



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



Is an application required?

No. Signs designating real estate for sale, rental or lease may be displayed on the premises to which they relate without a permit or application so long as they meet the following requirements.

Requirements

1. Signs in a residential zone must not exceed four square feet in area with the maximum height not in excess of four feet above grade level
2. Signs in a commercial or industrial zone must not exceed 32 square feet
3. No sign shall project or extend into any clear vision areas so as to cause or create a hazard or a risk of hazard for pedestrian or vehicular traffic



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
- 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 the full list of rules related to signs within the city of Madras, reference the [City of Madras Sign 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](#).