

CITY OF WALHALLA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Teara Barnwell, Chair Dustin Raines Frank Guldner, Vice-Chair Amy Welch

Monday, December 4, 2023

Special Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 5:30 PM 206 North Church Street Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes October 16, 2023
- 4. Introduction of New Planner
- 5. Date of January Meeting
- 6. Public Hearings
 - a. Variance: Request for variance from minimum setbacks on East Main Street (TMS 500-16-12-002)
 - Variance: Request for variance from minimum setbacks on East Main Street (TMS 500-16-09-004)
- 7. Old Business
- 8. Public Comments, non-agenda items
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Adjournment

City of Walhalla Board of Zoning Appeals Thursday, October 16, 2023 • 5:00 PM Council Chambers • City Hall Walhalla, South Carolina Minutes

In accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-10 et seq., South Carolina Code, 1976, the media was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Members Present: Teara Barnwell, Frank Guldner, Dustin Raines and Amy Welch

Members Absent: Kenny Johns

Staff Present: Celia Myers

Call to Order: Chairwoman Barnwell called the meeting to order at 5:00PM, with a quorum present to conduct the meeting and welcomed all present to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Guldner moved to approve the agenda with Mr. Raines seconding. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting; and Mr. Guldner seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing:

Variance: Request for variance from minimum width at setback line on N Church Street (TMS 500-07-03-041)

Mrs. Celia Myers presented the request for a variance from minimum width at setback line. The owner wishes to subdivide the property into three lots, utilizing a shared driveway. To do so, minimum lot width cannot be met. The applicant claims a hardship due to the triangular shape of the lot and that it prevents his subdividing into three lots. Staff does not believe the request meets the definition of a hardship, as the use of the property is not prohibited. Hardship cannot include financial aspects. The parcel is zoned R-25 and one or two lots can be utilized meeting current standards. Chairwoman Barnwell recused herself as she is representing the neighboring home in a sale. Vice Chair Guldner opened the public hearing. The applicant's representative Ms. Glory Hotko approached and stated that SCDOT approved the shared drive and that all other standards would be met. Hearing no other comments, the hearing was closed. Mr. Raines moved to approve the variance as requested. Ms. Welch seconded and the motion to approve was passed 3-0 with Mrs. Barnwell recusing herself.

Variance: Request for variance from maximum size of sign within the Downtown Design Guidelines

Mrs. Myers presented the request to vary from the sign regulations to allow a larger than 36 sq ft sign and internal illumination for the gas station on Main Street. The current station Exxon is changing to Texaco and the new company wishes to rebrand. Staff recommended approval to allow the price section of the sign be illuminated. The unique circumstances are that other businesses are not expected to post their prices outside their business. Other requests including the internally illuminated canopy and enlarged sign were not recommended for approval. Chairwoman Barnwell opened the public hearing. A Texaco represented approached and stated that if the size variance was not approved, he would need to have special approval from corporate, as the provided signage was their minimum design. Hearing no other comments, the hearing was closed. Ms. Welch moved to approve the internal illumination for the pricing/numbers only and denying of the illuminated canopy and size variance. Mr. Guldner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Myers reminded that Board

and audience that City Council will have to hear and grant approval of the sign, as it is a freestanding sign within the Downtown Design Overlay and Code requires their approval. The request will be heard the following night.

Old Business: None was presented.

Public Comments, non-agenda items: None were presented.

Other Business: Chairwoman Barnwell called for any other business. None was presented.

Hearing no further business, Chairwoman Barnwell adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Boyd Myers, AICP

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Board of Zoning Appeals Application

Date Filed: Permit Application No. 2023-132 Appeal No.

INSTRUCTIONS

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An accurate, legible plot plan showing property dimensions and locations of structures and improvements must be attached to an application for variance or special exception.

THE APPLICANT HEREBY APPEALS:

for action of zoning official for a variance for a special exception

Applicant(s)
Name: BARRY Colberton (We) Email: Coust, UC)
Address: 259 Winstead & West Union S.C. 29696
Telephone: 864 710 6490 — Mobile: Email: Colberton builterism builterism

Appeal from Action of Enforcement Official Application

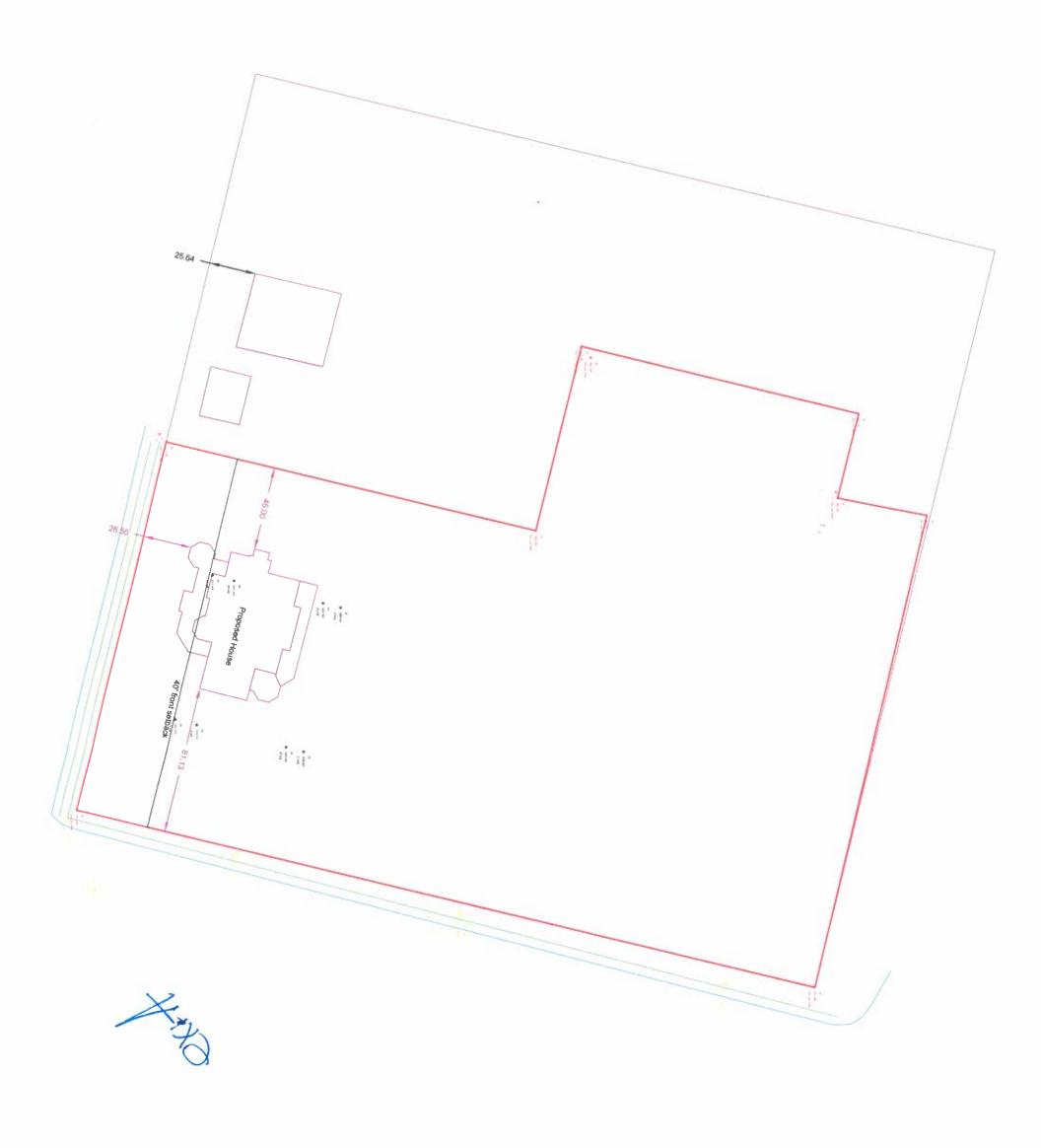
1.	Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals from the active property described on the grounds that: □ Granting □ Denial of □ Denial	an application of a permit to
	was erroneous and contrary to provisions of the zoning ordinance in	Section
	or other action/decision of the Zoning Official was erroneous, as follo	
2.	Applicant is aggrieved by the action or decision in that:	
3.	Applicant contends that the correct interpretation of the zoning ordin	nance as applied to the property is:
4.	4. Applicant requests the following relief:	
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	For Official Use	
Date	Date of Hearing: Board of Zoning Appeals' De	ecision:
	Reason: Board of Zoning Appeals Chair:	

Request for Variance Application

	1.	Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance from the strict application to the
		property described on page 1 of this application of the following provisions of Zoning Ordinance:
		Allow us to move the Home Forward (South) 15 Feet juto existing selb!
		so that a zoning permit may be issued to allow use of the property in a manner shown on the attached plot
		plan, described as follows: Residential Home, FORWARD to Align More
		with existing structure and save All pecan tree's is our desire,
		for which a permit has been denied by a zoning official on the grounds that the proposal would be in
		violation of the cited sections(s) of the Zoning Ordinance.
	2.	The application of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set
		by State law and the ordinance are met by the following facts.
		***NOTE: All of the standards set forth in a, b, c and d below must be met before the Board of Appeals can grant a variance. ***
		a. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as follows: Mature Pecus Trees that we do not want to disturb.
		b. These conditions do not generally apply to the property in the vicinity as shown by:
		c. Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property
		set back would place the to close to 2 existing mature secur
		d. The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent property or
		to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by granting the variance for
		the following reasons: It would Allow Home to be more Aligned
		with neighboring structures AND SAUR & Decon frees
	3.	The following documents are submitted in support of this application: (A plot plan must be submitted.)
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		For Official Use
	D.	ate of Hearing: Board of Zoning Appeals' Decision:
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Request for Special Exception Application

	, , , ,	pard of Zoning Appeals for a special exception for use of the property
	described on page 1 of this applica	tion as:
	which is a permitted special except	tion under the district regulation in Section
	of the Zoning Ordinance.	
2.	Applicant will meet the standard in	Section of the Zoning Ordinance which
		cial exception in the following manner:
3.	Applicant suggests that the followi	ng conditions be imposed to meet the standards in the Zoning
4.		nitted in support of this application: (A plot plan must be submitted.)
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pplica		Date:
		Date:
, Da	ant's Signature:	For Official Use Board of Zoning Appeals' Decision:



Photographs







Applicant: Barry Culbertson

Location: Corner of East Main Street and North Johnson Street

City of Walhalla, SC Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Chapter 330. Zoning and Subdivision

Part 1. Zoning

Article IV. Requirements by District

§ 330-1.20. HC Highway Commercial District.

A. Purpose.

- (1) It is the intent of this section that the HC Zoning District be developed and reserved for general business purposes and compatible residential activities, with particular consideration for the automobile-oriented commercial development existing or proposed along arterial streets. The regulations which apply within this district are designed to encourage the formation and continuation of compatible and economic uses which benefit from being located in close proximity to each other; and to discourage any encroachment by industrial or other uses considered capable of adversely affecting the basic mixed-use character of the district.
- (2) If a property contained within the HC District is also included in the Downtown Development Overlay District, the requirements of § **330-1.10A** of this Part **1** will also apply to said property. See § **330-1.25** for sign standards for properties within the overlay district.
- B. Permitted uses. The following uses shall be permitted in any HC Zoning District:
 - (1) Any retail or wholesale business involving the sale or rental of merchandise on the premises, as set forth for the OC Zoning District, § **330-1.19B(1)**.
 - (2) Business involving the rendering of personal service as set forth for the OC Zoning District, § **330-1.19B(2)**.
 - (3) Residential activities as described in the MFR Zoning District.
 - (4) Off-street commercial parking lot or public garage.
 - (5) Hotel, tourist home, boardinghouse, rooming house, bed-and-breakfast or motel.
 - (6) Commercial recreation facility, specifically including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Billiard parlor, pool parlor and game room.
 - (b) Theater.
 - (c) Bowling alley.
 - (d) Golf course (including driving range or par-three operation); including such activities customarily considered to be auxiliary to a golf course.
 - (7) Eating or drinking establishment including drive-in or curb service.
 - (8) Horticultural activities, or plant nursery and sales.

