

or canopy for each business establishment, not exceeding 4 sq. ft. in area and having a minimum clearance of 8 ft. above the sidewalk.

What are the requirements for entryway signs?

An entryway sign may not exceed 60 sq. ft. and 15 ft. in height is allowed where there is a drive entrance onto a private lot and the placement of the sign satisfies setback requirements and does not impair a driver's line of vision.

What are the requirements for temporary signs?

- Banners may be erected in the rear of a building as long as they do not exceed 32 sq. ft., are properly maintained and are safely secured to the building or pole mount.
- Flags and banners are permitted subject to the requirements of the "General Provisions" Chapter. One flag, erected strictly to signify that the business is open, with a maximum area of 20 sq. ft. may be located on the front of the building, provided that no portion of the flag may be less than 6 feet from the sidewalk or obstruct the sidewalk in any way, and provided that such flags shall only be displayed between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the next morning during the week and between 8:00 a.m. on Sundays and holidays and 8:00 a.m. the following day.

What are the requirements for real estate signs?

One wall sign in addition to that permitted above per lot is permitted not exceeding 6 sq. ft. in area, provided a corner lot may have one sign on each street frontage.

What are the requirements for political signs?

One wall sign in addition to that permitted above per issue or candidate not exceeding 6 sq. ft. in area.

What are the requirements for sidewalk signs?

There is a separate brochure on sidewalk signs in the Downtown Commercial District. It is the only District where sidewalk signs are allowed.

Do I need a sign permit for a sign?

Yes. The permits are \$20.00.

Note: Signage regulations are outlined in the Fremont Community Joint Zoning Code, which can be viewed on-line at www.cityoffremont.net.

**Fremont Community
Joint Planning and
Zoning**

**Downtown
Commercial District
Signage (C-1)**

**Zoning Regulations for
Signs in the Downtown
Commercial District
(Wall or Projecting, Win-
dow, Awnings/Canopies,
Temporary, Real Estate,
Political, Banner, Entryway
and Sidewalk Signs)**



Questions may be directed to the Zoning Administrator at the following government units:

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101 E. Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412
231-924-2101
www.cityoffremont.net

Dayton Township Hall
3215 S. Stone Road
Fremont, MI 49412
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Sheridan Charter Township Hall
6360 S. Township Parkway
Fremont, MI 49412
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Downtown Commercial District Signage (C-1)

What type of signs are allowed in the Downtown Commercial District?

- Wall or projecting signs
- Window signs
- Awning and canopies
- Temporary signs
- Real estate signs
- Political signs
- Sidewalk signs
- Banner
- Entryway

What are the requirements for wall or projecting signs?

- One wall sign or one projecting sign is permitted per façade and/or frontage onto a parking area. If the building is located on a corner, a projecting sign on the first floor is allowed in addition to the allowed wall sign.
- Wall signs shall not exceed 1.25 sq. ft. per each linear foot of building wall length associated with the use to which it refers, with a maximum of 32 sq. ft.

- Projecting signs shall not exceed 16 sq. ft. on lower levels of downtown buildings and shall not project farther than 4 ft. from the building to which it is attached, and shall be no less than 8 ft. above the grade.
- See “General Provisions”, Chapter 3 of the Fremont Community Joint Zoning Ordinance for regulations pertaining to multiple uses in a building.
- Signs shall be located on the wall facing the street or off-street parking area designated for that use.
- One additional wall or projecting sign per building, not exceeding 10 sq. ft. per use, is permitted for the purposes of identifying uses on upper floors.

What are the requirements for window signs?

Signs may be painted, etched

or affixed to glass windows or doors provided they pertain to the business conducted on the premises and do not exceed 25% of the glass surface area or diminish any applicable façade transparency requirements. Signs not exceeding one square foot noting business hours and/or “Open” or “Closed” signs are excluded from this calculation.

What are the requirements for awnings or canopies?

- A sign may be painted, stenciled or otherwise affixed flat to the surface or fascia of the awning or canopy and cannot extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of the awning.
- Characters can take up no more than 50% of the awning or canopy surfaces that face the primary street, but designs can encompass the entire canopy.
- One suspended sign may be hung under an awning