

SECTION 517 PERMITTED SIGNS (basic, electric, billboard)

517.1 Scope of Regulations

1. The regulations herein set forth shall apply and govern in all districts. No sign shall be erected or maintained unless it is in compliance with the regulations for the district in which it is located. No sign shall be erected or continued in operation in any manner constituting a nuisance because of glare, focus, animation or flashing.
2. All signs hereafter erected, constructed or modified shall be exempt from yard and setback requirements of the districts in which they are located. All signs are prohibited in the right-of-way.
3. Where permitted, all illuminated or electronic signs shall be designed, constructed, and operated so as to prevent glare upon the street or adjacent property. Both strobe and full motion video effects are prohibited. Such illuminated or electronic messages shall be turned off no later than 11:00 P.M. when such sign is within two hundred (200) feet of an R-1, RM, R-MH, or E District.
4. No sign shall be erected, relocated, or maintained so as to delay free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape.
5. No sign shall be erected at the intersection of any street or driveway in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision of roadway traffic.
6. No sign shall be erected at any location where, by reason of the position, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any Uniform Traffic Control Devices; or which makes use of the words “STOP”, “LOOK”, “DANGER”, or any other words, phrases, symbol or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse the public.
7. It shall be unlawful for any person to display upon any sign or other advertising structure any obscene, indecent or immoral matter, including any message or image that identifies sexual activities or anatomical areas in a sexual manner.
8. Maximum height above grade at the top of the sign shall not exceed forty (40) feet.
9. No sign shall be placed nearer than ten (10) feet to an adjacent residential district lot line. Where an illuminated sign face exceeds fifty (50) square feet in area it shall not be placed nearer than fifty (50) feet to an adjacent residential lot line.

Allowable Signage by District

District	Total Signage (per foot of road frontage)	Largest Allowable Sign Face*	“Large” Sign Face Definition	Spacing between “Large” Sign Faces*
A, R-MH, RM	One (1) sq. ft.	64 sq. ft.	Greater than 32 sq. ft.	No more than two (2) large faces within 1,320 ft.
R-1, E	One-quarter (1/4) sq. ft.	8 sq. ft.	Greater than three (3) sq. ft.	No more than two (2) large faces within 1,320 ft.
IG	Two (2) sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.	Greater than 32 sq. ft.	No more than two (2) large faces within 1,320 ft.
B-1, B-2, B-3, M-1, M-2, M-3	Two (2) sq. ft.	120 sq. ft.	N/A	No Limit

- **See pages 27 and 28 in Xenia Township Zoning Regulations manual for definitions of the different types of signs.**