- (9) Automobile sales, new or used, as provided by one of the following:
 - (a) Parking and service areas are separated from adjoining residential properties by a suitable screen, fence with no more than 20% voids or wall at least six feet in height above finished grade.
- (10) Any commercial establishment selling or serving alcoholic beverages, whether consumed on the premises or not.
- C. Conditional uses. The following uses are set forth for the HC Zoning Districts and subject to the conditions:
 - (1) Automobile laundry or car wash, provided an off-street paved parking area is provided and no standing water, safety hazard or impediment to traffic movement is created by the operation of such an establishment, and provided there is no open storage of wrecked vehicles, dismantled parts or parts visible beyond the premises.
 - (2) Animal hospital or boarding facility, provided all boarding arrangements are maintained within a building, except for exercise facilities.
 - (3) Meat, fish or poultry shop, provided that no slaughtering is permitted. Any cleaning of fish or poultry necessary for such use may be permitted, provided that cleaning activities are within the main building on the premises, and waste is removed daily.
 - (4) Open yard uses for the sale, rental or storage of materials or equipment, excluding junk or other salvage, provided that such uses are separated from adjoining residential properties by a suitable planted screen, and fence or wall at least six feet in height above finished grade.
 - (5) All conditional uses set forth in the OC Zoning District.
 - (6) Major retailers, provided they adhere to the following conditions: They must comply with the Downtown Design Guidelines. [Added 9-21-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-17]
- D. Special exception uses. Certain uses within any HC Zoning District are to be special exception uses pursuant to the requirements and procedures of § **330-1.47** and all subsections and all conditions stipulated herein:
 - (1) Gasoline filling stations. In addition to all conditions of the special exception use permit, at a minimum all pumps must be set back at least 25 feet from the right-of-way line of all abutting streets. No junk or salvage vehicles shall be stored on site.
 - (2) Automobile service station (not gasoline stations) involving major repairs, body and fender work, painting or the sale or rental of new or used cars, trucks, trailers of any type or boats. No junk or salvage vehicles shall be stored on site. All provisions of § **330-1.49**, Performance standards, must be met.
 - (3) Communication towers.
- E. Other requirements. Unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this Part 1, uses permitted in HC Zoning Districts shall be required to conform to the standards set forth in all other relevant portions of this Part 1.
 - (1) In addition, to minimize congestion at business access points, the following limitation shall apply to all arterial streets in the HC Zoning District. There shall be no more than two access points on an arterial street for every one lot of record; provided, however, that:
 - (a) If a primary access to a lot of record is available on an intersecting street, then access on the arterial street shall be limited to one access per lot of record; and
 - (b) Such access on an arterial street is granted only provided that there is a minimum of 80 feet from such access to the right-of-way of any intersecting street. This shall be limited to

one access per lot of record; and

- (c) There shall be no more than one access point granted within a given 50 feet of frontage.
- (2) Minimum lot size: 20,000 square feet.
- (3) Minimum setback requirements.
 - (a) Front: 40 feet.
 - (b) Side: 10 feet on either side, but the total shall not be less than 25 feet.
 - (c) Rear: 20 feet.
- (4) Maximum height of building: four stories or 56 feet.
 [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]
- (5) Maximum structure surface coverage of lot: 60%.
- (6) Rear yard setback areas may be used for parking.
- (7) Parking shall be located in the rear or side yard of the use. Parking areas existing when this ordinance provision became effective may be used to meet parking needs for reuse of existing buildings in the HC District.



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THE APPLICANT HEREBY APPEALS: □ for action of zoning official □ for a variance □ for a special exception
Applicant(s) Name: Kendall Robinson Address: 6432 Cunningham Rd Houston Tx 77041 Telephone: 281-345-4488 Mobile: Email: 6911ffey Cpnnce Signs. 0
Owner(s) (If other than the applicant) Name: Kent Properties Carolina, LLC. Address: PO BOX 90800 Midland TX 79708 Telephone: 432-520-4000 Mobile: Email:
Designation of Agent (Complete, if the owner is not applicant) I (we) hereby appoint the person named as Applicant as my (our) agent to represent me (us) in this application. Owner's Signature: Date:
Interest Applicant holds the following interest: Owner Adjacent Owner Other, please explain
Property Description 235 E. Main St. Property Address: 25 E. Main St.
TMS #: Zoning District: Acreage:
Plat Book: Page #:
I (we) certify that the information in this application and the attached is correct. Applicant's Signature: Date: $1/16/23$
Applicant's Signature.

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	for wh	ich a permit has been denied by a zoning official on the grounds that the proposal would be in
	violatio	on of the cited sections(s) of the Zoning Ordinance.
2.	The ap	plication of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and the standards for a variance set
	by Stat	te law and the ordinance are met by the following facts.
		***NOTE: All of the standards set forth in a, b, c and d below must be met
		before the Board of Appeals can grant a variance. ***
	a.	There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property as follows: Sign will be moved into entrance
	b.	These conditions do not generally apply to the property in the vicinity as shown by:
	D.	Other properties have more frontage for signage.
	C.	Because of these conditions, the application of the ordinance to the particular piece of property
		would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property as follows:
	d.	It Will put Sign in drive way entrance and will require additional sconcrete cut in for curbs. The authorization of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to the adjacent property or
		to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by granting the variance for
		the following reasons: this allowance will not change
		anything + will be putting a new sign in the same
3.	The fol	lowing documents are submitted in support of this application: (A plot plan must be submitted.)
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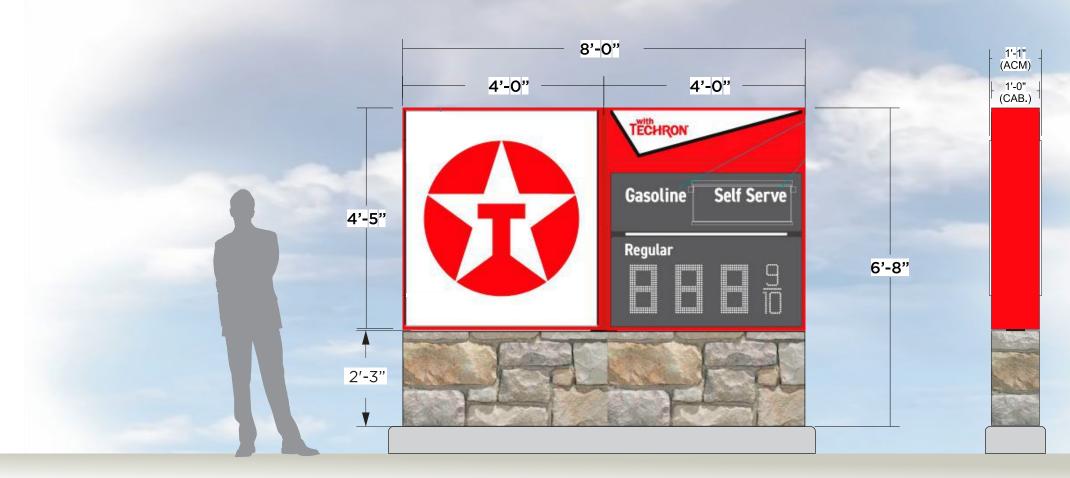
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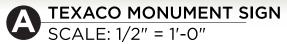
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BASE - STONE T.B.D. - TO MATCH BLDG.

Tx45 - MONUMENT 34.66 SQ FT









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BOUNTYLAND 702 - SC PROJECT # 3049 DATE 12/30/22

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235 E Main Street Walhalla, SC 29691

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SHEET DETAILS A SCALE: AS NOTED RUNNING SHEET NUMBER

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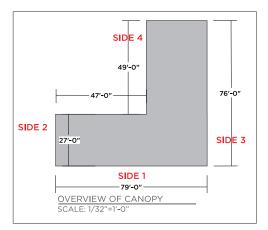
REMOVE & DISPOSE: EXISTING SIGNAGE FROM CANOPY.

INSTALL NEW VENDOR SUPPLIED NON-ILLUMINATED HALLMARK CAPSULE, NEW ACM PANELS, APPROPRIATE DOWN LIGHTING TO EXISTING CANOPY

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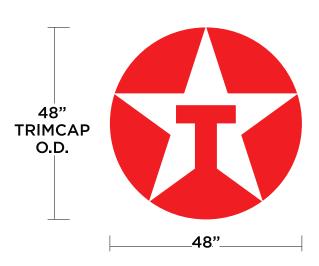




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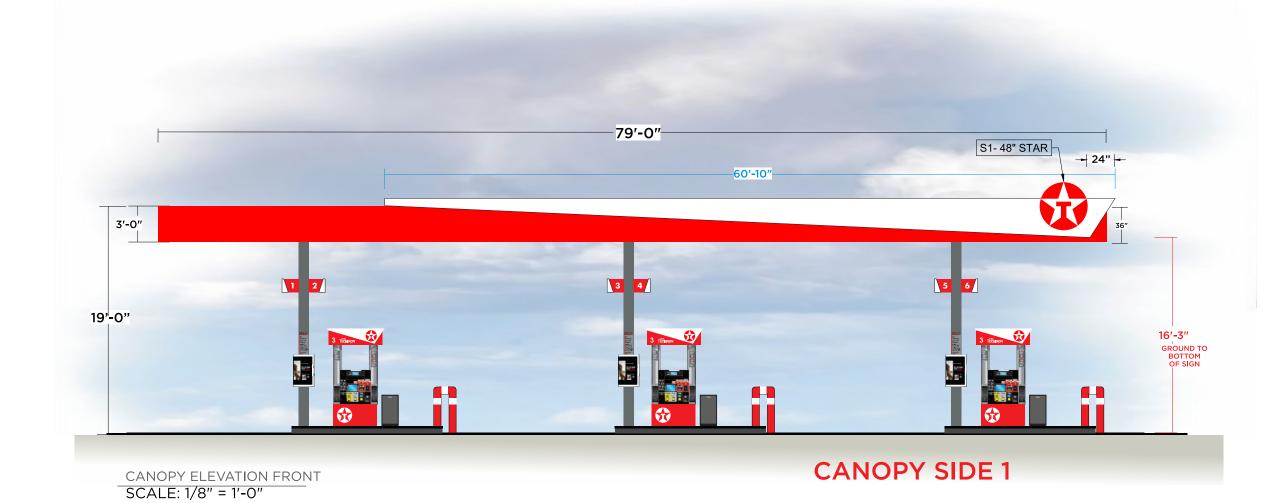
(2) "TEXACO" WORD-MARK (1) "STAR T" HALLMARK LOGO

TTL PUMPS IN STATION 3 GAS - 1 per island



SIGN SQ FT: 4 sq ft







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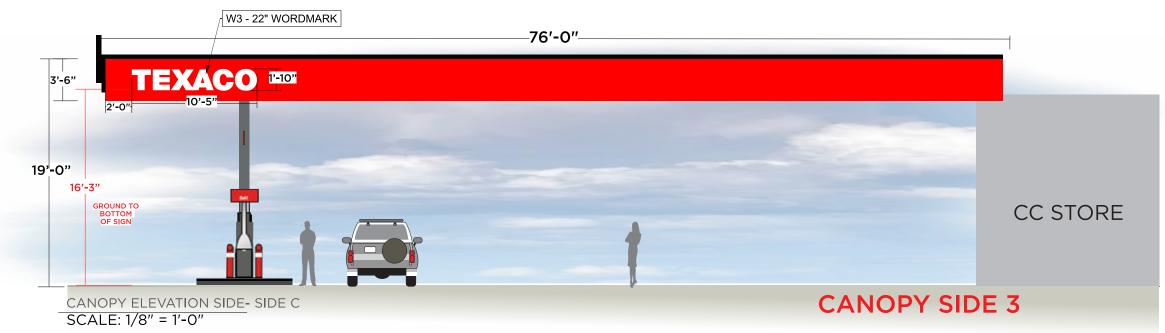
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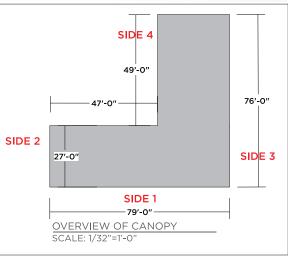
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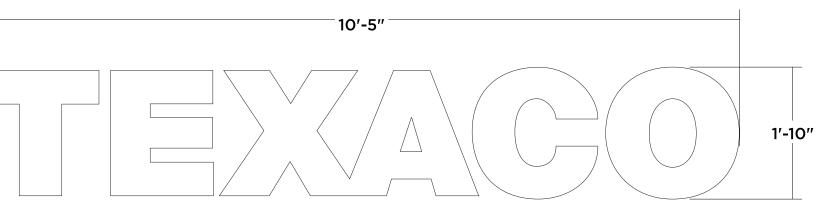
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SIGN SQ FT: 19.10 sq ft 26.40 watts

RETURNS: 5" DEEP .040" ALUMINUM COLOR: BLACK FACES: WHITE LEXAN FACE BACK: .063 WHITE ALUMINUM BACK ILLUMINATION: INTERIOR WHITE LEDS **POWER SUPPLIES:**

MOUNTING: MIN. 3/8" X 5" FASTENERS FLUSH MOUNTED (NON-CORROSIVE)

TRIM CAP: 1" TRIM CAP MOLDING

ACM PANELS MOUNTED TO TOP OFGAS CANOPY

HOUSED BEHIND ACM PANELS IN WEATHER PROOF BOX

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FRONT LIT CHANNEL LETTERS SCALE: 3/4"=1'-0"

