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**16.76.030 Prohibited signs.**

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The following signs are inconsistent with the purposes and standards of this chapter and are, therefore, prohibited in all zoning districts:

- A. Abandoned signs in compliance with Section [16.76.080](#) (Abandoned signs) and/or dilapidated signs and sign structures;
- B. Banners, streamers, and pennants, except for those affixed to poles along the rights-of-way of commercial areas with an encroachment permit (Section [16.72.125](#)) and revocable permit (Section [16.72.127](#)) for purposes of civic identity or as specifically allowed by the provisions of Section [16.76.040](#)(D) (Exemptions from sign permits);
- C. Bench signs, except at approved bus passenger loading areas;
- D. Inflated signs, balloons, and figures, except temporary signs specifically allowed by the provisions of Section [16.76.040](#)(D) (Exemptions from sign permits);
- E. Obscene or offensive signs containing statements, words, figures or pictures of an obscene, indecent or immoral character which appeal to the prurient interest in sex, or which are patently offensive and do not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value in accordance with Chapter [5.60](#) of the Municipal Code;
- F. Off-premises signs not specifically allowed by the provisions of Section [16.76.110](#) (Standards for off-premises signs);
- G. Signs painted on roofs;
- H. Portable signs (e.g., A-frame signs), except as provided by Section [12.80.010](#) of the Municipal Code;
- I. Roof signs extending above the eave of the roof or a parapet, whichever is higher, except for roof signs located on the Miracle Mile and Yosemite Shopping Center;
- J. A sign erected in a manner that a portion of its surface or supports would interfere with the free use of a fire escape, exit, or standpipe or obstruct a required ventilator, door, stairway, or window;
- K. Signs emitting audible sounds, odors, or visible matter;
- L. Signs that conflict with or imitate traffic control devices due to color, wording, design, location or illumination;
- M. Signs that interfere with the safe and efficient flow of vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic that adversely affect traffic safety;
- N. Signs on public property or projecting within the public right-of-way except as provided in Municipal Code Chapter [12.80](#);
- O. Signs placed on properties of public utility companies (light poles, telephone poles, utility poles, equipment containers, etc);
- P. Signs attached to or painted on motor vehicles or trailers that are parked on or adjacent to public or private property, the principal purpose of which is to attract attention to a product sold or to a business located on or near the property where the vehicle or trailer is located, except for company vehicles parked on an interim basis;
- Q. Graffiti as defined in Section [8.24.020](#)(A) of the Municipal Code; and
- R. Signs not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 015-09 C.S., eff. 12-3-09; Ord. 023-07 C.S. § 67; prior code § 16-360.030)

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