

8.60.060 Signs in residential zones.

(1) All signs in the residential zones shall comply with the requirements of this section and the requirements of LCMC 8.60.050, General requirements applicable to all signs.

(2) Signs Allowed without a Permit.

(a) Any sign for which a permit is required by this chapter shall comply with this section. Signs excluded in LCMC 8.60.020(1)(a) through (i), Exemptions, are not regulated under this chapter and therefore do not require a permit. All other signs are either prohibited or require a permit.

(b) One portable sign per residential dwelling unit may be displayed in the residential zone between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(3) Signs Allowed with a Permit. The following signs are allowed in the city's residential zones so long as a permit is first obtained:

(a) One illuminated freestanding sign may be placed at each street entrance to a subdivision, neighborhood, apartment or condominium complex; provided, that it is not larger than 32 square feet in area and not greater than five feet in height above the average grade at the sign. Such a sign shall not be located in the public right-of-way.

(c) Digital video displays and electronic reader boards are only allowed in residential districts subject to the following standards:

(i) Signs must be located on a property of at least 10 acres in size used as a public or private school and only one sign is permitted;

(ii) The sign shall be turned off from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week;

(iii) Display size is limited to 16 square feet per face on each of two opposing faces (32 square feet total);

(iv) The sign must be located at least 150 feet from the nearest existing residence at the time of permit issuance.

(v) The sign must meet the general requirements for electronic reader board and digital video display signs located in 8.60.050 with the exception of size, hours of operation, and distance from the nearest existing residence.

(b) Other Signs. A single sign is permitted on one residential lot provided the sign is not larger than six square feet in area, not higher than four feet above the average finished grade, and not placed in the public right-of-way.(4)

Prohibited Signs. Unless specifically allowed by the preceding subsections, illuminated or signs that are lighted from within or by an external light, excluding addresses or wall plaques less than two square feet, are prohibited in the city's residential zones.