



Interdepartmental Correspondence – Legislative Reference Bureau
MEMO

To: Ald. Michael J. Murphy
From: Leslie Silletti, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Date: March 17, 2008
Re: Off-premise Signs/Permitted and Not Permitted Uses

This memo responds to your request for information regarding the use classification of off-premise signs within the City's 4 zoning designations: residential, commercial, downtown and industrial. **It may be helpful to note that conversion of a static sign to an LED sign in a permitted-use area, and a non-conforming sign that already went through BOZA, does not require any advance notification or permission from the City.**

The use classifications are as follows:

Not permitted: A variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) is required.

Permitted: No BOZA approval is required; only a sign permit from the DCD-Development Center.

Limited Use: An off-premise sign is permitted only when the commissioner of DCD finds that the sign will meet certain standards (outlined in 295-705-7-b). If standards aren't met, the sign shall be permitted only upon BOZA approval of a special use permit.

Residential

All Zoning Districts
Not Permitted

Commercial

NS1- Neighborhood Shopping District	NS2- Neighborhood Shopping District	LB1- Local Business District	LB2- Local Business District	RB1- Regional Business District	RB2- Regional Business District	CS- Commercial Service
Not permitted	Not permitted	permitted	permitted	permitted	permitted	permitted

Downtown

C9A- High Density Residential	C9B- Residential & Specialty Use	C9C- Neighborhood Retail	C9D- Civic Activity	C9E- Major Retail	C9F- Office and Service	C9G- Mixed Activity	C9H- Warehousing and Light Manufacturing
Prohibited	Limited Use	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Limited Use	Prohibited	Prohibited

Industrial

All Zoning Districts
Permitted