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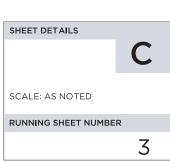
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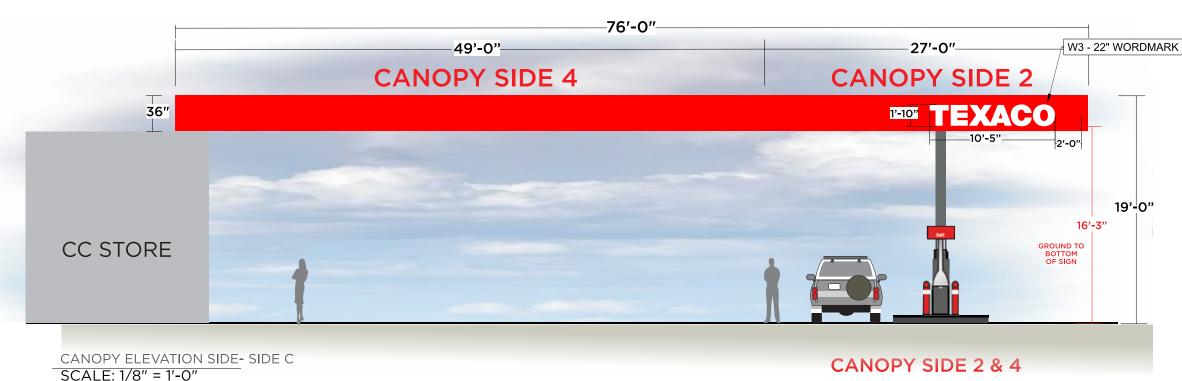


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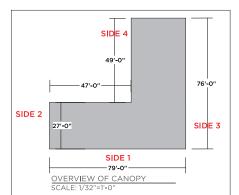
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10'-5' 1'-10"

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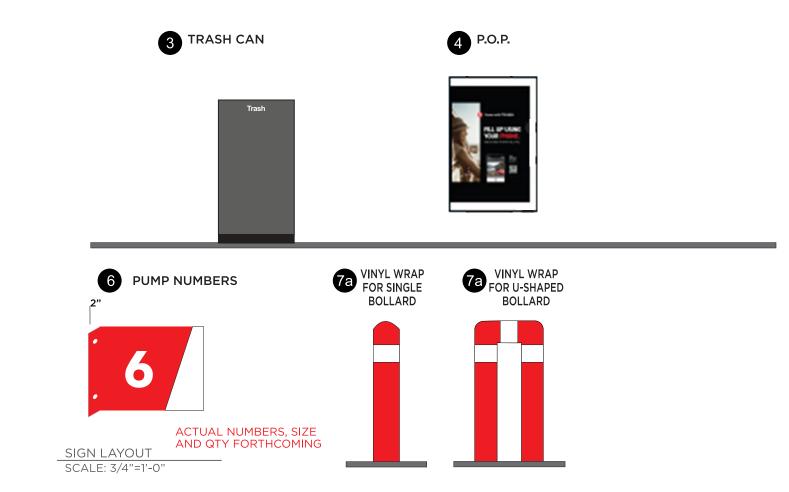
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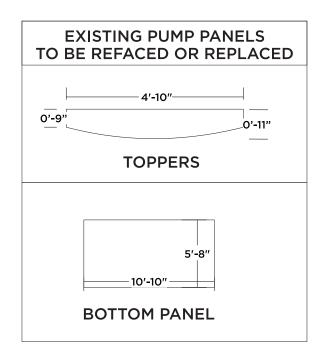
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- *2 Pumpskirt/Dispenser Decals (retrofit)
- 3 Combo Trash Valet
- 4 P.O.P. Display
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- 7 Bollard Decals

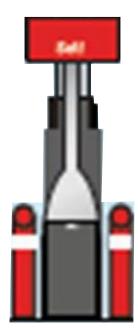
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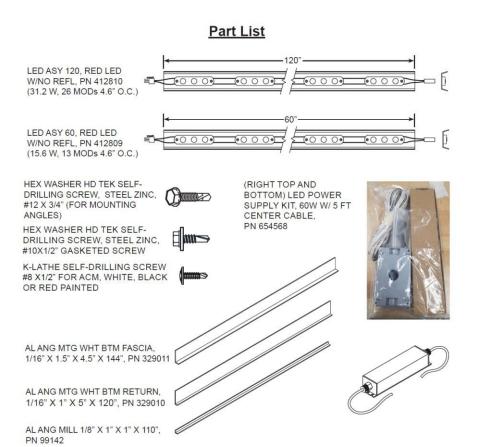
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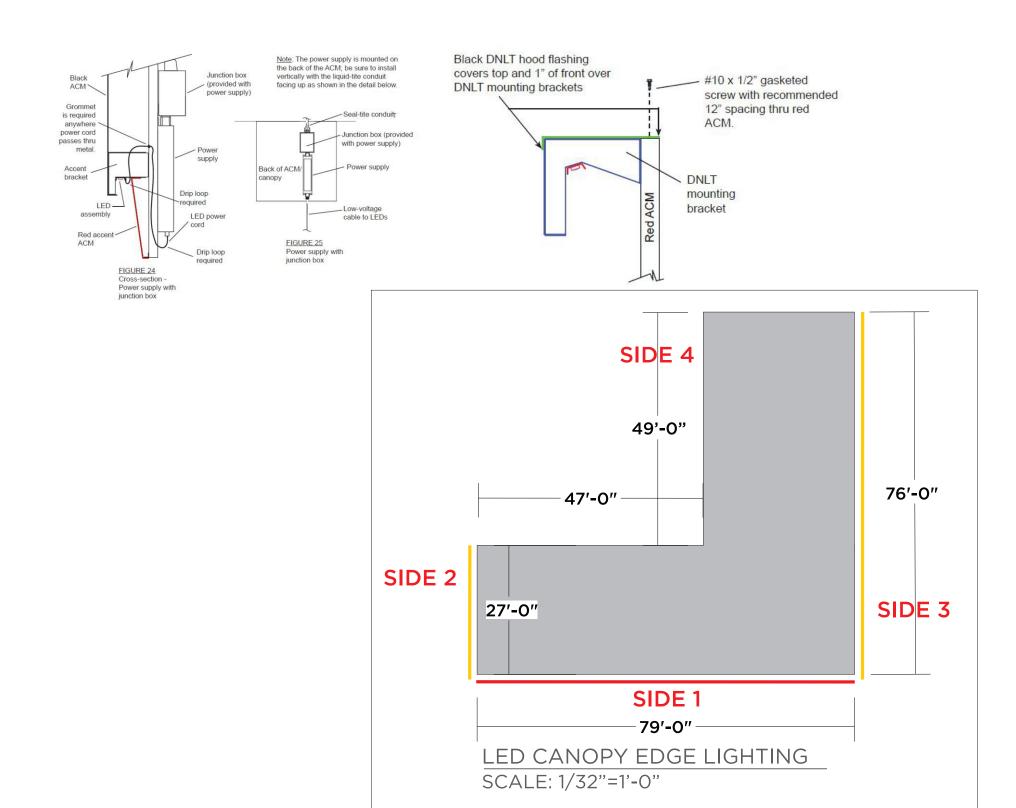
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CANOPY LED EDGE LIGHTING





APPROPRIATE DOWNLIGHTING DETAILS TO BE SUPPLIED BY VENDOR



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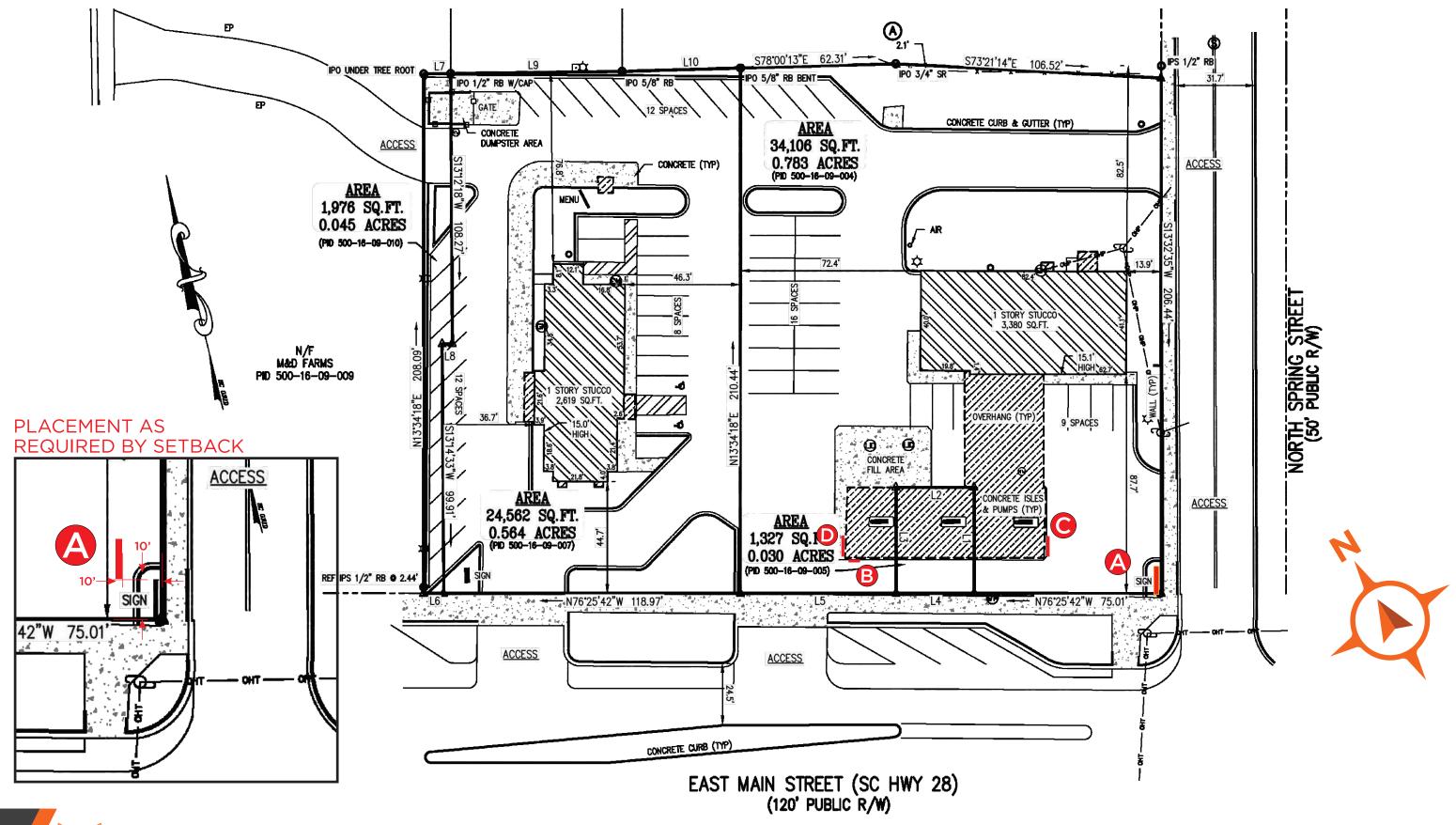
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Applicant: Barbara Griffey

Location: East Main Street

§ 330-1.24. Purpose and applicability.

The purpose of this City of Walhalla Sign Ordinance is to protect public safety and welfare and to ensure the maintenance of an orderly community sign environment, while satisfying the needs of the sign owners for adequate identification, communication and advertising. This article regulates the number, size, placement and physical characteristics of signs, exempts certain signs and requires permits for certain signs. From and after the adoption of this article, no sign may be erected within the City of Walhalla unless it conforms to the requirements of this article.

§ 330-1.25. General regulations.

A. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ABANDONED SIGN — A sign structure that has ceased to be used, and the owner intends no longer to have used, for the display of sign copy, or as otherwise defined by state law.

ANIMATED SIGN — A sign employing actual motion or the illusion of motion. Animated signs, which are differentiated from changeable signs as defined and regulated by this code, include the following types:

- (1) Electrically activated: Animated signs producing the illusion of movement by means of electronic, electrical or electromechanical input and/or illumination capable of simulating movement through employment of the characteristics of one or both of the classifications noted in Subsections (a) and (b) as follows:
 - (a) Flashing: Animated signs or animated portions of signs where the illumination is characterized by a repetitive cycle in which the period of illumination is either the same as or less than the period of nonillumination. For the purposes of this article, "flashing" will not be defined as occurring if the cyclical period between on-off phases of illumination exceeds four seconds.
 - (b) Patterned illusionary movement: Animated signs or animated portions of signs where the illumination is characterized by simulated movement through alternate or sequential activation of various illuminated elements for the purpose of producing repetitive light patterns designed to appear in some form of constant motion.
- (2) Environmentally activated: Animated signs or devices motivated by wind, thermal changes or other natural environmental input. Includes spinners, pinwheels, pennant strings and/or other devices or displays that respond to naturally occurring external motivation.
- (3) Mechanically activated: Animated signs characterized by repetitive motion and/or rotation activated by a mechanical system powered by electric motors or other mechanically induced means.

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTION — Any projection that is not intended for

occupancy and that extends beyond the face of an exterior wall of a building, but that does not include signs as defined herein. See also "awning"; "backlit awning"; and "canopy, attached and freestanding."

AWNING — An architectural projection or shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building and composed of a covering of rigid or nonrigid materials and/or fabric on a supporting framework that may be either permanent or retractable, including such structures that are internally illuminated by fluorescent or other light sources.

AWNING SIGN — A sign displayed on or attached flat against the surface or surfaces of an awning. See also "wall or fascia sign."

BACKLIT AWNING — An awning with a translucent covering material and a source of illumination contained within its framework.

BANNER — A sign, with or without characters, letters, illustrations or ornamentation, applied to cloth, paper, plastic or natural or synthetic fabric of any kind, with only such material for a backing. For purposes of this article, a banner is defined only as a temporary sign when used outdoors.

