



# Blue Springs, Missouri

## Community Development

The City of Blue Springs as well as many business owners work diligently to keep our City free of unnecessary sign clutter. Although we all recognize the importance of advertising your business, it should not be done to the detriment of our commercial corridors. The City has adopted sign codes so that there can be uniform standards for signs by which businesses can rely within the Municipal Code.

**Prohibited Signs:** The following are *prohibited signs* within the City of Blue Springs per section 501.100.

- A. **Off-Premise Signs.** No signs are allowed off the business property, except under specific conditions listed in the Municipal Code.
- B. **Signs in the Public Right-Of-Way,** only government signs are permitted.
- C. **Snipe Signs.** Signs attached to any public utility pole or structure, street tree, fence, fire hydrant, bridge, curb, sidewalk, park bench or other location on public property.
- D. **Signs Posing Traffic Or Pedestrian Hazards.** No sign shall be confused with a traffic signal, notice or control, or obstructive driver or pedestrian views.
- E. **Abandoned Signs.** Signs shall not remain past 90 days after the commercial, service or idea has ended or moved from that location.
- F. **Signs Without Valid Permits.** It shall be unlawful to construct or maintain a sign or sign structure without a validly issued permit.
- G. **Extending Signs.** Building signs that extend above the parapet, building roof line or canopy/awning against which the sign is located.
- H. **Moving Signs.** No sign or any part thereof shall move.
- I. **Attention-Attracting Devices.** Any streamer, pennant, propeller, inflatable sign, inflatable device, tethered balloon, bunting or artificial device, shape, color, sound, light, exhibit, costumed person or figure, whether live, animated or still, located outside the building that is intended to attract attention to said use or business.
- J. **Use Of A Vehicle As A Sign.** Signs attached to or painted on motor vehicles or trailers, meant to attract attention that are parked for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.
- K. **Non-Compliance.** Any other sign that does not comply with the terms, conditions or provisions of this Sign Code.

**Temporary Signs:** Only Allowed with a temporary sign permit per Section 501.070.

- A. **Banner Signs,** must be **mounted on a permanent structure** with a maximum size of 48 sq.ft. These signs are permitted for a maximum of 120 days a calendar year.



Sign in Public Right-Of-Way



Snipe Signs



Attention-Attracting Devices



Improperly Mounted Banner

Contact Brad Stanton, Associate Planner, at (816) 228-0142 with any questions.



### Sign Code Regulations Hot List

**Permanent Signs:** *All new signs and change to the face of a sign requires a sign permit. All permanent signs must be constructed of an all-weather material.*

**Building signs:**

- Signs displayed on the exterior walls must be ten percent (10%) or less of the total façade area on which they are to be displayed.
- Signs attached to the building must be facing a public right-of-way.

**Monument signs:**

- Monument signs must be ten (10) feet from the property line.
- Monument signs may be eight (8) feet in height and seventy five (75) square feet per sign face.

*\*Sign requirements can vary if a property has an existing Master/Alternative Sign Plan.*

**Temporary Signs:** *All temporary signs require permits.*

**Banner signs:**

- Applicants are allowed **no more than four (4)** temporary banner permits per year.
- Each individual temporary banner permit allows for a maximum display time of **thirty (30) days**, beginning at the applicant's desired start date. If exceeding thirty (30) days, additional temporary permits must be approved.
- Banner signs must be mounted on a permanent structure.

**Portable signs:**

- Portable signs may be displayed only to announce the grand opening of a business for 30 days.
- Not-for-profit organizations, churches, quasi-public or government organizations may display portable signs once (1) every sixty (60) days for a period of fifteen (15) days.

**Prohibited Signs:** *The following signs are not allowed in the City of Blue Springs. See full list of prohibited signs at <http://www.bluespringsgov.com/DocumentCenter/View/5881>.*

**Snipe signs:**

- Any signs posted on a public utility pole, or located in the public right-of-way or on City property, are prohibited and may be confiscated.

**Attention Attracting Devices:**

- Any object or sign that's purpose is to attract attention, such as streamers, feather or whip pole flags, tethered balloons, costumed person, spot lights, inflatable signs, blinking signs or moving signs.

**Signs without permits.**

**Please Contact the Community Development Department at (816) 228-0142 prior to adding or altering any sign in the City of Blue Springs.**

For applications or more information go to <http://www.bluespringsgov.com/index.aspx?nid=1066>