

**City Code of Ordinance; Chapter 26,
Article 11, Section 11.3**

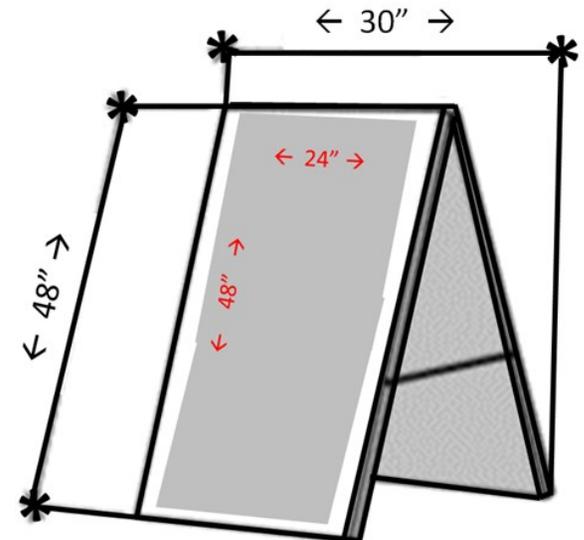
(r) Portable Signs. [Permitted in all commercial zoning districts for commercial uses]

- (1) All businesses located in any commercial zoning district may have one portable sign located outside of the business after obtaining a no-charge sign permit for such sign. The sign must be designed and wind-proofed in a manner so as to withstand normal thunderstorm conditions or gusts of wind.
- (2) The sign shall be displayed only during the business hours of operation specified on the issued sign permit.
- (3) Sign location. The sign must be located in a manner as to not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or the visibility triangle as defined in Section 8.18 of this Chapter. A minimum 48 inch clear pedestrian walkway shall be maintained at all times
 - a. Signs may not be placed within twelve inches of any curb or two feet from the edge of pavement in the absence of curbs.
 - b. Signs shall not be located more than twenty (20) feet from the wall of the building within which the permittee's business is located.
 - c. Signs must be placed within the side lot lines of the property upon which the permittee's establishment is located, or within the extension of said side lot lines, if the sign is to be located in the right-of-way.
 - d. Signs shall not be placed where they interfere with the opening of car doors or interfere with the use of any exit, fire hydrant, loading zone, bicycle rack, sidewalk ramp, wheelchair ramp or similar public facility.

- e. Before a permit may be issued for a sign to be located within a public right-of-way, the business must provide the City of Punta Gorda with proof of Comprehensive General Liability insurance with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence naming the City of Punta Gorda as an additional insured and an agreement to indemnify and hold the City harmless in any claim or cause of action against the City arising from the placement of such signs. Failure to maintain such insurance shall be grounds for revocation of the sign permit. The City must be provided with a 30-day written notice from the insurance carried if an insurance policy is cancelled.
- f. Businesses located on the interior of an enclosed mall or building shall not be permitted to display portable signage outside of the confines of the mall or building unless they have ground floor public street frontage to accommodate such temporary signage.
 1. For the purposes of this Section, ground floor public street frontage shall mean an entrance to the business on the ground floor that goes directly into the business without passing through a hallway or general reception area.
 2. For buildings without ground floor public street frontage, the building's owner or landlord may submit an application for a permit for a portable building directory sign, or may apply for a permit to provide a rotation schedule for each business provided that at no time shall more than one sign per street front be permitted for that building.
 3. Any sign displayed for a business without ground floor public street frontage must first obtain a no-charge sign permit from the City as provided herein.
- g. Any business located on the corner of two public streets or having frontage on two public streets or alleys is permitted to

have a portable sign on each street or alley side of the business.

- h. Physical attachment to public property prohibited. Portable signs placed in the right-of-way must remain portable and may not be attached or anchored in any way to trees or to public property including but not limited to utility or light poles, parking meters, hand railings, the ground or pavement.
 - i. Temporary portable signs may not be placed in medians, traffic islands or other areas within the roadway.
 - j. Temporary portable signs must not be placed in parking spaces.
 - k. Temporary portable signs shall not block building entrances or exits.
 - l. Temporary portable signs shall be spaced a minimum of ten linear feet from all other permitted temporary portable signs.
- (4) The sign face area shall be of dimensions not to exceed 24 inches in width and 48 inches in height. The sign together with its



frame, including wheels, frames and handles shall not exceed 30 inches in width and 48 inches in height as measured from finished grade.

- (5) Portable sign design shall be any professionally manufactured sign that meets the sign dimension and weight requirements as outlined herein such as, but not limited to, an “A” frame sign, a portable chalkboard or white board, a sign on a weighted stand, a “spring” design or “swinger” design. Corrugated plastic board is not permitted to be used. Any sign that is designed to spin, swirl or rotate in the wind is prohibited.
- (6) No sign may be electrically powered or internally illuminated.
- (7) All portable signs must be maintained without chips, fading, tears, cracks, missing letters and must be cleaned on a regular basis to ensure they do not create visual blight on the neighborhood.
- (8) Any business with a portable sign in use as of the effective date of this Subsection shall make said sign conform to the provisions of this Subsection and obtain a no-charge sign permit within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Subsection. After ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Subsection, all unpermitted signs shall be unlawful and must be removed immediately.
- (9) Any business may request a Special Sign Approval under the Creative Sign program to authorize a portable sign that employs standards which differ from the provisions of this Section

Portable Sign Applications can
be obtained at
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