BANNER SIGN — A sign utilizing a banner as its display surface.

BILLBOARD — See "off-premises sign" and "outdoor advertising sign."

BUILDING ELEVATION — The entire side of a building, from ground level to the roofline, as viewed perpendicular to the walls on that side of the building.

CANOPY (ATTACHED) — A multisided overhead structure or architectural projection supported by attachments to a building on one or more sides and either cantilevered from such building or also supported by columns at additional points. The surface(s) and/or soffit of an attached canopy may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light. See also "marquee."

CANOPY (FREESTANDING) — A multisided overhead structure supported by columns, but not enclosed by walls. The surface(s) and/or soffit of a freestanding canopy may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light.

CANOPY SIGN — A sign affixed to the visible surface(s) of an attached or freestanding canopy.

CHANGEABLE SIGN — A sign with the capability of content change by means of manual or remote input, including signs which are:

(1) Electrically activated: changeable sign where the message copy or content can be changed by means of remote electrically energized on-off switching combinations of alphabetic or pictographic components arranged on a display surface. Illumination may be integral to the components, such as characterized by lamps or other light-emitting devices; or it may be from an external light source designed to reflect off the changeable component display. See also "electronic message sign or center."

COMBINATION SIGN — A sign that is supported partly by a pole and partly by a building structure.¹

DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX SIGN — A freestanding sign identifying a multiple-occupancy development, such as a shopping center or planned industrial park, which is controlled by a single owner or landlord.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN — Any sign that is designed and erected for the purpose of providing direction and/or orientation for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

DOUBLE-FACED SIGN — A sign with two faces, back to back.

ELECTRIC SIGN — Any sign activated or illuminated by means of electrical energy.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN OR CENTER — An electrically activated changeable sign where the variable message capability can be electronically programmed.

EXTERIOR SIGN — Any sign placed outside a building.

FASCIA SIGN — See "wall or fascia sign."

FLASHING SIGN — See "animated sign, electrically activated."

FREESTANDING SIGN — A sign principally supported by a structure affixed to the ground, and not supported by a building, including signs supported by one or more columns, poles or braces placed in or upon the ground.

FRONTAGE (BUILDING) — The length of an exterior building wall or structure of a single premises orientated to the public way or other properties that it faces.

FRONTAGE (PROPERTY) — The length of the property line(s) of any single premises along either a public way or other properties on which it borders.

GROUND SIGN — See "freestanding sign."

ILLUMINATED SIGN — A sign characterized by the use of artificial light, either projecting through its surface(s) (internally illuminated) or reflecting off its surface(s) (externally illuminated).

INTERIOR SIGN — Any sign placed within a building, but not including window signs as defined by this article. Interior signs, with the exception of window signs as defined, are not regulated by this chapter.

MANSARD — An inclined decorative rooflike projection that is attached to an exterior building facade.

MARQUEE — See "canopy (attached)."

MARQUEE SIGN — See "canopy sign."

MENU BOARD — A freestanding sign orientated to the drive-through lane for a restaurant that advertises the menu items available from the drive-through window, and which has not more than 20% of the total area for such a sign utilized for business identification.

^{1.} Editor's Note: The definition of "copy," which immediately followed this definition, was repealed at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

MONUMENT SIGN — A ground-mounted sign in which the area between the bottom edge of the sign and the ground is substantially filled with a solid architectural material. Solid architectural materials include wood, brick, stone, masonry or hard-coat stucco, but do not include aluminum or similar materials.

MULTIPLE-FACED SIGN — A sign containing three or more faces.

OFF-PREMISES SIGN — See "outdoor advertising sign."

ON-PREMISES SIGN — A sign erected, maintained or used in the outdoor environment for the purpose of the display of messages appurtenant to the use of, products sold on or the sale or lease of the property on which it is displayed.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN — A permanent sign erected, maintained or used in the outdoor environment for the purpose of the display of commercial or noncommercial messages not appurtenant to the use of, products sold on or the sale or lease of the property on which it is displayed.

PARAPET — The extension of a building facade above the line of the structural roof.

POLE SIGN — See "freestanding sign."

POLITICAL SIGN — A temporary sign intended to advance a political statement, cause or candidate for office. A legally permitted outdoor advertising sign shall not be considered to be a political sign.

PORTABLE SIGN — Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or to a building or building surface.

PROJECTION SIGN — A sign other than a wall sign that is attached to or projects more than 18 inches (457 mm) from a building face or wall or from a structure where the primary purpose is other than the support of a sign.

REAL ESTATE SIGN — A temporary sign advertising the sale, lease or rental of the property or premises upon which it is located.

REVOLVING SIGN — A sign that revolves 360° (6.28 rad) about an axis. See also "animated sign, mechanically activated."

ROOFLINE — The top edge of a peaked roof or, in the case of an extended facade or parapet, the uppermost point of said facade or parapet.

ROOF SIGN — A sign mounted on, and supported by, the main roof portion of a building, or above the uppermost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such a building. Signs mounted on mansard facades, pent eaves and architectural projections, such as canopies or marquees, shall not be considered to be roof signs.

SANDWICH BOARD SIGN — A freestanding temporary sign, with no moving parts or lights, which is displayed outside a business during business hours to advertise the business, hours of operation, an event or a promotion. It is not intended as a permanent business sign.[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

SIGN — Any device visible from a public place that displays either commercial or noncommercial messages by means of graphic presentation of alphabetic or pictorial symbols or representations. Noncommercial flags or any flags displayed from flagpoles or staffs will not be considered to be signs.

SIGN AREA — The area of the smallest geometric figure, or the sum of the combination of regular geometric figures, which comprises the sign face. The area of a sphere shall be computed as the area of a circle. The area of all other multiple-sided signs shall be computed as 50% of the sum of the area of all faces of the sign. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

SIGN COPY — Those letters, numerals, figures, symbols, logos and graphic elements comprising the content or message of a sign, exclusive of numerals identifying a street address only.

SIGN FACE — The surface upon, against or through which the sign copy is displayed or illustrated, not including structural supports, architectural features of a building or sign structure, nonstructural or decorative trim or any areas that are separated from the background surface upon which the sign copy is displayed by a distinct delineation, such as a reveal or border.

- (1) In the case of panel or cabinet-type signs, the sign face shall include the entire area of the sign panel, cabinet or face substrate upon which the sign copy is displayed or illustrated, but not open space between separate panels or cabinets.
- (2) In the case of sign structures with routed areas of sign copy, the sign face shall include the entire area of the surface that is routed, except where interrupted by a reveal, border or a contrasting surface or color.
- (3) In the case of signs painted on a building, or individual letters or graphic elements affixed to a building or structure, the sign face shall comprise the sum of the geometric figures or combination of regular geometric figures drawn closest to the edge of the letters or separate graphic elements comprising the sign copy, but not the open space between separate groupings of sign copy on the same building or structure.
- (4) In the case of sign copy enclosed within a painted or illuminated border, or displayed on a background contrasting in color with the color of the building or structure, the sign face shall comprise the area within the contrasting background, or within the painted or illuminated border.

SIGN STRUCTURE — Any structure supporting a sign.

TEMPORARY SIGN —

(1) A sign intended to display either commercial or noncommercial messages of a transitory or temporary nature. Portable signs or any sign not permanently embedded in the ground, or not intended to be permanently affixed to a building or sign structure that is permanently embedded in the ground, are

considered temporary signs.

- (2) Types of temporary signs.
 - (a) GRAND OPENING SIGN A sign that displays the words "Grand Opening" to announce the opening of a new business.
 - (b) INTERIM SIGN A sign intended to provide signage while the permanent sign is being fabricated, repaired or prepared for installation.
 - (c) TEMPORARY PROMOTIONAL SIGN A sign intended to attract attention to a use or activity for a limited number of events.
 - (d) TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT SIGN A sign for special community activities or seasonal events.

UNDER-CANOPY SIGN or UNDER-MARQUEE SIGN — A sign attached to the underside of a canopy or marquee.

V SIGN — A sign containing two faces of approximately equal size, erected upon common or separate structures, positioned in a "V" shape with an interior angle between faces of not more than 90° (1.57 rad), with the distance between the sign faces not exceeding five feet (1524 mm) at their closest point.

WALL OR FASCIA SIGN — A sign that is in any manner affixed to any exterior wall of a building or structure and that projects not more than 18 inches (457 mm) from the building or structure wall, including signs affixed to architectural projections from a building, provided the copy area of such signs remains on a parallel plane to the face of the building facade or to the face or faces of the architectural projection to which it is affixed.

WINDOW SIGN — A sign affixed to the surface of a window with its message intended to be visible to and readable from the public way or from adjacent property.

- B. Exempt signs. The following signs are exempt from the provisions of this article and require no permit:
 - (1) Traffic, directional, warning or information signs authorized by any public agency.
 - (2) Official notices authorized by any court, public agency or official.
 - (3) Institutional signs, not to exceed 20 square feet, for any public, charitable, educational, medical or religious institution.
 - (4) Building nameplates with related inscription, memorial plaques and cornerstones, when made an integral part of a building or structure.
 - (5) Flags and flagpoles.
 - (6) On-site directional signs, not to exceed six square feet in area.

- (7) One-time auction signs, not to exceed six square feet in area.
- (8) Private property postings related to trespassing or public safety.
- (9) Religious symbols and seasonal decorations within the appropriate public holiday season.
- (10) "Open house" signs, not to exceed four square feet in area.
- (11) Temporary unlighted real estate (for sale, rent, lease) signs for residential, not to exceed four square feet in area, or for commercial, not to exceed 32 square feet in area, per property, and not to exceed eight feet in height, are allowed, provided the proper permit or business license has been obtained. The signs shall be removed not later than five days after the execution of a lease agreement or closing of the sale. Banner-type signs are not permitted.
- (12) Political signs, subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) Such signs shall not exceed a height of eight feet or a total area of 32 square feet.
 - (b) Such signs for election candidates or ballot propositions shall be displayed on public rights-of-way only for a period of 15 days preceding the election and shall be removed within 10 days after the election, provided that signs promoting successful candidates or ballot propositions in a primary election or unopposed primary candidates and certified petition candidates may remain displayed until not more than 10 days after the general election. Political signs may not be displayed in the medians or rights-of-way on Main Street from Ann Street to Tugaloo Street. [Amended 4-20-2021 by Ord. No. 2021-4]
 - (c) The maximum number of political signs per street frontage will be one every 25 feet.
- C. Prohibited signs. The following signs are prohibited:
 - (1) Strobe or neon lights, and signs containing strobe, LED or flashing lights which are visible beyond the property line. This does not include a storefront stationary lit, open/closed sign.
 - (2) Any sign attached to, or placed on, a vehicle or trailer parked on public or private property, except for signs meeting the following conditions:
 - (a) The primary purpose of such a vehicle or trailer is not the display of signs.
 - (b) The signs are magnetic, decals or painted upon an integral part of the vehicle or equipment as originally designed by the manufacturer, and do not break the silhouette of the vehicle.
 - (c) The vehicle or trailer is in operating condition, currently registered and licensed to operate on public streets when applicable, and actively used

or available for use in the daily function of the business to which such signs relate.

- (3) Abandoned signs.
- (4) Rooftop signs.
- (5) Off-premises signs.
- (6) Contractor's signs.
- (7) A sign or sign structure which obstructs free and clear vision at intersections, or by its position, shape or color may interfere with or obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device.
- D. Permitted signs. The following signs are allowed, subject to the permitting requirements of § 330-1.26, Permitting process, and the applicable development regulations of this Part 1.
 - (1) Permanent freestanding business identification signs.
 - (a) Allowable area: not to exceed 36 square feet in area for a single business, or 120 square feet for multiple businesses on the same panel.
 - (b) Number. One freestanding sign is allowed for each developed site, lot or parcel on which a nonresidential use is constructed. Where a site or parcel fronts on more than one street, one freestanding sign is permitted for each street. Where two or more businesses or buildings occupy the same site or parcel controlled by a single owner or landlord (shopping center or industrial park), only one freestanding sign for the aggregate businesses shall be permitted per street frontage.
 - (c) Location. No freestanding sign shall:
 - [1] Be located nearer than five feet to any property line, nor shall such sign face overhang or extend beyond the property line or in any way impair visual clearance at driveway or street intersections.
 - [2] Be set back less than 10 feet from any street right-of-way line.
 - [3] Be permitted in the Downtown Development Overlay District unless it meets all Downtown Design Guidelines, is aesthetically appropriate and is approved by City Council.
 - (d) Height: not higher than eight feet above finished grade of the ground at the sign base, except a maximum height of 30 feet from the ground (pavement) is permitted in Highway Commercial or Light Industrial Districts only.
 - (e) In Office Commercial Districts, a sign may be of berm or solid base design. Application for berm design must be accompanied by a landscape maintenance plan.

(f) Where average elevation of a lot is lower than the finished grade of the abutting edge of the sidewalk, a pole or support may be permitted to raise the sign to the level allowed by height regulations.

