



Jefferson 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 Jefferson County. If you see a sign that does not comply with Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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:

- 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

Requirements

1. Signs must not be placed in a manner that will interfere with visibility or effectiveness of any official traffic sign or signal, or with driver vision at any access point or intersection
2. No sign shall cause glare, distraction or other driving hazards, or by position, shape, color or other characteristic be similar to any traffic signal
3. Signs may be placed within the required setbacks from property lines provided they comply with the vision clearance standards outlined in Section 403 of the [Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance](#), but may not be placed within or overhang a dedicated right-of-way unless a permit approving the location has been issued by the Oregon Department of Transportation or County Public Works Department
4. No sign may be situated in a manner that results in the blanketing of an existing sign
5. Signs must not exceed 32 square feet

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 Jefferson County, reference the [Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance](#). 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](#).

