

(B) Temporary use permits for temporary parking lots under Sec. 34-2022, "Temporary parking lots," are prohibited for Captiva Island. This section will not be construed to prohibit temporary parking on a golf course or other unpaved surface when authorized by the owner or manager of a property where an event is taking place.

Sec. 33-1630 through 33-1634. Reserved.

DIVISION 4 –DESIGN STANDARDS; SIGNS

Sec. 33-1640. Applicability

This Division is adopted as a supplement to the general sign ordinance of the County set out in articles I through IV of Chapter 30. The sign ordinance remains in force as to Captiva Island. In case of conflicts between provisions of the general sign ordinance and this article, the more restrictive provision will control.

Sec. 33-1641. Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Article, are in addition to the definitions appearing in Sec. 30-2, and will have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Animated sign: Signs or any part thereof that revolve or moves in any fashion whatsoever, and signs that contain or use for illustration lights or lighting devices that change color, flash or alternate, show movement or motion, or change the appearance of the sign or any part thereof automatically, including wind-operated devices. Animated signs may include flashing signs and a beacon light.

Banner sign: A sign possessing characters, letters, illustrations or ornamentations applied to cloth, paper or fabric of any kind, with or without frames, including awning signs.

Directional sign: Signs used for public information or directions, such as "one way," "entrance," or "exit."

Residential identification sign: A sign intended to distinguish a particular residential property or estate, using the name of the owner or owners, the street address, or some form of artwork, lettering, fanciful naming, or other device.

Illuminated sign: See "Lighted sign" in this section.

Lighted sign: A sign with characters, letters, figures, designs or outlines illuminated by electric lights, light emitting diodes (LEDs) or luminous tubes as part of the sign proper.

Tenant's wall area: The outside wall area of a renter's or lessee's unit in a multi-unit commercial complex, excluding any wall space in the complex's common areas.

Wall sign: An outdoor advertising display sign affixed to or painted on the wall of a building, where the sign projects not more than 12 inches from the building.

Cross references: Definitions and rules of construction generally, Sec. 1-2.

Sec. 33-1642. Prohibited signs

The following types of signs are prohibited, except as exempted in Section 33-1645 (B), "Signs not requiring a permit":

- (1) Banner signs as defined in this section, pennants, or other flying paraphernalia.
- (2) Sandwich signs.
- (3) Billboards.
- (4) Animated signs as defined in this section.
- (5) Neon signs or signs of similar effect.
- (6) "Sold" signs.

Sec 33-1643. Removal of prohibited signs

Prohibited signs must be removed upon direction of the County code enforcement officer and may not be replaced.

Sec. 33-1644. Temporary signs

Temporary sign permits for prohibited signs will not be issued.

Sec. 33-1645. Signs not requiring a permit

(A) Residential identification sign

Identification signs not exceeding 2.0 square feet in area on lots with total frontage of less than 100 feet and 4.0 square feet in area on lots with frontage of 100 feet or more. The height of identification signs may not exceed four (4) feet above grade and may be placed in rights-of-way and subject to the following standards and restrictions:

- 1) Identification signs must comply with Secs. 14-76 and 34-625 and may be illuminated only in accordance with the following standards:
 - a. The area occupied by the luminaire and its supports will not be included when calculating the square footage of the sign.
 - b. Sign lighting must be designed and located so as not to cause confusion with traffic control devices.
 - c. Full cutoff fixtures with black non-reflective interior surfaces must be used. Uplighting is prohibited. No sign may have internal illumination.

- d. If exterior lighting is used to illuminate the sign, the lights must be down lights with shields and louvers to pinpoint the light.
- e. Illumination must be with white light only, using fluorescent lamps or bulbs, except if visible from the beach then they must be amber LED bulbs used in properly shielded fixtures. Mercury vapor and metal halide lighting is prohibited. LED bulbs are recommended. Fluorescent fixtures must be of the enclosed type with a gasketed lens and a wet location label.
- f. A maximum of one fixture is allowed per sign face.
- g. The maximum wattage may not exceed 36 watts per sign face.
- h. Approval for electric hookup to illuminate the sign must be obtained from the Lee County Department of Transportation.

2) The identification sign must include the street number of the property with numerals four (4) inches high.

3) The sign support must be of a suitable breakaway or yielding design. Identification signs placed in an unsafe or hazardous location, as determined by the Department of Transportation, must be relocated or removed at the owner's expense.

4) Identification signs in existence at the time of the adoption of this ordinance that exceed the square footage or height requirements, but are not deemed to be located in an unsafe or hazardous location, will be considered nonconforming uses for purposes of this paragraph and may remain in place until removed or destroyed.