- (g) Sign must be permanently affixed. A solid base sign shall be ground-mounted, solid all the way to the ground and constructed of wood, brick, masonry or similar durable materials.
- (2) Permanent signs attached to buildings.
 - (a) Allowable area. The total area of signs on the exterior front surface of a building shall not exceed 25% of the front surface area of the building. The same will be required of signage on the sides and rear surfaces of the buildings.
 - (b) Window coverage.
 - [1] In the Downtown Development Overlay District, window or door signs may occupy up to 25% of the storefront glass, and are only allowed on the first floor of the building. All window and door signage in excess of the allowable 25% of the storefront glass should be counted against the overall allowed sign area for that side of the building. Windows are not permitted to be covered on the interior or exterior by plastic, tarps, paper or similar materials unless undergoing active renovations or repairs. Coverage is limited to 90 days. Extension may be permitted where required with written request to the Zoning Administrator.
 - [2] Outside of the Downtown Development Overlay District, signage in or on windows, inside or outside, shall not exceed 50% of any front-facing window.
 - (c) No part of any sign attached to a building, in any manner, shall extend above the uppermost point of each building.
 - (d) Signs shall be limited to the use, business or profession conducted on the premises; except that a sign from a previous business, within that structure, that is otherwise significant or of historical value may be displayed, provided it is properly maintained by the present owner.
 - (e) Letters, decorations and facings of signs shall be constructed of durable materials approved by the Building Official.
 - (f) Restaurants shall be permitted to display one menu (in an enclosed case) or menu board, provided that such shall not exceed nine square feet.
- (3) Awnings/Canopies.
 - (a) Awnings/Canopies shall be no closer than 18 inches to a vertical plane at the street curbline and have a minimum height of 8.5 feet above the sidewalk. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General

Provisions, Art. II)]

- (b) Awning/Canopy signs shall consist of the name of the business and numerical address only, with copy area not to exceed an area equal to 25% of the background area of the awning/canopy.
- (4) Temporary signs. Temporary signs are permitted to be erected no more than 30 days prior to such sale or grand opening; provided such exhibits are removed within seven day after the event; and further provided that not more than one extension of 30 days may be granted upon request, and no exhibit shall be re-permitted within six months of the time it, or a similar display, is removed from the premises. In the Downtown Development Overlay District, a maximum of two temporary signs are permitted per property. Maximum sign area is 18 square feet per sign.
- (5) Sandwich board signs.
 - (a) Sandwich board signs will be limited to a maximum area of nine square feet in area per side and cannot exceed 42 inches in height. They shall not be placed more than five feet from the front of the primary entrance of the business and be displayed only during business hours of the business utilizing the sandwich board. Only one sandwich board sign per business is allowed; and sandwich board signs shall not be allowed within a roadway or public right-of-way, except in cases where the Zoning Administrator may approve a permit for it to be located within a public sidewalk directly adjacent to a business. In such cases it shall not be placed so as to cause the width of the sidewalk to be reduced below four feet in width, nor shall it prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, or window or fire escape.
 - (b) Signs must be stored inside when the business is closed.

§ 330-1.26. Permitting process.

A. Permits.

- (1) Permits required. Unless specifically exempted, a permit must be obtained from, and approved by, the Zoning Administrator for the erection, alteration, construction, reconstruction, attachment to the exterior of any building, temporary and maintenance of all signs erected or maintained within the City of Walhalla and in accordance with other ordinances of this jurisdiction. Exemptions from the necessity of securing a permit, however, shall not be construed to relieve the owner of the sign involved from responsibility for its erection and maintenance in a safe manner and in a manner in accordance with all other provisions of this Part 1.
- (2) Construction documents. Before any permit is granted for the erection of a sign or sign structure requiring such permit, construction documents shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator showing the dimensions, materials and required

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- details of construction, including loads, stresses, anchorage and any other pertinent data. The permit application shall be accompanied by the written consent of the owner or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is to be erected and by engineering calculations signed and sealed by a registered design professional where required by the International Building Code.
- (3) Changes to signs. No sign shall be structurally altered, enlarged or relocated, except in conformity to the provisions herein, nor until a proper permit, if required, has been secured. The changing or maintenance of movable parts or components of an approved sign that is designed for such changes, or the changing of copy, business names, lettering, sign faces, colors, display and/or graphic matter, or the content of any sign shall not be deemed a structural alteration.
- (4) Permit fees. Permit fees to erect, alter or relocate a sign shall be in accordance with the fee schedule adopted within the City of Walhalla.
- B. Development standards. All signs allowed by this article must comply with the following development standards:
 - (1) Clearance. Clearances are measured from the grade directly below the sign to the bottom of the sign structure enclosing the sign face.
 - (a) Visual clearance. No sign may be located within a vision clearance area as defined by § 330-1.41 of this Part 1, and no support structure for a sign may be located in a vision clearance area unless the diameter is 12 inches or less. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]
 - (b) Vehicle area clearance. When a sign extends over a private area where vehicles travel or are parked, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least 14 feet above grade. Vehicle areas include driveways, alleys, parking lots, loading zones and maneuvering areas.
 - (c) Pedestrian area clearance. When a sign extends over private sidewalks or walkways, the bottom of the sign structure shall be at least 8.5 feet above the grade.
 - (d) Required yards and setbacks. The sign face of a sign structure may be erected in required yards and setbacks, but no closer than five feet to any property line.
 - (2) Sign measurement.
 - (a) Sign face area.
 - [1] The area of sign faces enclosed in frames or cabinets is determined based on the outer dimensions of the frame or cabinet surrounding the sign face. Sign area does not include foundations or supports. Only one side, the largest single face, of a double-faced or V-shaped

freestanding sign is counted. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]

- [2] When a sign is on a base material and attached without a frame, such as a wood board or Plexiglas panel, the dimensions of the base material are to be used unless it is clear that part of the base contains no sign-related display or decoration.
- [3] When signs are constructed of individual pieces attached to a building wall, sign area is determined by a perimeter drawn around all the pieces.
- [4] For sign structures containing multiple modules oriented in the same direction, the modules together are counted as one sign face.
- [5] For a round or three-dimensional sign, the maximum surface area visible at one time is counted to determine sign face area.
- (3) Sign design, construction and maintenance.
 - (a) All signs, except those protected by transparent cover, shall be constructed of materials which will not rapidly deteriorate, fade, fall apart or otherwise become a hazard to public safety and the general welfare. The sign shall be securely fastened and placed to withstand adverse weather.
 - (b) All signs allowed under this article must comply with applicable requirements of the International Building Code, National Electrical Code and other applicable federal, state or local codes.
 - (c) All signs shall be kept free from defective or missing parts or peeling paint. The Zoning Administrator shall possess the authority to order painting, repair or alteration of a sign which constitutes a hazard to the public health, safety, general welfare or has lost its visual integrity by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or obsolescence. Notice of such repair shall be given to the owner by personal service, or registered mail, return receipt requested.
 - (d) The immediate premises around a sign shall be kept free from litter and debris.
- (4) Removal of nonconforming signs.
 - (a) Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, or product sold, shall be taken down and removed by the owner of the property, or agent thereof, whereon the sign may be found, unless the sign falls within the exception granted by § 330-1.25D(2)(d) of this article. Such removal is to take place within a period of 30 days following cessation of effective use of the sign or closing of the business. [Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch.

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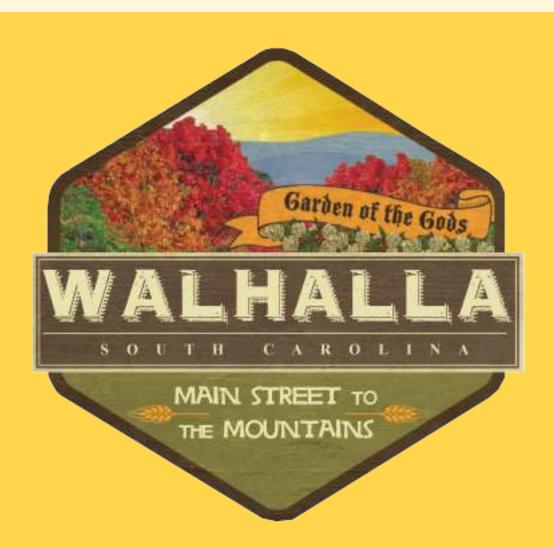
(b) All signs and sign structures, with the exception of freestanding signs, billboards and monument signs, which are nonconforming to the standards of this article, but which were lawfully erected under the requirement of previously existing regulations, shall be removed by the owner of the sign or owner of the property upon which the sign is erected within 120 days from the effective date of this article. The lawful use of a nonconforming freestanding sign, billboard or monument sign may be continued indefinitely. However, should the cost of any proposed replacement, based on damage or upgrading, exceed 75% of the existing sign value, said sign must be brought into compliance with the requirements of this article. Any improvement or change to signage must meet Downtown Design Guidelines within the Downtown Development Overlay District. Any sign owner or property owner who believes this schedule does not minimize their loss, recoup initial investment or is generally unreasonable, given the specific conditions of that sign or sign structure, may petition for relief. Such requests shall contain sufficient documentation upon which a determination can be made and shall include a copy of the building permit to determine age of the sign, and construction contract to determine initial cost of the sign.

§ 330-1.27. Appeals.

All questions arising in connection with the enforcement of this article shall be presented first to the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall issue a written decision to all such questions and shall send it to the person filing the question. Appeal may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals by written notice given to it within 10 days after receipt of written decision.

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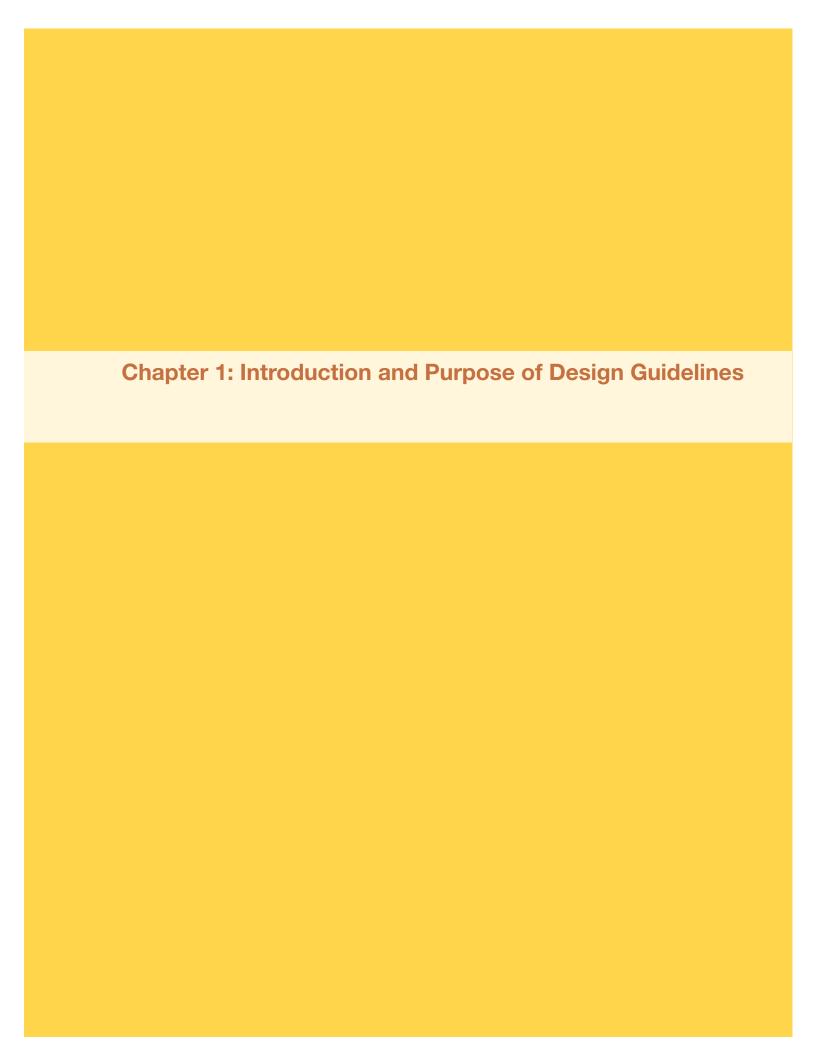
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Introduction and Purpose of Design Guidelines

Walhalla is a unique community with a rich diversity of cultures and traditions. The Walhalla Downtown Master Plan, adopted in 2015, was the first step in developing a vision for Downtown Walhalla based on the community's history, connection to the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the many cultural amenities that exist within the walkable downtown area.

Some of the key implementation recommendations from the Downtown Master Plan include the following:

- 1. Initiate a Downtown Development Committee to monitor and promote the Downtown.
- 2. Develop design guidelines for private improvements and development.
- 3. Develop a streetscape plan for public improvements.
- 4. Implement a facade program with City implemented grants.
- 5. Develop and implement a vehicular and pedestrian wayfinding signage program.

These actions are all interrelated in the effort to create a cohesive downtown combining public and private improvements. They also reinforce a partnership between the City and private business and property owners.

Purpose of Design Guidelines

The purpose of the guidelines is to create site and building designs consistent with the City's principles, goals, and policies. The document is organized by design guideline topics with each section containing guidelines dealing with specific topics.

The Downtown Design Guidelines set parameters for design, but also allow design flexibility and creative design solutions. Proposed development in the Downtown Development Area is expected to respond to the design guidelines and standards in a manner that complements the historic character of the City of Walhalla.

