

Digital and Variable/ Changeable Light Emitting Diode (LED) Signs

- May display multiple messages, provided the sign is motionless display and does not have more than one face from each direction the sign is facing. Static display time for each message is at least (8) seconds, and the time to change from one message to another is no greater than (2) seconds.
- LED signs are not permitted to flash or have moving lights, except for giving public service information such as, but limited to, date, time, and temperature.
- LED signs must be erected in such a manner as not to cause glare or impair the vision of any motor vehicle operator.



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Code Enforcement

The City of Opelika's Code Enforcement Officer enforces the maintenance of property to promote the health, safety, economic, aesthetic and general welfare of the present and future citizens of Opelika. Every effort has been made to maintain a fair and rational balance between the public interest and the rights of individual property owners.

Illegal Signs (Commercial)

The City of Opelika has adopted a strict sign ordinance that sets the standard regarding the placement, design and types of signs permitted in Opelika.

Signs NOT allowed:

- Signs that resemble traffic signs or signs that use the words "stop" or "danger" or otherwise create the impression that the sign has been displayed by a public authority.
- Portable signs
- Signs with animated, scrolling, flashing, rotating, blinking, revolving effects or full motion pictures.
- Any sign on the right-of-way or other public property that has not been authorized by the proper public official.

- Lights or light strips outlining the architectural features of a building.

Legal Signs (Commercial)

All permanent and temporary signs require a permit from the Planning Department. This includes any sign, banner, flag, or other device or means that is used to draw attention to a business, organization or to an individual for commercial gain or support of a purpose or goal and the like.

Permanent Signs

All permanent signs must be approved by the Planning Department prior to their installation. Permanent signs are restricted to but not limited to the following requirements:

- All signs must meet Building Code requirements.
- All signs must meet their respective size requirements.
- All signs must not obstruct exit ways or means of egress.
- Signs will not be erected that interfere with any opening that is required for ventilation.
- Signs will not be erected that project beyond a property line or onto public right-of-way.
- Approved illumination devices must be

shielded so that direct rays or light will not be cast into the eyes of passing motorist.

- Historic District signs may require additional permits.

Temporary Signs

The intent of temporary signs is to allow additional signs over and above the normally permitted signs for short periods of time to advertise grand openings, special events, special observances, special functions and the like.

- Each temporary sign must have a permit authorizing its use issued by the Planning Department.
- For grand openings a temporary sign permit may be granted for a period of 30 days.
- For special observances, special days, special functions and the like, a temporary sign permit may be granted for a period of 14 days.
- A permit, whether 30 days or 14 days, is not renewable for a period of 6 months for the same business or office or special events, observance and the like.
- All temporary signs must adhere to any restrictions or requirements in the district in which they are located.