(B) Bulletin boards for public, charitable, or religious institutions, to be located on the same premises as the institution and not exceeding 32 square feet in area.

(C) Signs denoting the contractor, subcontractor, or design professional on the premises of work under construction and not exceeding four (4) square feet in area; provided, however, those signs may not remain on the premises for more than 30 days after the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

(D) Occupational signs denoting only the name, street number or occupation of an occupant in a commercial building, a public or institutional building, or a dwelling house (except dwelling houses in C-1, CS-1, and CT districts), and not exceeding four (4) square feet in area.

(E) Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and dates of erection when cut into masonry surfaces or when constructed of bronze or other noncombustible materials.

(F) Traffic or other municipal, county, state or federal signs, legal notices, and other such temporary emergency or non-advertising signs.

(G) Temporary real estate signs, which for the purposes of this section include "for sale," "open house," "open for inspection," "by appointment only," "model home," and similar signs, must be located in a front yard and a minimum of two feet from the property line, parallel to the frontage and conforming to the following restrictions:

1. They must be located only on the property advertised.
2. In all districts not of residential character signs may not exceed four (4) square feet in area, and may not exceed two (2) square feet in areas zoned as RSC-2, RS-1, TFC-2 and RM-2. The bottom edge of the signs may not be greater than 12 inches above average grade of the sign's location. The signs must be limited to one (1) sign per parcel; if the parcel includes water access, a second temporary real estate sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area is allowed either on a permanent dock structure or a minimum of ten (10) feet landward of the property boundary adjacent to the water access or away from the landward edge of the mangrove fringe.
3. Temporary real estate signs must be sturdily constructed, neat in appearance, ground signs only, with prongs not exceeding one-half inch in diameter and designed to be inserted and, removed without tools.
4. Temporary real estate signs must be removed no more than five (5) days after the property is no longer for sale.

(H) Signs that do not exceed 12 inches when measured vertically or horizontally, upon business premises, which are informational or directory in nature, and neither contain the name of the business nor advertise products or services.

(I) Temporary banners, sandwich signs and other temporary ground signs promoting a specific event, to be located in the vicinity of the event promoted and not exceeding 32 square feet in area for banners and ten (10) square feet for sandwich signs and ground signs. Signs cannot be erected more than seven (7) days prior to the event, and must be removed no later than the day following the event.

Sec. 33-1646. Nonconforming signs

With the exception of nonconforming identification signs as provided in Sec. 33-1645, every lawfully existing sign of every type located on Captiva Island that does not comply with this article will be deemed nonconforming upon the effective date of this ordinance.

Sec. 33-1647. Maintenance of nonconforming signs

(A) A nonconforming sign may be maintained in its condition as of the time it becomes nonconforming, but may not be structurally or mechanically extended or altered except to make it conform more closely to the provisions of this article.

(B) Nonconforming sign may be re-erected according to the standards articulated in Sec. 33-1645.

Sec. 33-1648. Permanent signs in commercial areas

Ground-mounted or wall mounted signs located in the C-1, CS-1, CT or RM-2 zoning categories must comply with Secs. 14-76 and 34-625.

A) Ground-mounted identification signs are subject to the following limitations:

- 1) No signs may be erected closer than 30 feet to the boundary line dividing the zoning district of the property on which the sign is erected from a zoning district in which they are prohibited.
- 2) Sign area is limited to 32 square feet.
- 3) Signs cannot exceed a maximum of ten (10) feet in height or ten (10) feet in width.
- 4) The sign must display the street number/s of the property on the face of the sign. Each numeral must measure four to six inches in height. The copy area of the street number will not be counted toward the allowable sign copy area.

B) Wall-mounted signs: Wall signs are limited to ten percent (10%) of a tenant's wall area, with a maximum size of 32 square feet.

C) Illuminated, ground-mounted, and wall signs. Environmental Sciences (ES) staff must review the lighting proposed to ensure compliance with sea turtle regulations in Sec. 14-76 and the outdoor lighting standards in Sec. 34-625 prior to the issuance of the sign permit. The sign must be inspected after dark by ES staff, with all exterior lighting turned on, to determine compliance with an approved lighting plan and this division prior to final inspection.

Sec. 33-1649. Number of signs

Business establishments located upon Captiva Island may not erect more than one (1) permanent ground-mounted commercial advertising sign per driveway and point of access by water. Temporary "for sale" or "for rent" signs will not count against this limit.

Sec. 33-1650. Reserved.