

Zoning Text Amendment No.: 16-09
Concerning: Commercial/Residential
Zones – Location Signs
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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**

Lead Sponsor: Council President Floreen

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance to:

- revise the number and the placement of location signs on buildings located in Commercial/Residential, Employment, and Industrial zones.

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

DIVISION 6.7. “Signs”
Section 6.7.9. “Commercial/Residential, Employment, and Industrial Zones”

EXPLANATION: ***Boldface** indicates a Heading or a defined term.*
Underlining indicates text that is added to existing law by the original text amendment.
[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by 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. DIVISION 59-6.7 is amended as follows:**

2 **DIVISION 59-6.7. Signs**

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4 **Section 6.7.9. Commercial/Residential, Employment, and Industrial Zones**

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6 B. Additional Sign Area

7 1. Location Sign

8 Additional sign area is allowed for a permanent location sign [erected
9 at an entrance to a building or a development] if the sign is a ground
10 sign or flat wall sign [located at the entrance]. [The] Each sign must
11 meet the following requirements:

- 12 a. A sign may be placed on each face of the building [that abuts,
13 parallels, or is nearest to parallel with, a street, a parking area,
14 or other circulation area open to the general public and that has
15 either a main window display or a public entrance to the
16 building, and at each customer entrance to the building and
17 parking area].
- 18 b. The maximum sign area is 100 square feet for each sign.
- 19 c. The location is the same as provided generally for the zone,
20 based on the type of sign. A location sign erected as a ground
21 sign must satisfy the setback restrictions for a freestanding sign,
22 and a location sign erected as a wall sign must satisfy the
23 requirements for a wall sign.
- 24 d. [The] A sign may be placed on [a wall] each face of a building
25 more than 26 feet from the ground if it is [at least 10 feet]
26 located below the eave or parapet and at least 10 feet from the
27 corner of the building.

- 28 e. An entrance sign that is a freestanding location sign must be
- 29 placed [a minimum of] at least 100 feet from another
- 30 freestanding sign. A wall location sign at an entrance must be
- 31 placed a minimum of 30 feet from another wall sign.
- 32 f. The sign may be illuminated (see Section 6.7.6.E).

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34 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This ordinance becomes effective on the date of
35 Council adoption.

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37 This is a correct copy of Council action.

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40 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council