearance of the Township.

When is a temporary sign permitted?

Temporary signs may only be permitted for the following purposes:

- To advertise a businesses that lack a permanent sign.
- To advertise a change of use.
- To advertise a change in the basic services or products offered.

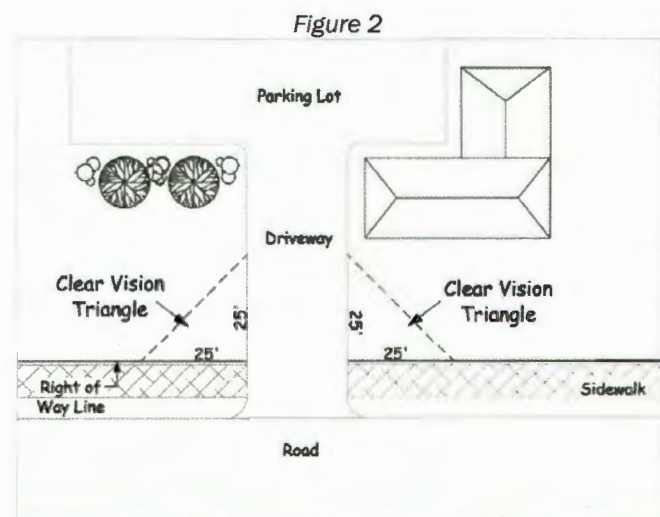
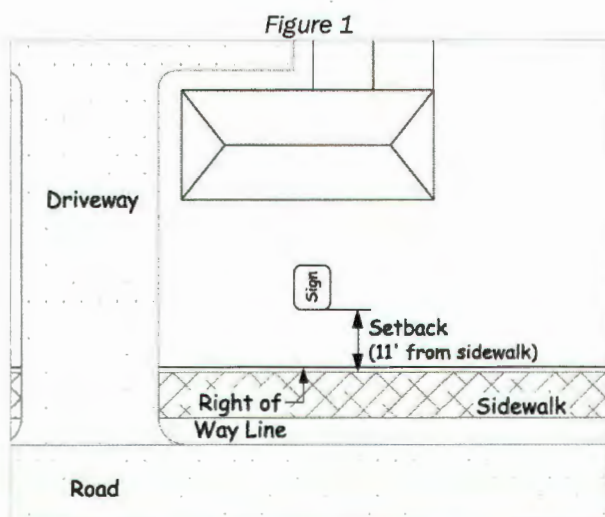
Applicants are encouraged to contact the Planning & Zoning Department prior to submission of a temporary sign permit application to determine whether the site qualifies for a temporary sign.

How many signs can I have and where can I put them?

The number of signs, their size and placement are all regulated by the Shelby Township Zoning Ordinance. Sign requirements and standards differ by zoning district as well as the speed limit of the adjacent roadway.

Sign permit applications must demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards. Be sure that your application illustrates the proposed sign placement on the site and demonstrates compliance with sign setback requirements of Section 5.05 of the Zoning Ordinance. Required setbacks are measured from the centerline of the road right-of-way. Typically the required setback results in a minimum distance of 11 feet between the sidewalk and the sign (Figure 1).

Applications must also demonstrate maintenance of "clear vision triangles" (Figure 2). Signs and other visual obstructions are prohibited within required clear vision areas.



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Permanent Signs

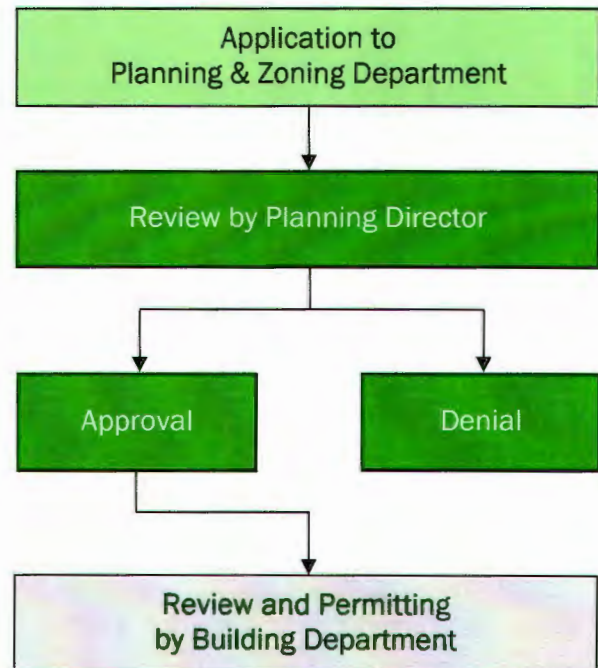
What are the application requirements for permanent signs?

