



## Prohibited Signs In the City of Fairfax

### Prohibited Signs – General Standards

(City Code §110-4.6.4.)

Signs with the following general characteristics are prohibited in the City of Fairfax:

1. Signs located in a manner that would constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare;
2. Signs imitating or closely resembling official traffic or government signs or signals, except for traffic control signs on private streets;
3. Signs displaying flashing or intermittent lights or lights of changing degrees of intensity, including signs utilizing electronic technology;
4. Portable spotlights or beacons used as advertising to draw attention to any use;
5. Signs painted on or attached to bike racks, bollards, hydrants, parking meters, public benches, refuse containers, sidewalks or walkways, street light poles, trees, utility poles and similar facilities;
6. Signs which display “obscene, indecent, or immoral matter”; and
7. Any commercial display of vehicles with open hoods, trunks, or doors; or located on a building, ramp or other elevated structure.

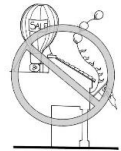
### Prohibited Sign Types

(City Code §110-4.6.4.)

The following sign types are specifically prohibited:

**1. Moving signs and devices intended to attract attention**

Moving signs or devices intended to attract attention, all or any part of which is intended to move, including but not limited to pennants, balloons, propellers, discs, flutter and feather flags, inflatables, wavy man advertising, and handhelds; provided, traditional barber pole signs may include the traditional spinning, red/white, internal element.



**2. Billboards and other off-site signs**

A sign that describes or calls attention to products, activities, or services that are not customarily engaged in, produced, or sold on the premises upon which the sign is located.



**3. Pole (or pylon) and stick in the ground signs**

A sign erected on a vertical framework of one or more uprights, supported by the ground, except as permitted by §4.6.12.

**4. Portable signs**

Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels, except for sandwich board signs as permitted by §4.6.11.



**5. Roof signs**

A sign or signs erected, constructed, or maintained above or on any part of the roof of the building, except allowed for wall signs.



**6. Signs on vehicles and trailers**

Signs attached to, painted on, or displayed on vehicles and trailers conspicuously parked in places visible from public rights-of-way. This prohibition does not apply to commercial vehicles parked at the business establishment for which the primary use of the vehicle is delivery, service, or passenger transport.



**Disclaimer:** The information provided is intended as a guide only. If you have a sign that you are not sure is permitted please contact the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820. The use of Prohibited Signs will result in a Notice of Violation followed by monetary fines.

## Prohibited Signs

(City Code §110-4.6.4)

These are examples of prohibited signs:



- 1. Moving / Inflatables** - Moving signs or devices intended to attract attention, all or any part of which is intended to move, including but not limited to pennants, balloons, propellers, discs, flutter and feather flags, inflatables, wavy man advertising, and handhelds.
- 2. Window with exposed light source**
- 3. Neon** - Greater than 2 sq. ft.
- 4. Signs on vehicles or trailers** - Signs painted or displayed on vehicles or trailers conspicuously parked in places visible from public rights-of-way.
- 5. Roof Signs** - A sign or signs erected, constructed, or maintained above or on any part of the roof of the building, except as specifically allowed for wall signs.
- 6. Pole (or pylon) and stick in the ground** - Signs painted on or attached to bike racks, bollards, hydrants, parking meters, public benches, refuse containers, sidewalks or walkways, street light poles, trees, utility poles and similar facilities.