

Changes to Sign Ordinance June 2010

Derby strives to maintain an attractive appearance as well as a safe city for everyone. Due to an increase in the number and variety of signs being used, the City Council approved amendments to the Sign Code in April. To view the ordinance in its entirety, visit www.DerbyWeb.com.

Here is an overview of some of the key changes:

1) Signs in Right-of-Way

Most signs will be allowed in the right-of-way as long as they are a minimum of eight feet back from the curb, unless conditions do not allow for eight feet. In that instance, less is ok if placed so that sight lines for motorists are not blocked. In residential areas, only real estate and garage sale signs may be placed in the right-of-way. The signs must be at least four feet from the curb. All other signs a homeowner wishes to display (community events, police appreciation, etc.) must be on private property.

2) Number of signs

No more than two substantially similar signs may be placed at any intersection.

3) Real Estate Signs

Must be at least eight feet from the back of the curb, except in residential areas where they must be at least four feet from the curb, and 10 feet from the edge of any driveway. The goal is to maintain good visibility for motorists.

4) Residential Signs

Signs that do not require a permit include security system signs, special events, and public service announcements. The allowable size is three square feet per sign. These are not allowed in the public right-of-way.

5) Garage Sale Signs

Six signs can be placed either on or off-site for 24 hours prior to a sale. They must be removed within 24 hours after the sale ends. No permit is required, but signs must be placed at least four feet from the curb.

Penalty

Violations may result in a fine of up to \$500. If signs are impounded by City personnel the sign owner is required to pay a \$5 redemption charge.

If you have questions about this ordinance or the proper placement of signs, contact the City of Derby at 788-6632.