The City may permit a deviation from a specific standard if it is determined that public benefit may be achieved by an alternative proposal. The alternative proposal must be consistent with the intent of the guidelines and with the City's overall goals and policies. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed deviation will result in

increased pedestrian activity and visual interest along the street. As an integral part of the City of Walhalla's improvement strategy, these guidelines provide a proactive means of encouraging development that is consistent with the Downtown Master Plan.

- 1. Developers and property owners can use the guidelines to better understand the potential for development consistent with the City's vision for downtown prior to implementing new buildings or renovation projects.
- 2. The City's Planning and Building Inspection Department and Planning Commission can use the guidelines as a consistent framework for reviewing new projects.

Downtown Design Guidelines Goals

- Build a desirable place to live with a variety of housing choices, convenient services, and a diversity of entertainment opportunities;
- Support a pedestrian-oriented environment that connects to surrounding neighborhoods;
- Create a memorable downtown experience that is attractive, safe, and inviting;
- Construct a visually attractive and economically vibrant urban center;
- Assure new development relates to the character of downtown and is compatible with surrounding neighborhoods;
- Ensure public and private outdoor spaces are enjoyable and accessible; and
- Encourage sustainable building and land management best practices.

Design Review Application Process

No new design review process or commission is proposed as a part of the design guidelines. The current appeals process will remain in place. All development within the Downtown Development Area (see maps at the end of this section) is required to meet the requirements of downtown design review. Downtown Design Review is conducted by the Zoning Administrator. The scope of work associated with an individual project will determine the extent to which design guidelines will be applied. Proposals that will not modify a building exterior or the site are exempt from Downtown Design Review; however, fire safety, zoning, and other codes may still need review and approval prior to construction or occupancy. Existing uses that are not in conformance with the guidelines would be allowed to remain until there is a change in use, or building remodeling/renovation is undertaken.

Before preparing development plans in the Downtown Area, applicants should review the guidelines in their entirety. City staff will discuss guidelines and standards with the applicant either during a pre-application meeting or informal pre-development design meeting in order to assist the applicant with final design approval.

For details on the application and review process, see the Walhalla Code of Ordinances; if you have questions, City staff are available to assist you.

Design Principles

No zoning code or design guideline can cover all possible development scenarios. These design principles should guide decision- making regarding appropriate development.

1. Establish and maintain a unified, improved identity for Downtown Walhalla.

The Master Plan suggests projects and goals for stabilizing and improving the image and economic prospects for Downtown Walhalla. The Downtown Design Guidelines will establish a suggested image identity to support these goals. Future public and private projects should strive to build on and strengthen that identity based on the strengths of its history, architecture, location, and residents. This improved image will be established through early priority projects defined in the plan and in opportunities yet to come, and by focused events and publicity on positive actions and developments.

2. Respect and build on the historic character of Downtown Walhalla.

There are many historic and contributing buildings in the Downtown Development Overlay District. A mechanism should be created to evaluate these buildings in order to decide which should be protected and to plan for adaptive reuse and/or restoration. If the buildings have historic or architectural significance, individual listing of the buildings at the state or federal level should be considered, especially because of the potential tax benefits of doing so. If state or federal listing is not possible, a local registry could be created.

3. Strive to establish traditional "Downtown" elements of design throughout Downtown Walhalla.

In the Downtown District, a sense of architectural enclosure, seating areas, areas of shade and sun, attractive streetscapes, cafes, and a richness of experience in the public environment should be the goal. Attractive and significant architecture in a refined landscaped setting should be combined with carefully maintained parks and gathering spaces and shaded walks and streetscapes. The character of a community is also expressed through such thoughtful elements as pedestrian connection of buildings to the street, landscaping and screening of parking areas, abundant street trees, and enclosure of the street through similar building heights and setbacks along with landscaping.

4. Encourage mixed uses downtown with appropriate architecture and urban design.

Research shows that the success of a downtown is dependent on a synergistic mix of uses including office, retail, restaurant, civic, and residential. Mixed uses help ensure activity and security at all times of the day and evening and support commercial uses by extending the cycle of activity. This mix of uses is part of the vision of the Downtown Master Plan. The City, developers, and partners should ensure a lively mix of uses, and public improvements should be aimed at making the area more attractive and inviting both day and night.

5. Avoid suburban or rural land-use patterns in the downtown.

"Strip"-type development, continuous driveways along the edges of properties, parking in front of buildings, lack of screening, and lack of pedestrian amenities discourage people from exploring the downtown on foot, and discourage pedestrian-oriented development from locating in Downtown Walhalla.

6. Unify Downtown Walhalla with common design elements while allowing individual identity.

Public streetscape and green spaces should employ common design elements, such as paving materials, lighting, street furniture and building materials in order to create a unified character for Downtown Walhalla. Likewise, architecture should have elements that are repetitive or common in order to unify the whole. Within this unifying structure, however, there should still be ample room for individual expression. In the same way, buildings of a certain type (office, commercial, residential) should be similar, but not repetitive.

7. Enhance gateways and view corridors.

The public and private design of areas that serve as gateways into the downtown, or that terminate views down important streets should be given special consideration. Gateway points into the downtown are identified in the Downtown Master Plan. These areas provide the opportunity to welcome visitors and residents into the downtown, and to establish or reinforce the unique identity of the area. In addition, gateways and sites at the termination of important streets or view corridors require architecture that enhances the importance of these areas through the use of special features such as buildings that incorporate special corner treatments, and enhanced entry elements and design.

8. Create a coordinated system of City and/or Downtown signage.

Public vehicular signage is needed to lead motorists to and through Downtown Walhalla and to their destinations and nearby parking areas. Once motorists have parked and left their vehicles, coordinated pedestrian-level signage helps orient visitors to the downtown and informs them about attractions. Coordinated and attractive vehicular and pedestrian signage helps to present a quality image of the community, welcomes people, and helps extend visits by providing information on activities and destinations.

9. Give priority to pedestrians.

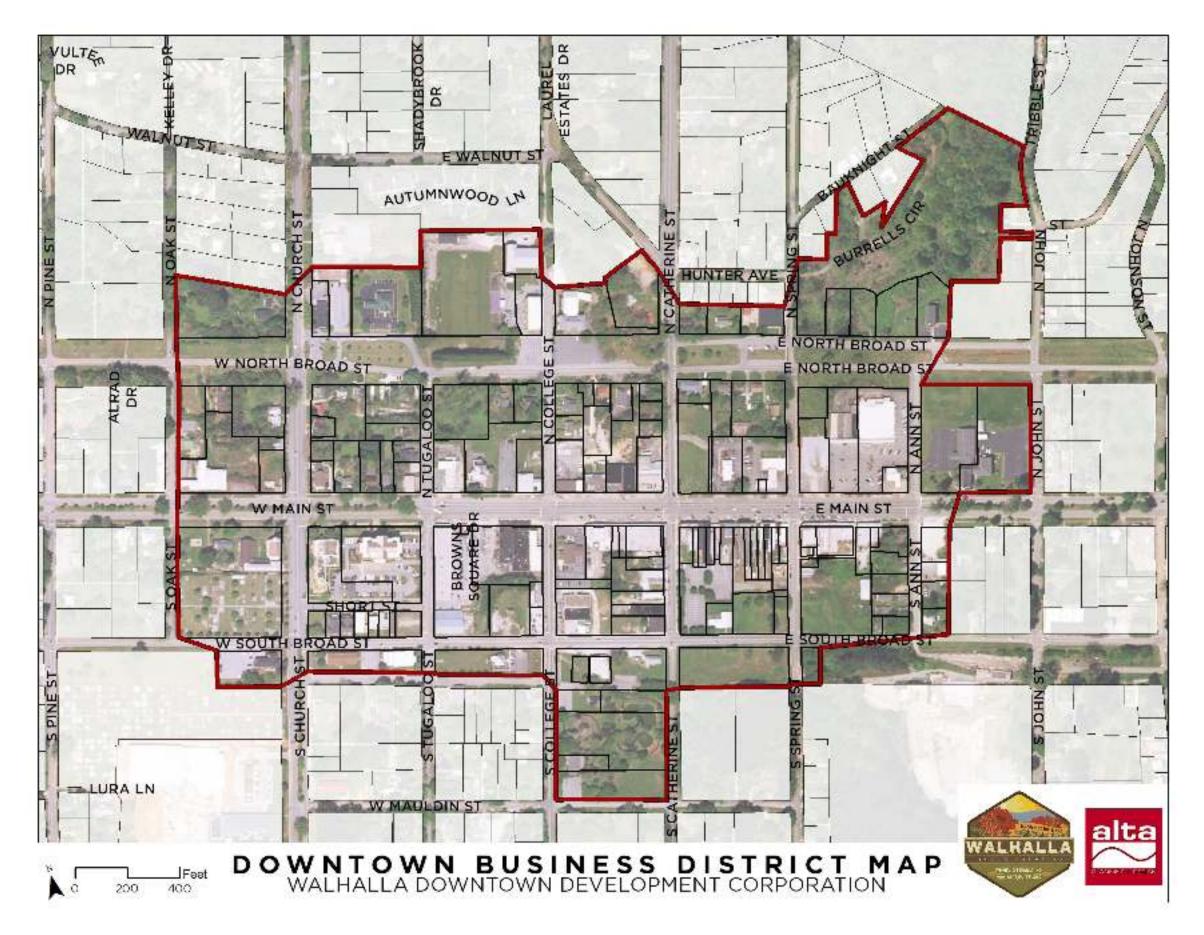
The goal of all elements in the plan and guidelines should be to create an attractive and walkable environment that responds primarily to the needs of people rather than automobiles. Creating a pedestrian-friendly environment includes the following elements:

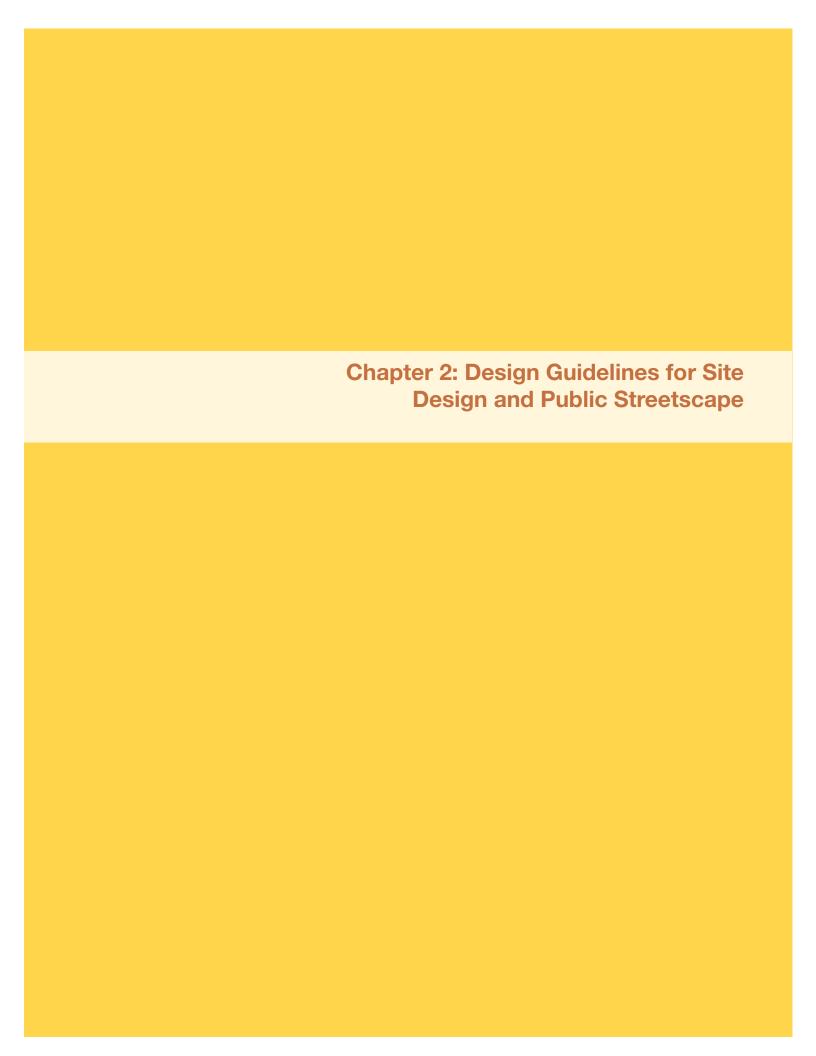
- Barrier-free design both on the street and into and around buildings
- Separation between pedestrians, bikes and vehicles
- Creation of an interconnected pedestrian system within the entire downtown including sidewalks, street crosswalks (with crossing lights where necessary), and enhanced connections between parking and the street
- A comprehensive system of public signage to orient and inform visitors to Downtown Walhalla
- Mid-block pedestrian connections on long blocks, and/or public passageways through central sections of large buildings to connect parking areas and the street
- Design of streets to include the incorporation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities

10. Create pedestrian spaces in retail and commercial areas that add to the life of Downtown Walhalla.

In retail and commercial areas, the emphasis should be on enjoying the area on foot. This translates into the need for connections, wayfinding signage, interesting architecture, sun and shade, safe and attractive sidewalks, streets, parks and plazas, and planned activities, entertainment, and events. Private enterprise should also be encouraged to add to the success of the downtown through the provision of such amenities as sidewalk cafes and restaurants, seating areas, screening and landscaping. This can be encouraged through a sense of civic pride or by more direct means such as grants, loans, or the granting of desired variances.







