



Prineville 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 Prineville. If you see a sign that does not comply with City of Prineville 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, Temporary real estate signs do not require a permit in the city of Prineville so long as they adhere to the following requirements.

Requirements

1. Signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or part of the premises on which the signs are displayed must not exceed a total area of 24 square feet, except for such signs in a residential zone which must not exceed a total of 6 square feet
2. Do not place signs in such a manner as to cause a public safety hazard
3. Signs must be removed within 14 days of the sale, rental or lease of the residence or property
4. Signs for the purpose of directing the public to the sale of multiple residential properties are permitted only with written permission of the property owner(s) to include the city of Prineville for signs erected in the public right-of-way and limited to:
 - a) A maximum of 5 off premise signs
 - b) 8 square feet in area except 1 of the 5 permitted signs may be allowed up to 16 square feet if on an arterial road
 - c) Up to 1 year after final phase is constructed
 - d) Signs in public right-of-way (not street) shall not block vehicle or pedestrian ways, or clear vision areas and shall be placed to meet ADA standards and minimize any other possible conflicts with vehicles or pedestrians
5. Signs pertaining to the sale, lease, rent or development of a subdivision, office complex, shopping center, industrial park or similar parcel are allowed up to 1 year after final phase is constructed. Size of sign shall be controlled by the following schedule:
 - a) Projects 2 acres or less are permitted 1 sign per street frontage at a maximum of 32 sq. ft. per sign
 - b) Projects over 2 acres are permitted 2 signs per street frontage at a maximum of 96 sq. ft. per sign
6. Sign may extend to the street right-of-way within a front yard subject to a minimum clearance of 8 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 the city of Prineville, reference [chapter 152 \(Sign Ordinance\) of the Code of Prineville](#). 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](#).

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
- Place a sign in a side yard common to another lot or within a rear yard
- Interfere with exits through any window, obstruct any door or required exit from any building or obstruct any required light or ventilation
- Pose a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic, including but not limited to, obstructing the clear view of pedestrians and drivers or interfere with the effectiveness of traffic signs or signals
- Obstruct a sidewalk, walkway, or other space used by pedestrians
- Interfere with any utility wires or supports. Signs must be located no less than 8 feet horizontally and 12 feet vertically from overhead electrical conductors which are energized in excess of standard service loads as determined by the utility company providing the service.
- Allow a sign to project or extend into any clear vision area, as defined in section 153.081 of the [City of Prineville's Land Use Code](#)
- Place a sign on a designated historic landmark site
- Place a sign on any public property, including parkways