

Crook County Sign Code Ordinance



Overview

Real estate signs are an essential tool for REALTORS® that not only advertise a listing, but also represent the agent's brand and reputation. As such, REALTORS® naturally work to determine the ideal structure and placement of their signs, including open house signs. But before placing a sign for your next listing, it is important to be familiar with the rules and regulations related to sign usage and placement in Crook County. If you see a sign that does not comply with Crook County standards, please attempt to contact the agent or the agent's managing principal broker prior to reporting the sign to county enforcement staff.

Is a permit required?

No. Temporary real estate signs are exempt in Crook County and do not require a permit so long as they adhere to the following requirements.

Do's & Don'ts:

DO'S:

- 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:

- Place a sign so as to cause glare, distraction or other driving hazards within a street or road right-of-way
- Place a sign so as to interfere with visibility or effectiveness of any official traffic sign or signal, or with driver vision at any access point or intersection
- Obstruct any window, doorway, transom, architectural details, fire escape, stairway or standpipe
- Interfere with exits through any window, obstruct any door or required exit from any building or obstruct any required light or ventilation
- Place signs in such a manner to cause a public safety hazard or nuisance
- Obstruct a sidewalk, walkway, or other space used by pedestrians
- Interfere with any utility wires or supports
- Place a sign on a designated historic landmark site

Disclaimer

This FAQ is meant to serve as a guide. It is not a complete list of policies or requirements. For rules related to signs within Crook County, reference [Chapter 18.124 of the Crook County Code](#) ("Supplementary Provisions"). In addition, be sure to reference zone specific regulations as they relate to sign placement and usage in the Crook County zone in which you will be listing a property. For regulations by individual zone, reference [Title 18 of the Crook County Code](#).

Signs are also 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](#).

Requirements

1. One sign per premises advertising the sale, rent or lease of the property
2. Signs must not be illuminated
3. Signs should not be placed within 300 feet of a residential dwelling without written consent of the owner and/or occupant of said dwelling
4. Signs must be placed at least 10 feet from a property line
5. Signs must not be placed within or protrude into a street right-of-way
6. Signs must not extend over a street ROW
7. Signs must not exceed 32 square feet in area and a height of 20 feet, with the following exceptions (by zones):
 - a) Recreation Residential Mobile Zone (RR(M)-5) and Recreation Residential Zone (RR-1 and RR-5) - The aggregate of the signs must not exceed an area equal to one square foot of sign face for each foot of lot frontage or 100 square feet of sign face, whichever is the least
 - b) Forest Recreation Zone (FR-10) and Residential Woodlot Zone (RW-40) - Signs must not exceed three square feet in area
 - c) EFU-JA Zone (Juniper Acres) - Signs must not exceed nine square feet in area
 - d) EFU-3 Zone (Powell Butte Area) - "No specific standards"

