

## ARTICLE XIII

### SIGNS

**Section 1300** No sign may be erected or maintained other than signs of the character, size, and construction expressly authorized by this and other ordinances and regulations of the City relating to the erection, alteration or maintenance of signs and similar devices.

**Section 1301** **Signs in Residential Districts.**

- A. One (1) sign for each family residing on the premises, indicating the name of the owner or occupant or pertaining to a permitted accessory use, provided that the sign is not larger than (10) inches by eighteen (18) inches.
- B. Signs of schools, colleges, churches, hospitals, sanitariums or other institutions of a similar nature relating exclusively to the institutions erecting the same, may be erected and maintained; provided that the size of any such sign is not in excess of twenty (20) square feet and not more than two (2) such signs are placed on a property held in single and separate ownership, unless such property fronts upon more than one (1) street, in which event not more than two (2) such signs may be erected on each frontage. No two (2) signs shall be less than twenty-five (25) feet apart.
- C. Signs advertising the sale or rental of the premises upon which they are erected, when erected by the owner or by a broker or other like person, interested in the sale or rental of such premises, may be erected and maintained provided that:
1. The size of any such sign is not in excess of six (6) square feet, and
  2. Not more than (2) such signs are placed upon any property held in single and separate ownership, unless such property fronts upon more than one (1) street. In which event not more than two (2) such signs may be erected on each frontage. No two (2) signs shall be less than twenty-five (25) feet apart.
- D. Signs advertising the sale or development of the premises upon which they are erected, when erected in connection with the development of the premises by a builder, contractor, developer or other like person interested therein, may be erected and maintained, provided that (a) the size of any such sign is not in excess of twenty (20) square feet, and (b) not more than two (2) such signs are placed upon any property held in single and separate ownership, unless such property fronts upon more than one (1) street, in which event not more than two (2) such signs may be

erected on each frontage. No two (2) signs shall be less than twenty-five (25) feet apart.

E. Signs indicating the location and direction of premises available for or in process of development but not erected upon such premises, and having inscribed thereon the name of the owner, developer, builder or agent, may be erected and maintained; provided that the size of any such sign is not in excess of twenty-four (24) square feet, and not more than one (1) such sign is erected on each five hundred (500) square feet of street frontage.

F. Signs bearing the words "Sold" or "Rented", or words of similar import, with the name of the person effecting the sale or rental, may be erected and maintained, subject to the conditions specified in paragraph C of this section.

G. Signs of mechanics, painters and other artisans may be erected and maintained during the period such persons are performing work on the premises on which such signs are erected; provided that the size of any such sign is not in excess of twelve (12) square feet and such signs are removed promptly upon completion of the work; and provided further, that not more than one (1) such sign may be erected or maintained by each such mechanic, painter or artisan on the premises on which such work is being performed.

H. Signs advertising that furnishings or other equipment have been installed or placed on the premises may be erected and maintained provided that the area of such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet, and any such sign shall be located on the same lot as the organization or estate.

I. Signs indicating the name of a particular organization or estate may be erected and maintained provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet, and such sign shall be located on the same lot as the organization or estate.

J. Signs prohibiting or otherwise controlling trespassing upon particular premises, or indicating the private nature of a road, driveway or premises may be erected and maintained, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet.

K. Signs, which exist at the time this ordinance become effective and are maintained in connection with a business then existing and lawfully conducted, may be maintained or repaired, or replaced with signs similar in size and character, but may not be enlarged or otherwise substantially altered.

L. Professional or accessory use signs.

- Section 1302** Signs Permitted in all Commercial and Industrial Districts. In these districts, signs of the character, size and construction authorized for residential districts in Section 1301 of this article may be erected and maintained; and, in addition thereto, signs advertising the maintenance and conduct of a business of the kind authorized for such district, or the sale, purchase, rental or use of the commodities, articles or facilities in connection with or as an incident to the conduct of such business, or the sale or rental of the business or of the premises on which the business is conducted, may be erected and maintained on such premises, but not otherwise, provided, that no sign hereafter erected under the terms of this section shall, unless authorized as a variance exceed forty (40) square feet in area or ten (10) feet in length or height.
- Section 1303** In addition to the other requirements of this article, every sign authorized herein must be constructed of durable materials, kept in good condition and repair and not allowed to become dilapidated, and shall not be so constructed or placed as to constitute a traffic hazard. Unless specifically authorized by other ordinances or regulations of the City, the construction, erection or maintenance of any signs within the lines of public highways is hereby prohibited.
- Section 1304** A. No sign shall be erected or maintained on which any word, symbol or design is displayed by means of electric lights which flash or blink or are otherwise illuminated intermittently.
- B. No portable signs, except residential signs and construction signs discussed elsewhere in the Article shall be placed within the boundaries of the City of Claxton unless the user of the sign obtains from the proper official a temporary permit authorizing the use and placement of said sign. The permit shall only be valid for a reasonable period of time as determined by the entity requesting the permit.
- Section 1305** No projecting or swinging signs shall be permitted.
- Section 1306** No billboards shall be permitted.
- Section 1307** No sign shall be placed in such a position as to endanger traffic on a street by obscuring a clear view or by confusion with official street signs or signals, by virtue of position or color.
- Section 1308** No sign shall be erected or replaced without first obtaining a permit from the Building Inspector of the City and the Traffic Coordinator.