



OVERVIEW

The Guilford County Development Ordinance regulates the type, number, size and location of all signs that advertise, identify, display, direct or attract attention to a business, industry, product or organization. All signs with the exception of those erected by State or Federal government, are subject to the provisions of the Guilford County Development Ordinance Section 6-1-Sign Regulations.

PERMIT APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE

Application for a Sign Permit shall be made to the Planning Department. A Planner will review the application & documents submitted, and after approval will forward to the Permits Section. A BZ Tech will issue the permit and notify the applicant when ready for pickup. The permit shall not be issued until all applicable information below is submitted for a complete review.

- 1) Sign Drawing drawn to scale
- 2) Site Plan drawn to scale
- 3) Wall Elevation drawn to scale
- 4) Engineered Foundation/Footing Plans drawn to scale, if free-standing sign is greater than 10 ft in height.
- 5) Electrical Contractor Information if sign to be illuminated
- 6) Master or Common Signage Plan approval
- 7) Completed application

SIGN CLASSIFICATION

Signs under the Ordinance are classified in four different types:

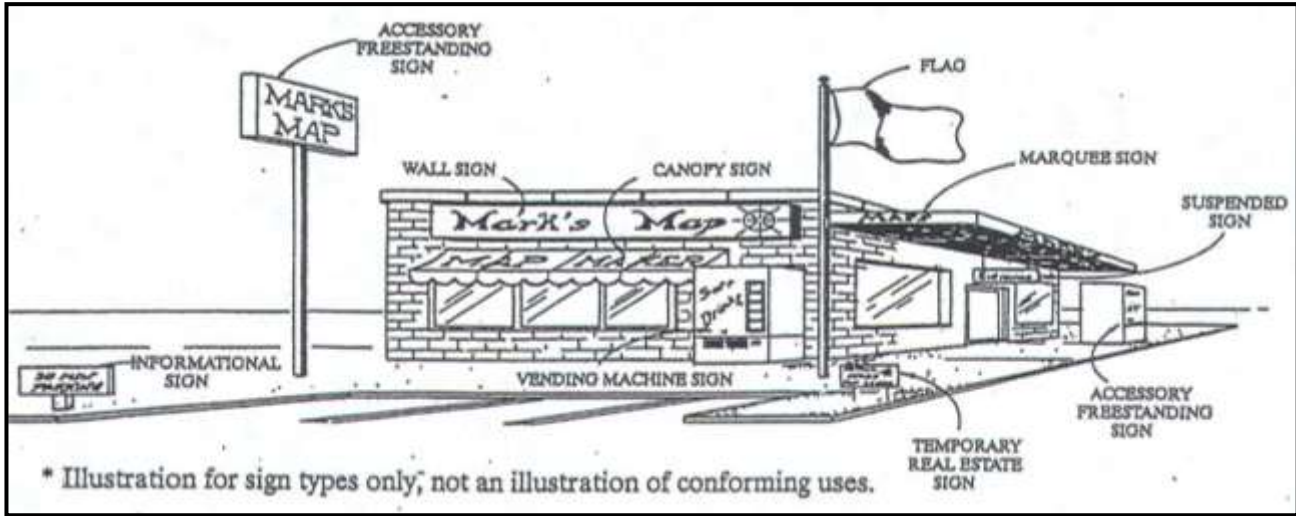
- 1) Signs prohibited everywhere
- 2) Signs that do not require a permit
- 3) Signs that require a permit
- 4) Billboards - For more information on billboards, refer to the Guilford County Development Ordinance Section 6-4.

Refer to Tables in Section 6-1.5 for specifications of individual Sign Types, also refer to the example attached for Sign Type clarification.

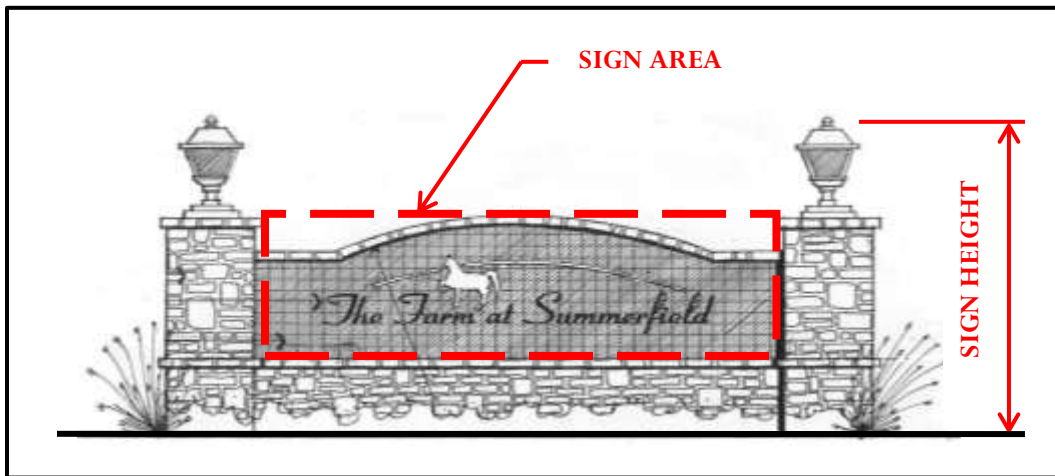
COMPUTATION OF SIGN AREA

Refer to the Guilford County Development Ordinance Section 6-1.6 for area calculations for signs. Also refer to the attached examples for further interpretations.

