

Centerville, Iowa Downtown Commercial (DC) Signage City code

Number of signs permitted per premise	1 (conditional use)
Maximum size (sq. ft)	100
Maximum height above structure above ground (ft)	25
% of street facade	20%
Permitted for all uses for DC	Premise identification, ground, Monument, awning, building marker, canopy, marquee, projecting, wall mounted, roof (integral), window, flag, electronic display sign or multi- panel display sign
Permitted Design elements:	Illumination: indirect, internal, neon
Not permitted	Residential, pole, Banner, roof (above peak), portable
Designed elements not permitted	Illumination: Direct, flashing, flame, bare bulb, rotating

17.30D: 1. In addition to its total permitted sign area, each premises used for a business center may have one detached center identification sign, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The maximum area for a center identification sign shall be one hundred square feet.
- b. No center identification sign shall be within three hundred feet of any other center identification sign or within one hundred fifty feet of any other detached sign on the same or adjacent premises.
- c. The sign shall display no more than the name and location of the business center.
- d. Each sign shall be subject to all other regulations for detached signs or graphics set forth in this chapter.

17.30.030 - General sign and street graphics regulations.

- Sandwich Board Signs.
 - Sandwich board signs in commercial and industrial zoning districts, subject to the following requirements:
 - (A) The size of such signs does not exceed 9 square feet on each of the two sides and does not exceed four feet in height and three feet in width.
 - (B) No more than one such sign is permitted at any single premises.
 - (C) Such signs are allowed only during the hours of operation of the business or for the duration of special events and must be taken indoors each day.

17.30.050 - General permit procedures.

- (a) Applicability.
 - (1) A sign permit, approved by the zoning administrator, shall be required before the erection, construction, alteration, placing, or locating of all signs conforming to this title.
 - (2) A permit shall not be required for repainting without changing permanent wording, composition, or colors; or nonstructural repairs.
- (b) Plans Submittal. A copy of plans and specifications shall be submitted to the zoning administrator for each sign regulated by this title. Such plans shall show sufficient details about size of the sign,

location and materials to be used and such other data as may be required for the zoning administrator to determine compliance with this title.

- (c) Appeals. Any person or persons aggrieved by the decision of the zoning administrator to approve or disapprove a sign permit, as provided by this title, may appeal such decision to the zoning board of adjustment as provided by Section 17.34.060.
- (d) Application Fees. Each application for a sign permit shall be accompanied by any applicable fees, which shall be established by the city council from time to time by resolution.

17.30.060 - Method of measurement for regulators.

Sign Area.

- (1) Sign area includes the entire area within the perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the sign, excluding any structure essential for support or service of the sign, or architectural elements of the building.
- (2) The area of double-faced signs is calculated on the largest face only.
- (3) The sign area for ground signs, monument signs, and architectural sign bands is calculated as the area enclosing the extreme limits of the copy only.
- (4) In the case of individual letters mounted to a wall, only the total area of the letters themselves is included within the sign area. Height. The height of a sign is measured from the average grade level below the sign to the topmost point of the sign or sign structure. (d) Setback. The setback of a sign is measured from the property line to the line projected to the ground plane of 416 the nearest portion of the sign.

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11.32.020

Swinging signs.

- No person, firm or corporation shall erect or maintain, or suffer to be erected or maintained, any swinging sign or signs extending more than eight feet outward from the face of the buildings to which the same shall be attached, nor less than seven feet above the sidewalk. (1942 Rev. Ords. § 227).

11.32.030

Signs across sidewalks

- Awning. No sign or other advertising device shall be so constructed or placed as to extend across any sidewalk or public crossing within the corporate limits of the city. Canvas awnings may be placed in front of business houses or windows, which awning shall be firmly fastened to the face or front of the building and at a height of not less than seven feet from the sidewalk.