

# City of Bend Sign Code FAQ



How to keep your signs out of sign jail

## NEW

- Code now allow signs in the right of way seven-days-a-week (except where prohibited in code) to allow flexibility for open houses
- Zero tolerance policy - **\$750 fine per sign** for violations + confiscation

## No permit required

Classified as both “freestanding signs” and “temporary signs,” real estate signs are exempt and do not require a permit so long as they adhere to the requirements outlined in code (see below).

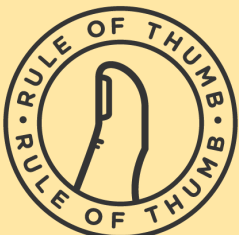


### Do's ✓

- Install the sign within the site or property behind any applicable setback or right-of-way
- Ensure your sign is maintained and in a state of good repair
- Remove open house signs and directional signage immediately following an open house

### Don'ts X

- Obstruct any window, doorway, transom, architectural details, fire escape, stairway or standpipe
- Interfere with exits or obstruct any required light or ventilation
- Pose a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic
- Allow the sign to extend more than 12 inches over space used by pedestrians
- Interfere with any utility wires or supports
- Place a sign in a clear vision area
- Place a sign on a designated historic landmark site



## No signs on concrete or pavement

# Requirements

- One sign per property
- Signs must be non-illuminated
- Signs must not exceed a maximum sign area of six square feet in residential zones and 32 square feet in other zones and a maximum height of six feet in residential zones and eight feet in other zones
- Signs may be displayed while the property is for sale or rent and for one week after the transaction is finally completed and possession transferred



## If you see someone breaking the rules...

- If you see a sign that does not comply with City of Bend standards, please attempt to contact the agent or the agent's managing principal broker prior to reporting the sign to city enforcement staff.



## Learn more

- Please note that the City of Bend's sign code was recently updated. For the full list of rules related to signs within the city of Bend, reference the actual code at <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Bend/?bend09/Bend0950.html>.



## Contacts for Questions or Concerns

- If you have any questions about any of these services, please feel free to contact James Goff, Code Enforcement Officer, at (541) 312-4908 or at [jgoff@bendoregon.gov](mailto:jgoff@bendoregon.gov).
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- For sign code feedback or questions, please contact Ben Hemson, Business Advocate for the City of Bend, at [bhemson@bendoregon.gov](mailto:bhemson@bendoregon.gov).



## Disclaimer

This FAQ is meant to serve as a guide. It is not a complete list of policies or requirements. For the full list of rules related to signs within the city of Bend, go to <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/Bend/?bend09/Bend0950.html>. In addition, signs are subject to the CC&R's of the development in which they are placed. The language used on signs is regulated by the Oregon Real Estate Agency. If you have questions about what language needs to be included on your signs, please reference the advertising rules (OAR 863-015-0125) - Division 15 of the Real Estate Brokers Regulations.

