2400,2915 SIGN DESIGN STANDARDS.

A. No more than three colors may be used for the sign letters and no more than two colors for the sign background and border. A wall sign must complement the building color.

- B. The sign message must be legible and relate to the nature of the business.
- C. Neon lights are permitted when installed inside windows; neon lights may not flash.
- D. Signs on multiple-use buildings must be coordinated in the use of colors, materials, and shapes.
- E. Lettering styles must be legible and relate to the character of the property's use. Each sign may contain no more than four lettering styles.
- F. Symbols and graphics, when used, must identify the business and complement the sign lettering.
- G. Ground and pylon signs must have plantings at and around the base that serve to (1) screen the sign base or any lighting installed at ground level; and (2) tie the signage to the principal use by using plantings that are similar to those used on the rest of the site.
- H. External illumination of signs is permitted by incandescent or fluorescent light, but must emit a continuous white light that prevents direct shining onto the ground or adjacent buildings.
- I. Internally lit signs are permitted if illumination is confined to individual letters or symbols. Backlit "box" signs are prohibited. Internally illuminated canopy signs may be allowed with board approval.

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