

The measurement distance can be rounded to the nearest whole number.

- (l) All permitted EMDs shall be equipped with a sensor or other device that automatically determines the ambient illumination and shall be either programmed to automatically dim according to ambient light conditions, or manually adjusted to comply with subsection (k) above.
- (m) All special use permit or administrative permit applications for EMDs shall include a statement by a licensed engineer certifying that the lighting will comply with the lighting standards of this Article Code.
- (n) EMDs shall not be allowed within any designated scenic corridor or scenic byway as identified in either state statute, or in Washoe County Code or Master Plan.
- (o) Illumination Measurement Criteria:
 - (1) The illuminance of an EMD shall be measured with a light meter set to measure foot-candles accurate to at least two decimals.
 - (2) Illuminance shall be measured with the EMD off, and again with the EMD displaying a solid white image for a full color capable EMD, or a solid message for a single-color EMD. Measurements shall be taken one hour after sunset.
 - (3) All measurements shall be taken facing the sign structure with the light meter pointed at the center of the EMD and measured from the edge of the travel way of the nearest public roadway or at the property line of any residential regulatory zone.

Section 110.505.35 Prohibited Signs. The following types of signs and displays are prohibited:

- (a) Signs which constitute a hazard to traffic, motorists or pedestrians.
- (b) Signs that block visibility from any intersection or driveway, as identified in Article 110.412.30, Public Safety, of this Code.
- (b) Signs which produce odor, sound, smoke, flame or other emissions.
- (c) Signs which imitate or simulate official signs, or which use blinking or intermittent lights resembling danger or warning signs.
- (d) Strobe lights or any moving beam of light.
- (e) Signs on public property or rights-of-way; signs attached to utility poles, street-light standards, trees or fences, except as provided for at Section 110.505.10, Mobile and Temporary Signs, and Section 110.505.60, Signs on Public and Utility Property, of this Article.
- (f) Moving signs, including wind signs and signs moved by forced air.
- (g) Vertical sail signs.
- (h) Signs prohibited by any other Washoe County Code provision.

- (i) Any billboard that is not identified on the most current billboard inventory list as adopted by resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 110.505.40 Permits and Enforcement.

- (a) A permit is required to be issued by Washoe County Building and Safety Division for the construction of any new permanent sign over 4 square feet in size and for the repair of existing signs other than routine maintenance. Sign permits shall be issued within 60 days from the date of submission of an application meeting all applicable provisions of the Washoe County Code.
 - (1) It is unlawful to erect or keep a permanent non-exempt sign whose sign display area exceeds four square feet without first obtaining a sign permit from the Washoe County Building and Safety Division. A sign permit is required after an Administrative Permit or Special Use Permit is approved by Washoe County as provided below.
 - (2) An application for a sign permit must be on forms provided and describe the location, sign display area and dimensions of the sign, and the physical characteristics of the sign (including illumination), and must include a listing of the location and display area of all other signs on the site. If the sign structure requires a building permit under the Washoe County Building Code, plans and specifications of the structure must be included. The fee established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners must accompany the application.
 - (3) A sign permit shall be issued if the proposed sign complies with this Article, and the sign structure complies with all applicable building codes.
 - (4) If a decision on an application for a sign permit is not made and communicated to the applicant within 60 days from receipt of complete application (meeting all applicable provision of this Code) and fees, the sign permit is deemed approved, unless otherwise agreed between the applicant and the approving authority.
- (b) Administrative Permit. An Administrative permit pursuant to Article 808, Administrative Permits, of this Code and approved by the Board of Adjustment shall be required pursuant to the provisions of Table 505.1. In addition to the findings required by Article 808, Administrative Permits, the Board of Adjustment must find that the proposed sign complies with all the requirements of this Article.
- (c) Special Use Permit for Regional Recreation, Travel and Tourism Signs. A Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 810, Special Use Permits, of this Code may be granted by the Board of County Commissioners to increase the size and height, as is otherwise allowed in Table 505.1, for one freestanding sign, for each "Regional Recreation, Travel and Tourism" development. Before granting a special use permit, the Board of County Commissioners shall make all the findings required by Article 810 and all of the following findings:
 - (1) The freestanding sign is located immediately adjacent to an interstate highway having at least four travel lanes.

Passage and Effective Date

This ordinance was proposed on _____ by Commissioner _____.

This ordinance was passed on _____.

Those voting "aye" were _____.

Those voting "nay" were _____.

Those absent were _____.

Those abstaining were _____.

This ordinance shall be published and shall be in force and effect immediately upon the date of the second publication as set forth in NRS 244.100.

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Nancy Parent, County Clerk