



The Town of Zionsville, Indiana

1100 West Oak Street • Zionsville, Indiana 46077

Memorandum

To: Homeowner Association
From: Town of Zionsville
Date: May 25, 2005
Re: Sign Information & Ordinance

Town Manager
(317) 873-8245
Fax: 873-8021

Clerk / Treasurer
(317) 873-5410
Fax: 873-8021

Planning
(317) 873-5108
Fax: 873-8021

Town Court
(317) 873-8240
Fax: 873-8021

Streets
(317) 873-4544
Fax: 733-2275

Waste Water
(317) 873-2332
Fax: 873-8428
Billing Only
(317) 873-2469

As you are aware, more and more temporary signs are popping up in lawns, curbside, and along public thoroughfares. In an effort to stop this practice, which can be both a safety hazard and an eyesore, the Town of Zionsville is requesting assistance from your homeowner's association with regard to sign usage, and compliance with the sign ordinance. The following is a brief discussion of various aspects of the Town of Zionsville's sign ordinance to be shared with your members.

A TEMPORARY SIGN is "any *sign* or *sign structure* which is not permanently affixed or installed, and is intended to be displayed for limited periods only. Examples of such *Signs* include, but are not limited to the following: real estate, construction, special event, Garage Sale, or home improvement/remodeling signs." Temporary signs of this type are allowed, but must adhere to the ordinance as to vision clearance, size, easements, and rights-of-way.

Temporary signs are not to block vision clearance areas (see attached) at street intersections and are permitted on a *Lot* only upon prior authorization by the owner of the said *Lot*. With owner authorization one (1) temporary sign shall be permitted on a lot in a residential district. The sign must follow these parameters:

- Maximum sign surface – six square feet
- Maximum sign height - four feet (measured from grade)
- Setback is not within the public right-of-way; nor within the vision clearance area.

Any signs not conforming to the ordinance will be removed.

If you have questions regarding the ordinance or its application, contact Terry Jones at 317-873-5108.

Thank you for assisting the Town in maintaining quality sign regulations that meet the need for a safe and attractive neighborhood community while meeting the needs for effective business communications.

Enc: Definitions, Vision Clearance Areas, and Prohibited Sign information.

Definitions

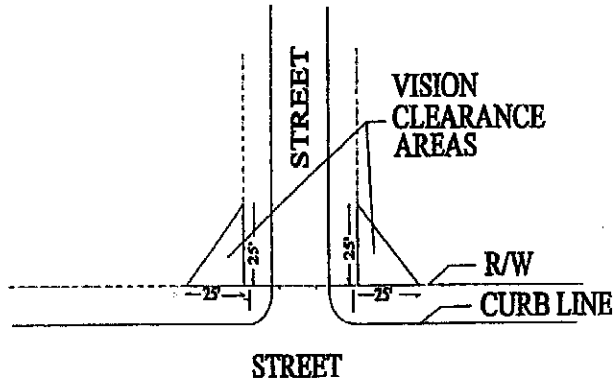
SIGN, ADVERTISING: An off-premise Sign which directs attention to any business, profession, product, activity, commodity, or service, that is offered, sold, or manufactured on property or premises other than that upon which the *Sign* is located. Also known as an *Outdoor Advertising Sign*.

SIGN, CONSTRUCTION: A *Temporary Sign* which identifies the construction activity on a property and announces the project, owner, or developer, contractor, subcontractor, architect, engineer, funding sources or related information.

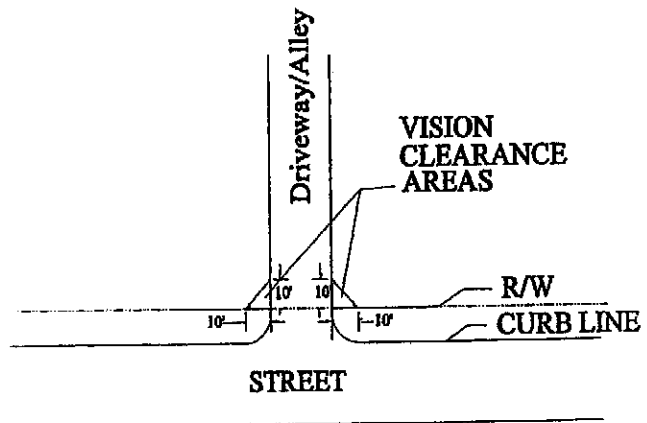
Section 1.21 Vision Clearance Areas

No *Building, Structure or Improvement*, including landscaping, shall be erected, placed, planted or maintained so as to interfere with a Vision Clearance Area located between the heights of two and one-half (2-1/2) feet and nine (9) feet above the crown of a *Street, Driveway or Alley*. A Vision Clearance Area shall be established for all *Streets*, whether public or private, in one of the following manners:

- A. At the intersection of *Streets*, Vision Clearance Areas are formed at each corner by the *Street Right-of-Way* lines and a line connecting points on the *Right-of-Way* lines located twenty-five (25) feet away from the intersection of such *Street Right-of-Way* lines. In the case of a round or corner-cut *Right-of-Way*, the measurement shall be taken from the intersection of the *Right-of-Way* lines extended; or,



- B. At the intersection of a *Street* with a *Driveway or Alley*, Vision Clearance Areas shall be formed by the intersection of the *Street Right-of-Way* line and the *Driveway* surface edge or the *Right-of-Way* of the *Alley* and a line connecting points ten (10) feet from the intersection of such *Street Right-of-Way* line and the *Driveway* surface edge or *Alley Right-of-Way*.



Section 6.3 Prohibited Signs

The following *Signs* shall be prohibited in all zoning *Districts*:

- A. *Signs* located on, in or above the *Right-of-Way* of any *Street* or *Alley*, except for: (i) official *Signs* or *Signs* erected on behalf of or pursuant to authorization of a governmental body; or, (ii) *Projecting Signs* as permitted by Section 6.6 (On-Premise *Signs*: VBD *District*).
- B. *Signs* which interfere with *Street* intersections. No *Sign*, permanent or temporary, shall be erected so that it interferes with the Vision Clearance Area provided for in Section 1.21.
- C. *Signs* which interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic *Sign*, signal, or device.
- D. Outline lighting of *Lot Lines* or open sales areas.
- E. *Portable Signs*, including but not limited to: A- or T-frame *Signs*; *Signs* on trailer frames; menu and sandwich board *Signs*; *Balloon Signs*; *Wind Signs*; umbrellas used for advertising; and, *Signs* attached to or painted on a vehicle parked and visible from the *Public Right-of-Way*, provided, however, a vehicle which is used in the normal day-to-day operation of the business shall not be considered a *Portable Sign*.
- F. Any rotating beam, beacon, intermittent light, lights of changing degrees of intensity, or flashing illumination in connection with any *Sign Surface*, except *Signs* indicating the time, date or weather conditions.
- G. *Signs* attached to trees.
- H. *Signs* attached to utility poles, except for *Signs* erected on behalf of or pursuant to authorization of a governmental body.
- I. Pennants, banners, streamers and wind *Signs*, except that pennants and banners may be used in connection with a special event as provided for by Section 6.2, K.
- J. *Signs* that bear or contain statements, words or pictures of an obscene, pornographic, immoral character, or which contain advertising matter which is untruthful or will offend public morals or decency.
- K. *Signs* or any portion thereof which moves or assumes any motion or gives the illusion of moving.