Design Guidelines for Site Design, the Public Streetscape, and Buildings

The City of Walhalla has an active downtown where pedestrians share streets with automobiles and bicycles. This mix of traffic can provide a sense of excitement and enhance the pedestrian experience if all the elements are kept in balance. A unified streetscape design for the Downtown Development Area will help maintain a sense of visual continuity while expressing the unique qualities. The following guidelines are applicable to new development and changes to existing non-contributing buildings in historic Downtown Walhalla.

Building and Site Lighting

The primary function of lighting is for safety and security. Lighting is also used to accent building character and for advertising and sales promotion. The primary goal for lighting in Walhalla is that it should not be detrimental to the adjacent surroundings or the overall environment, but should still maintain a safe environment. Lighting the sidewalk sufficiently is a goal within Downtown. This does not imply high levels of illumination; minimum illumination levels are more appropriate for various nighttime functions.

The character and level of lighting that is used on a building is of special concern. Traditionally, exterior lights were simple in character and were used to highlight signs, entrances and front door details. Most fixtures had incandescent lamps that cast a color similar to daylight, were relatively low in intensity and were shielded with simple shade devices. Although new lamp types may be considered, the overall effect of modest, focused building light should be continued.

Exterior lighting should accent, not dominate, a building facade.

- Primary building entrances should be the main source of illumination.
- Secondary accents may illuminate secondary entrances, architectural details, and signs.
- The use of strobe lighting is inappropriate.
- Seasonal string lighting is appropriate.
- Secondary accents that may illuminate other areas of public and functional importance, such as side or rear entrances, steps, and walks located along the side of the building, may be appropriate.
- The use of recessed down lighting in canopies is appropriate.

Minimize the visual impacts of site and architectural lighting.

- Use exterior light sources with a low level of luminescence.
- Use white lights that cast a similar color to daylight.
- Do not wash an entire building facade in light.
- Use lighting fixtures that are compatible with and complimentary to the building and its surroundings in terms of style, scale, and intensity of illumination.
- Blinking and flashing lights used to illuminate building facades or to outline buildings are inappropriate.
- Interior lights to illuminate signs or canopies are inappropriate.



Lighting attached to facade illuminating canopy

Use shielded and focused light sources to prevent glare.

- Provide shielded and focused light sources that direct light downward.
- Do not use high intensity light sources or cast light directly upward.
- Shield lighting associated with service areas, parking lots and parking structures.

Minimize impacts from service and parking area lighting.

- Security and service area lighting should be discriminatingly utilized to illuminate the area for surveillance as required, yet it should be prevented from creating a hot spot of light calling attention to it from the surrounding areas.
- Keep parking area lighting at a human scale.
- All parking light fixtures should be similar in design and should be spaced throughout the parking area to avoid regimented placement.

Street lighting fixtures should be consistent throughout the district.

 Unique and consistent street lighting fixtures help to unify the streetscape of the downtown and to mark the boundaries of the historic district.

Extensive canopy, awning, and porch lighting is inappropriate.

- Lighting on the underside of a canopy is appropriate when it does not dominate the streetscape.
- Attach light fixtures to the building facade rather the underside of a canopy or awning.



Example of string lighting



Example of string lighting

Streets



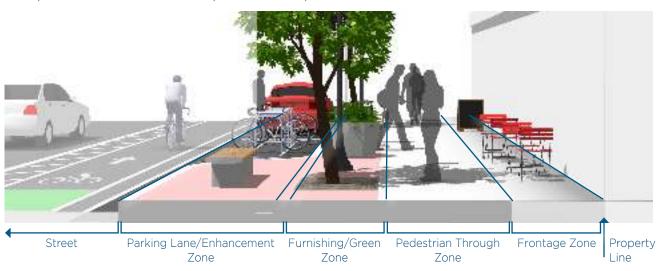
Conceptual section of City-owned street



Conceptual section of South Carolina Department of Transportation collector street



Conceptual section of South Carolina Department of Transportation arterial street



Section of sidewalk elements

Sidewalks

Early photographs of Downtown Walhalla show simple concrete sidewalks which provide a visual unity to the area. This tradition should be continued.

A clear and safe pedestrian travel lane should be kept clear of all merchandise.

Sidewalk design should reflect the character of its historic context.

- Sidewalk designs should be modest in character
- Sidewalks should be attached to the curb or separated with a minimum 3 foot landscape verge.

The main sidewalk paving should be a simple concrete finish.

- Broom-finished, grey concrete is preferred for the predominant material.
- Decorative paving may be used to denote special functional areas such as key intersections, public plazas, and courtyards.
- The finish texture should comply with current accessibility requirements.

Decorative and accent paving is appropriate for key crosswalks.

- Decorative paving at key intersections can help unify the streetscape and aid in wayfinding throughout the district.
- Although decorative paving is appropriate for accents at intersections, the goal for the rest of the sidewalk treatments in the district should read as a cohesive system.

Merchandise displayed on the sidewalk should be kept clear of the public right-of-way.

- Merchandise such as hanging racks and display tables that occur outside of the building are not in character with the district and should be set back three feet from the storefront entrance.
- Sidewalk dining should be encouraged, where appropriate and where an accessible pedestrian route can be maintained.
- Dining tables and chairs may be located on sidewalks, provided a minimum of 4 feet of clearance between furniture and sidewalk curb.



Example of decorative paving



Example of decorative intersection paving



Example of decorative intersection paving



Example of decorative intersection paving



Sidewalk merchandising allowing for pedestrian through travel



Sidewalk dining seating allowing for pedestrian through travel



Sidewalk merchandising allowing for pedestrian through travel



Sidewalk temporary signage in sidewalk



Sidewalk dining seating allowing for pedestrian through travel

Street Furnishings

Several areas of Downtown Walhalla already have amenities in place that enhance the pedestrian experience. New furnishings should continue to enhance the area while working with existing features. Where feasible, benches, planters, lighting, mail boxes, newspaper racks, and trash receptacles should be located in a furnishings zone which maintains a clearly defined pedestrian travel lane.

All street furniture in the public right-of-way should have similar materials and finishes.

• Draw upon local character and materials for street furniture design.

Street furnishings should be simple in character.

• Avoid highly ornate designs which could misrepresent the history of the area.

Temporary street furnishings should be approved by the City and removed daily.

• Chains should not be used as part of any temporary assembly or installation.



Example bicycle rack



Example of bench; to be defined by City of Walhalla



Example tash receptacle

Pedestrian Interest

The Downtown District should continue to develop as a pedestrian oriented environment of ground floor storefronts. Buildings should relate to pedestrians by using materials and a human scale compatible with local historic patterns. The ground floor should also provide year-round interest, not solely in the peak season.

Develop the ground floor level of a project to encourage pedestrian activity.

- Provide a storefront along a primary pedestrian way when feasible.
- Provide a protective canopy over the sidewalk similar to surrounding buildings.
- Provide architectural detailing that is pedestrian scaled on first floor facades.

Avoid blank walls or the appearance of a vacant lot.

- Design all building facades that can be seen by pedestrians to be visually interesting.
- Provide repetitive elements, such as windows and belt courses, to create a rhythm of shadows along a facade. This helps establish a sense of scale and interest for pedestrians.
- Use architectural detailing and material articulation to create a visually pleasing facade.



Pedestrian-scale storefront for pedestrian interest



Pedestrian-scale storefront for pedestrian interest

Building Placement and Orientation

With the exception of small gaps in the building wall that occur for pedestrian or vehicular alleyways, most structures in the historic district are built to the full width of the parcel and to the front lot line. The resulting street wall pattern should be maintained in new development.

- Maintain the alignment of buildings at the sidewalk edge. Locate the front street wall at the sidewalk line when feasible.
- If the building has a modern interpretation of a storefront, it should maintain the feel of the street wall through use of architectural elements and features at the street edge.

Street facades should span lot widths.

- Spaces between buildings should be kept to a minimum to maintain the street wall and sense of enclosure at the sidewalk.
- Exceptions are for access ways to side or rear entrances.

Lots that have multiple street fronts should be built to address each street facade.

- Buildings on corner lots should be built to the sidewalk on both streets to the extent possible without interfering with public safety.
- Buildings on lots which face multiple streets should be double fronted and built to the sidewalk at both street fronts.
- Storefronts are appropriate along all street level facades of the buildings.



Streetwall at sidewalk



Adapted modern storefront



Streetwall at sidewalk

Building Mass, Scale, and Height

Patterns of building occur along the street by the repetition of similarly sized building elements. For example, uniform facade widths, evenly spaced, create a rhythm that contributes to the visual continuity. At a smaller size, the repetition of upper-story windows across most building fronts also creates a unifying effect. These features and similar patterns are some of the most important characteristics of the Downtown Development Area and should be respected in all new construction.

Traditional spacing patterns created by the repetition of uniform buildings widths along streets should be maintained.

- In most cases, a facade should not exceed established widths without a clear expression of the historic pattern.
- Where a building must exceed this width, use a change in design features to suggest the traditional building widths. Changes in facade material, window design, facade height or decorative details are examples of techniques that may be considered. These variations should be expressed through the structure such that the composition appears to be a collection of smaller masses.

A new building should incorporate a base, middle, and a cap.

- Traditionally, buildings were composed of these three basic elements. Interpreting this tradition in new buildings will help reinforce the visual continuity of the area.
- This also applies to existing, non-contributing structures.

A new building should maintain the alignment of horizontal elements along the block.

- Align the height of window sills, moldings, and mid-belt cornices with adjacent and nearby buildings.
- Where sloped streets occur, a building facade should step along the street

Floor-to-floor heights should appear to be similar to those seen historically.

- First floor heights should be equal to those of the surrounding buildings.
- Design windows in new construction to appear similar in height, location, and scale to those seen historically.

Maintain the visual building scale of two to four stories in height.

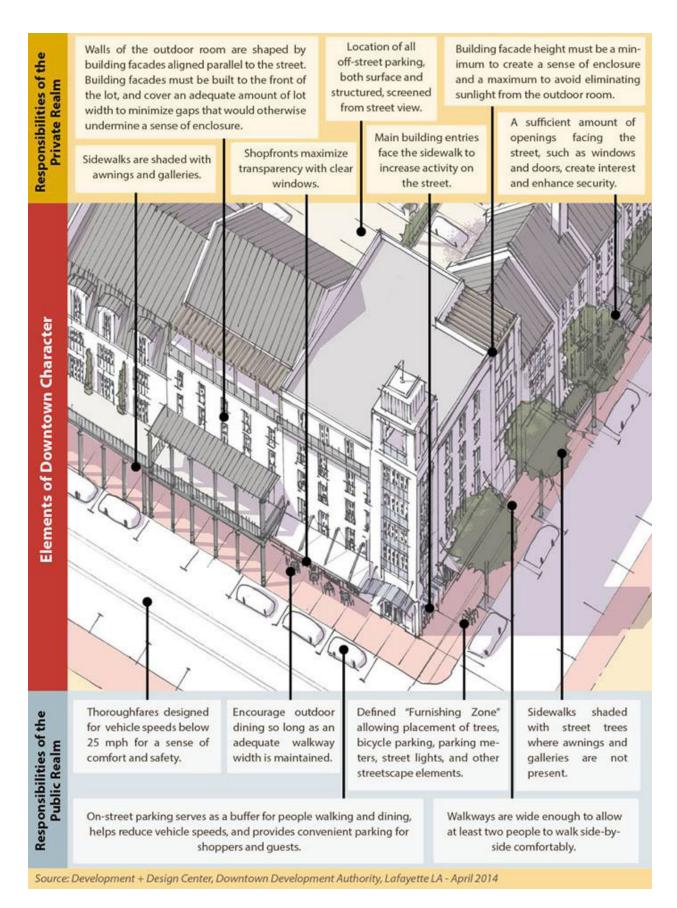
- Develop a primary facade that is in scale and alignment with surrounding historic buildings.
- Design the lower levels to express the alignment of elements seen traditionally in the block; where additional height is allowed, it should be set back to maintain the visual appearance of scale from the street level.



Uniformity of facade widths



Uniformity of facade widths



Placement and orientation diagram, https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2014/5/7/elements-of-downtown-character.html

Building Materials

Brick masonry and wood frame were the primary construction methods used in the Downtown Development Area. These methods should continue in new construction. More modern materials may also be considered when they are compatible with those used historically.

New materials should convey a sense of scale similar to that seen in historic materials.

- Appropriately scaled materials contribute to a visually interesting building facade.
- Large uninterrupted expanses of featureless materials are inappropriate.
- Metal framing can often be similar to that of wood frame methods and portray a similar scale while also reflecting modern construction methods.
- Lap siding should be similar in depth and profile to historic materials.

Building materials should have similar characteristics as materials used historically.

- Unfinished or reflective materials should not be used.
- Polished stone and mirrored glass should be avoided as primary materials.
- Material color schemes should reflect historic patterns of one muted background color, with one or two other colors used as accents.

All materials used should be durable and appropriate for the climate.

