

Zoning Text Amendment No: 06-23  
Concerning: Signs- Place of Assembly  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF  
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Council President Leventhal and Councilmembers Silverman and Knapp

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**AN AMENDMENT** to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of:

- defining a place of assembly;
- allowing temporary signs totaling 50 square feet at any place of assembly, and;
- generally amending provisions related to signs for a place of assembly.

By amending the following sections of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

ARTICLE 59-F	“SIGNS”
DIVISION 59-F-2	“Definitions”
DIVISION 59-F-4	“PERMANENT SIGN – DESIGN ELEMENTS AND LIMITATIONS”
Section 59-F-4.2.	“By zone”
DIVISION 59-F-6	“TEMPORARY SIGNS”
Section 59-F-6.2	“Requirements by Zone”

**EXPLANATION:** ***Boldface** indicates a heading or a defined term.*  
*Underlining indicates text that is added to existing laws by the original text amendment.*  
*[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by the original text amendment.*  
*Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.*  
*[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted from the text amendment by amendment.*  
*\* \* \* indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.*

*ORDINANCE*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:*

1           **Sec. 1. Article 59-F. is amended as follows:**

2   **ARTICLE 59-F. SIGNS.**

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4   **DIVISION 59-F-2. DEFINITIONS.**

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6   **Place of assembly:** Any place of worship, school, library, museum, or hospital.

7   Any other publicly owned facility is also a place of assembly.

8   \* \* \*

9           **Sec. 2. Division 59-F-4 is amended as follows:**

10   **DIVISION 59-F-4. PERMANENT SIGN – DESIGN ELEMENTS AND**  
11   **LIMITATIONS.**

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13   **59-F-4.2. By zone.**

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15   (a)   **Residential Zone.**

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17           (3)   **Entrance Signs.**

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19                   (B)   **[Public Facilities and] Place[s] of Assembly Location Sign.**

20                           Additional sign area is permitted for a permanent location sign  
21                           for [public facilities or] any place[s] of assembly[, such as  
22                           places of worship, schools, libraries, museums, and hospitals].

23                           The sign must be a ground sign or a wall sign located at an  
24                           entrance to the building or driveway to identify the location of  
25                           the building for a user[s] of the facility.

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27           **Sec. 3. Division 59-F-6 is amended as follows:**

28 **DIVISION 59-F-6. TEMPORARY SIGNS.**

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30 **59-F-6.2. Requirements by Zone.**

31 The following requirements apply in the zones specified:

32 (a) **Residential Zone.**

33 (1) The number of signs is not limited.

34 (2) Total sign area must not exceed 10 square feet. However, the total  
35 sign area at any place of assembly must not exceed 50 square feet.

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37 **Sec. 4. Effective date.** This ordinance takes effect 20 days after the date of  
38 Council adoption.

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40 This is a correct copy of Council action.

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