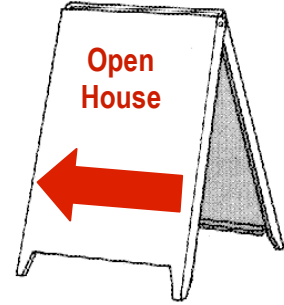


## Chapter 8 Article 88 - Signs

**A-frame Signs** One (1) temporary A-frame or similar impermanent freestanding sign is permitted for any use located within the C-D (Downtown Commercial) zone and civic center where pedestrian-oriented use is encouraged, as described in the adopted Palmdale Downtown Revitalization Plan. Such signs shall be non-illuminated and not exceed five (5) feet. Signs shall be constructed using a minimum of industrial grade particleboard (or equivalent) and designed with radius edges, unexposed hinges and feet. Only oil-based paints shall be used for painted signs, which shall be professionally painted. Placement of A-frame signs shall not impede pedestrian or handicap access.



**Temporary off-site commercial signs** Temporary off-site commercial signs are permitted in the A-1, R-1, R-2 and R-3 zones as follows:

- a) Temporary off-site commercial signs shall be freestanding only and shall not be affixed to posts or utility poles or pushed or hammered into the ground. Such signs shall be formed from aluminum or a hard plastic material (or equivalent) in accordance with current industry standards. Cardboard or paper signs are not allowed. Signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area and three (3) feet in height. Signs shall be of sufficient weight in order to keep upright and in place. No reflective paint or day-glo colors are permitted. Signs shall not include balloons, ribbons, pennants, streamers or other attachments.
- b) Signs shall not be placed within subdivision landscape easements.
- c) Up to one such sign may be located at any one corner of an intersection Provided handicap access is maintained.
- d) No sign shall be placed upon any private property without first obtaining permission from the owner of such property.
- e) No sign shall be placed within the public right-of-way without approval of an encroachment permit issued by the City Engineer. A minimum clearance of four(4) feet shall be maintained at all times for safe pedestrian access on public sidewalks. Signs may not be located on center medians or within the public street where vehicles travel. Where the public right-of-way extends into a parkway strip, signs shall be placed so as not to cause damage to landscaping and/or irrigation systems. One or more signs may be approved under an encroachment permit; however, each sign shall be inspected for consistency with the original approved sign in terms of its style, size, material and color. City decals issued under an encroachment permit shall be displayed on all signs placed within the public right-of-way and shall be oriented towards the street.
- f) Signs may be displayed only during daylight hours on weekends, holidays and one day during the week.



**Window sign, permanent** One (1) permanent non-illuminated window sign not exceeding four(4) square feet in area.

**Window signs, temporary** Temporary window signs not exceeding 25% of the window area provided visibility into the building is maintained.

Strand lights or similar outdoor lighting within areas where people dine or otherwise publicly congregate that is intended as festive ornamentation to be used on a year round basis. Holiday decorations are not included.

### Section 88.08 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited, except as otherwise expressly allowed under this article:

- a) Animated signs
- b) Balloons or other inflatable, wind activated or spinning devices that are typically available in retail stores, except as exempted under Section 88.07 of this article.
- c) Banner signs as permanent signage; however, temporary banners may be exempt as specified under Section 88.07 of this article.

## Article 88 (Signs) City of Palmdale Zoning Ordinance

The City of Palmdale's new sign of ordinance became effective on July 11, 2003. The new ordinance authorizes placement of temporary off-site directional signs (**Open House Signs**) within residential zones throughout the City. These signs require that an encroachment permit first be obtained from the City Engineer if the signs are to be placed within the public right-of-way (**sidewalk**). Signs placed on private property do not require such a permit; however, the property owner's permission must first be obtained.

The process for obtaining an encroachment permit is as follows:

1. An encroachment permit application may be filed with the Engineering Division for signs that are freestanding and meet the size, material, and color specifications. Any number of signs may be included under an encroachment permit request. Additional signs may also be requested under an encroachment permit provided they are of the same style, size, etc.
2. Provide a Certificate of Insurance for a general comprehensive liability policy in the amount of \$250,000 listing the City of Palmdale as an Additional Insured. **If the Certificate of Insurance expires, the encroachment permit will be null and void.**
3. Permit issuance fee - \$25.00 + \$5.00 computer-tracking fee + \$5.00 GIS fee = \$35.00. Decals for each sign will cost \$2 to cover the cost of two decals. Decals are not transferable between signs, as they cannot be removed once in place. **The permit is good for the life of the sign.**
4. Checks should be made payable to the City of Palmdale.
5. The Engineering Division will inspect the each sign for conformance with the regulation and will place a small decal near the bottom of each sign face. Signs may be brought to the Engineering Division for inspection; otherwise, inspection may be conducted by appointment at the applicant's place of business with payment of a \$75 inspection fee.

The City's Code Enforcement Division will conduct inspections for signs that are not in conformance. **Real estate agent's open house signs that do not have decals will be impounded and owners will be cited \$50 per sign.** The Code Enforcement Division will begin enforcement of this provision on January 1, 2004.

**If you have any questions about the permit process, call the Engineering Division at (661) 267-5272.**