- One (1) completed Application Form with original signature of the business owner. (Note: Form should not be signed by the sign company or installer).
- One (1) completed Applicant Information Form with one (1) readable copy of both sides of the applicant's driver's license attached (fax copies will not be accepted).
- Two (2) copies of a sketch plan illustrating the proposed sign location; accurately dimensioned setbacks from property lines and right-of-way centerline; location of all existing buildings, roads, parking areas, signs, entrances, and exits on the site; and linear frontage of the unit occupied in a shopping center (if applicable).
- Two (2) copies of a drawing of the proposed sign including:
 - ___ Height above finished grade (ground signs only).
 - ___ Total building wall area upon which sign will be displayed (wall signs only).
 - ___ Sign style (box, cabinet, individual channel letters, etc.) and sign surface (material, color, dimensions, area).
 - ___ Method and color of illumination, if any.
 - ___ Lettering of sign, printed in the size and weight substantially approximating the style that will appear on the sign.
 - ___ Logos, emblems, and all other features.
- Applications for residential entrance signs must also include:
 - ___ Description of Applicant's and any other parties' property interest(s) in the site.
 - ___ Evidence of the right to construct the proposed sign on the site.
 - ___ Existing and proposed sign and landscaping easements on the site.
 - ___ Existing and proposed Residential Entrance Construction and Maintenance Agreement.
- Review fee.

What are the procedures for approval of a permanent sign?

The Planning Director has sole authority to approve or deny a permanent sign application.

The Director may refer any application to the Planning Commission for their review and approval.



Review fees for permanent signs are due at the time the application is submitted.

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Common Questions

Do I need a building permit?

A building permit is required for all permanent signs. A building permit must be obtained prior to sign installation.

Building permits are not required for temporary signs.

Are time and temperature signs allowed?

Time and temperature devices may be approved in all commercial and industrial zoning districts provided that they are designed as integrated features of the approved wall or ground sign.

Are address signs required?

All businesses shall prominently display their address on the permitted ground sign. Street addresses shall be large enough to be read from the street. All numbers shall contrast with the surface they are applied to and shall be mounted high enough to be visible from the street. Addresses shall not be obstructed from view by site landscaping. Shopping centers with individual tenants shall provide the address range for the tenants.

Addresses shall not be included in the maximum sign area calculations.

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Contact the Shelby Township Planning and Zoning Department at:

Phone: (586) 726-7243

Email: planning@shelbytp.org

Address: 52700 Van Dyke

Shelby Township, MI 48316



APPLICATION FORM
SIGN PERMIT

Office Use

Application No. Date Received Review Fee Receipt No.

I. TYPE OF REQUEST

- PERMANENT SIGN: WALL SIGN, GROUND / MONUMENT SIGN, TENANT PANEL, RESURFACING PYLON / FREESTANDING SIGN, RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE SIGN, OTHER
TEMPORARY SIGN: A-FRAME SIGN, BANNER, REAL ESTATE SIGN, OTHER

II. APPLICANT (A completed Applicant Information Form must accompany this application.)

APPLICANT'S NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP
PHONE FAX

III. PROPERTY INFORMATION

BUSINESS / DEVELOPMENT NAME
BUSINESS / DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS
BUSINESS / DEVELOPMENT TYPE: RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OFFICE, INDUSTRIAL, OTHER
SHOPPING CENTER NAME (if applicable)

IV. REQUEST DETAIL

PROPOSED SIGN AREA (square feet) HEIGHT (feet)

V. SIGN PLAN INFORMATION

DRAWINGS PREPARED BY
CONTACT NAME PHONE
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

VI. SIGNATURE

The undersigned deposes that the foregoing statements and answers and accompanied information are true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

(Print/type name of applicant)



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APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Office Use
Application No. _____ Date Received _____
Copy of driver's license attached?
 Yes No

I. TYPE OF APPLICATION (The appropriate Application Form must accompany this form.)

- Site Plan, Special Land Use, Tree Permit, Class A Nonconforming Use, Zoning Board of Appeals, Rezoning, Minor Temporary Use, Condominium Subdivision, Subdivision

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name, Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone, FAX, Date of Birth, Driver's License Number

(A copy of both side of the applicant's driver's license must be attached. Fax copies will not be accepted.)

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