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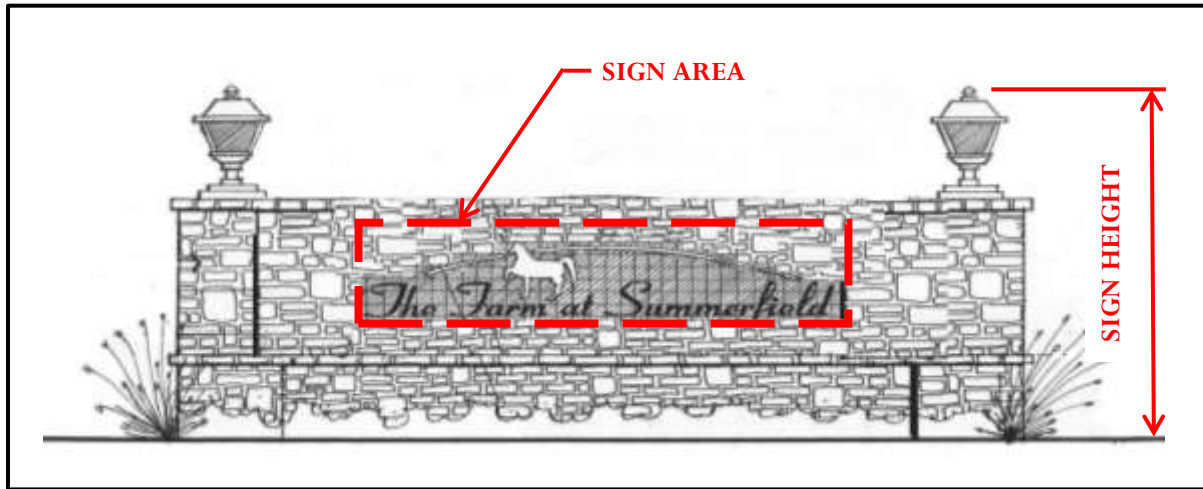
TYPES OF SIGNS



SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE SIGN

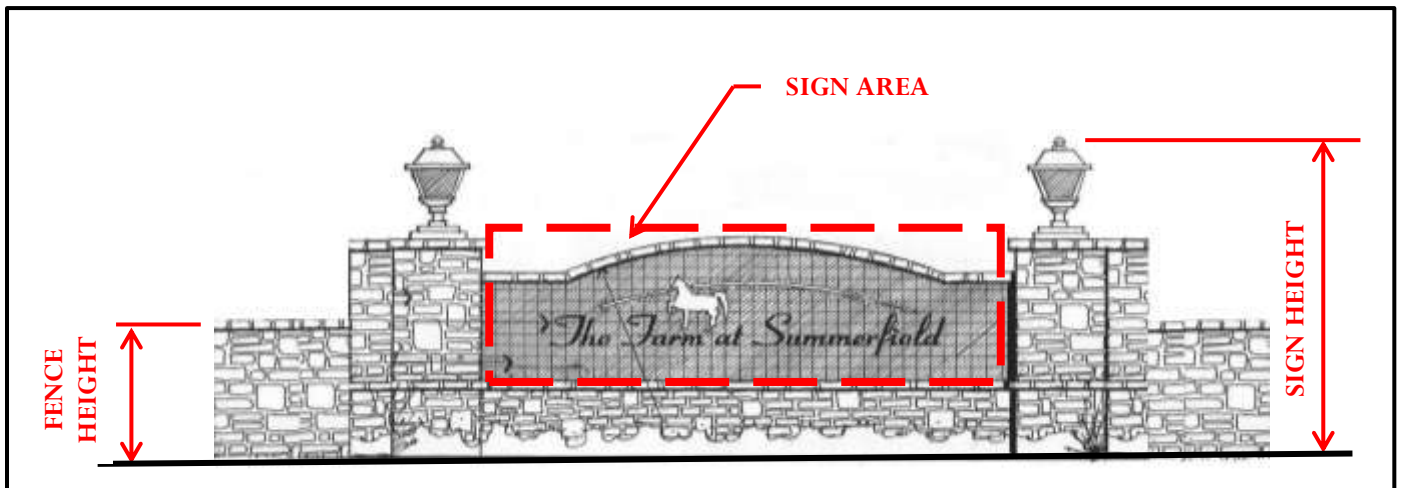
Sign Height shall be computed as 1) the distance from the base of the sign at finished lot grade or 2) from the nearest adjacent street grade to which the sign is oriented and the lot has frontage, whichever is higher, to the top of the highest component of the sign. Finished grade shall be the grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavating solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

Sign Area shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle or combination thereof which will encompass the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the back drop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework, bracing, or decorative fence or wall.



SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE SIGN – attached to a wall

How big can the wall be? That is a matter of interpretation. If the sign is attached to the wall, the wall must meet the sign height requirement. Decorative features or sculptures are not addressed. Do not use the Accessory Attached Wall Sign requirements. Each case will be different. Use the definition of Sign and Fence to make an interpretation.



SUBDIVISION ENTRANCE SIGN – attached to a fence

Where does the sign begin and the fence end? That is a matter of interpretation. Each case will be different. Use the definition of Sign and Fence to make an interpretation.