 Any new, alternative material should have a demonstrated durability in the region and should be approved by the Planning Department.



Masonry material example



Wood lap siding material example

Architectural Character

While it is important that new buildings and alterations be compatible with the historic context, they should not imitate older building styles because this confuses the authenticity of the district. Visual compatibility results when the design variables in a new building are arranged to be similar to historic patterns in the area yet in ways that convey their own time. New construction should be stylistically distinguishable from historic buildings while maintaining a similar scale and character-defining features to historic buildings.

New interpretations of traditional building styles are appropriate. Infill construction should:

- Be a balance of new and old design.
- Draw upon the fundamental similarities among older buildings in the area without copying them. This will allow it to reflect its own time and yet be compatible with its historic neighbors.
- Avoid literal imitation of older historic styles.

A new building should be compatible with architectural and scale giving elements traditionally found in the district.

 Similar architectural massing as well as window and door patterns are examples of scale-giving elements.

Modern interpretations of architectural features historically used are appropriate in new construction.

 New construction should include architectural features used historically in the district such as storefronts and canopies at the street level, but these should not be direct copies of those seen historically.



Example of compatible modern construction



Example of compatible modern construction

Facade Elements

Storefronts

Storefronts are important character-defining features of the historic district and should be included on new buildings in the historic district.

The scale and proportions of a new storefront should be similar to those seen historically.

• First floors should be taller than upper floors.

Window patterns in storefronts should be similar to those seen historically.

• The area of transparent material should be roughly equal to what is seen historically.

Alternative designs that are contemporary interpretations of traditional storefronts may be considered.

- Modern designs that use traditional elements are appropriate.
- The new design should continue to convey the character of typical storefronts, including the transparent character of the display window.



Modern storefront



Modern storefront with traditional elements

Canopies

Canopies are noteworthy features of the historic district and have a strong history of use. Their inclusion in the design of new construction is required by the land use code.

Building canopies are encouraged where appropriate.

 Canopies help unify the streetscape as well as provide refuge from inclement weather.

Mount canopies to accentuate character-defining features and window openings.

- Canopies should be mounted to highlight moldings that may be found above the storefront or within the storefront.
- The scale of canopies and their support systems should be in proportion to the building and not dominate the facade.

Use colors and materials that are compatible with the overall design of the building.

- Canopy materials should reflect the style and character of the building.
- Use colors that are compatible with the overall color scheme of the facade. Solid colors or simple, muted stripe patterns are appropriate.

Canopies should step down to maintain a consistent height over the sidewalk.

- Canopies should not be angled across the building facade.
- Some slope is appropriate to allow for run-off of precipitation.
- Articulation in awnings and canopies is appropriate to designate the main building entry.

Projecting horizontal canopies are most appropriate.

- The canopy should fit the opening of the building.
- Odd shapes, bullnose awnings, and bubble awnings are inappropriate on most structures.
- Internal illumination is inappropriate.
- Simple shed shapes may be considered in some cases.



Canopy articulating main entry



Simple canopy



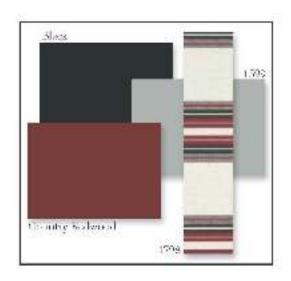
Simple canopy with signage

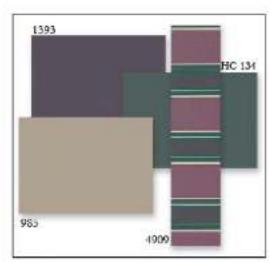
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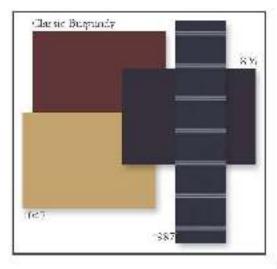
These paint palettes are arranged in suggested color combinations, including coordinating awning fabrics. The schemes are intended to show various alternatives and a variety of options that can be used. While three colors are shown in each scheme, it is not necessary to use all three at once. These schemes are not all-inclusive but rather serve as representative examples.

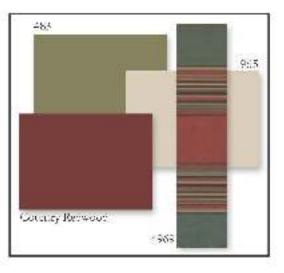
Benjamin Moore brand paint and Sunbrella awning fabrics are shown for reference. Use these colors as a guide in selecting paint available from local suppliers and dealers.

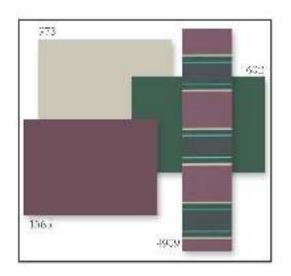
If darker, solid-colore awnings are selected and they feature a scalloped valance, it is recommended that they be trimmed in Style #4604-Natural.

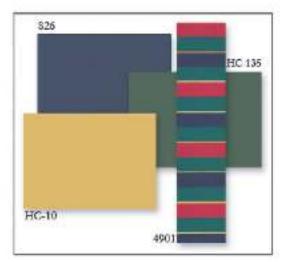


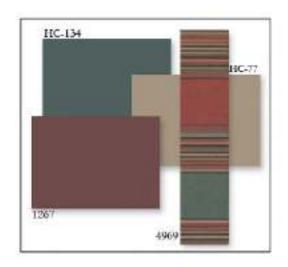


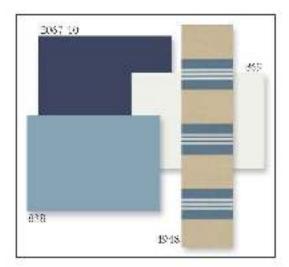


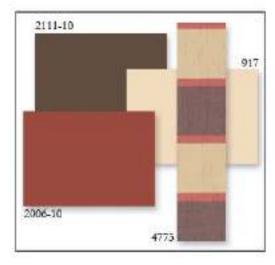


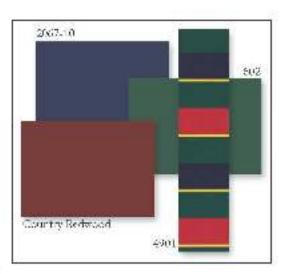












Windows

A pattern exists along the streets with the repetition of evenly-spaced, similarly-sized windows. These windows help to give buildings a sense of human scale. Using window sizes and proportions that are familiar to the pedestrian helps them to relate to the overall size of a building. The alignment and similar scale of windows reflect a common historic pattern that should be continued in new development.

Upper-story windows with a vertical emphasis are required.

 A typical upper-story window is approximately twice as tall as it is wide. Upper-story windows in new construction should relate to the window proportions seen historically.

Windows should align with others in a block.

• Windows, lintels, and their trim elements should align with traditional buildings on the block.

Materials used in and around windows should be similar in scale and proportion to those used historically.

• Heavily tinted or reflective glass is inappropriate.

Entries

The repetition of recessed building entries occurring along the street in the downtown district provides a rhythm of shadows along the street, which helps establish a sense of scale and invites pedestrians to enter buildings. This trend should be continued in new construction.

A building entrance should appear similar to those used historically.

- Clearly define the primary entrance.
- Recess the building entrance.
- Choose a design similar in scale and overall character to those seen historically for a contemporary interpretation of a traditional building entry.
- Place the primary building entrance at street level.
- Design entries to have a high degree of transparency.
- Temporary window treatments, including banners and signs, should not obscure windows or entries.



Example of proportion of upper-story windows



Example of primary entrance

Site Development: Cut and Fill

Site development may require cutting into relatively steep slopes. While basic engineering concerns are major issues, the visual impacts of these cuts can be significant. To the greatest extent possible, cutting-and-filling of sloping areas should be avoided but, where it must occur, the visual impacts should be minimized.

- Minimize cut-and-fill excavation that would alter the perceived natural topography.
- Use earth berms or retaining walls to minimize visual impacts of cuts.
- Hedges and fences may also be appropriate in some locations.
- Simple rock walls may be considered. Exposed gabions, large, continuous surfaces of smooth raw concrete and similar structures should be avoided.



Example of planted retaining walls



Example of hedges



Example of sloped area with plantings

Site Retaining Walls

Simple retaining walls are used in some areas where steep slopes occur. New retaining walls should use natural materials.

 Architectural block, with special texturing or color may be considered where it can be demonstrated that the result will appear to be in character with the area.

Minimize the perceived scale and mass of a new retaining wall.

- A wall that is less than four feet is appropriate and encouraged.
- Where the overall retaining height must be greater than four feet, use a series of terraces with short walls to maintain the traditional sense of a hillside where feasible.
- Consider varying the setback of individual walls to minimize the perceived overall width of a long wall.
- Consider varying masonry patterns to provide variety in large walls where applicable.



Example of cinder block wall with patterning



Example of terraced retaining wall



Example of gabion wall



Example of stone wall



Example of split-faced masonry wall

Mechanical Equipment and Service Utilities

Utility service boxes, external fire connections, telecommunication devices, cables, conduits, trash and recycling storage, satellite dishes, and fans may affect the character of an area. These devices should be screened from public view to avoid negative effects on historic resources.

Minimize the visual and noise impacts of mechanical equipment on the public way and surrounding neighborhood.

- Screen equipment from view.
- Do not locate window equipment on a primary facade.
- Use low-profile or recessed mechanical units on rooftops.
- Locate satellite dishes out of view from public rights-of-way.
- Locate equipment away from adjacent residential properties and/or provide a vertical landscape or privacy buffer. Additional noise attenuation measures should be taken if the equipment noise exceeds acceptable standards as determined by the Zoning Administrator.

Minimize the visual impacts of utility connections and service boxes.

• Locate utility connections and service boxes on secondary walls when feasible.



Example of utility connection

Minimize the visual impacts of trash storage and service areas.

- Locate service areas away from major pedestrian routes; locate them at the rear of a building, off an alley, when possible.
- Screen dumpsters from view from the public rights-of-way.



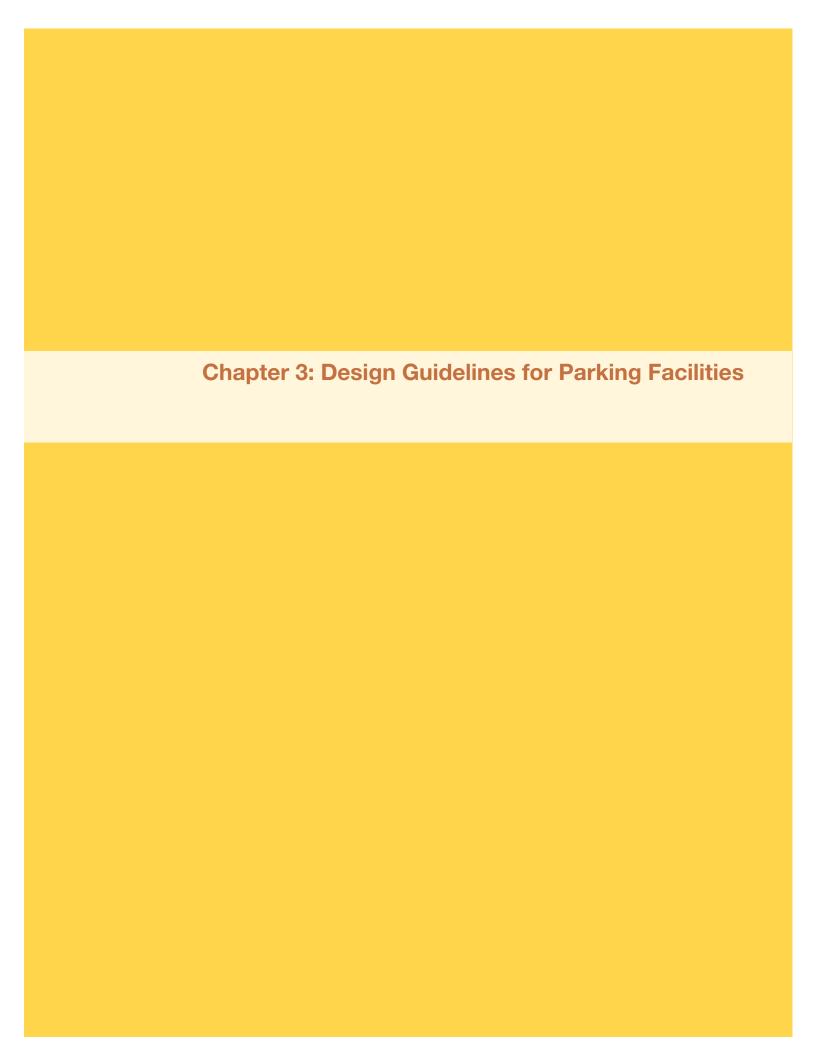
Utility connection screened with plantings



Example of mechanical enclosure



Example of trash storage area



Design Guidelines for Parking Facilities

Utilizing alternative modes of transportation is encouraged in Downtown Walhalla; however, parking is still necessary. When accommodating parking in the downtown the primary goal is to minimize visual impacts.

Surface Parking

Surface parking should be located in the interior of a block whenever possible.

- Do not place surface lots on corner properties as they are generally more visible than interior lots and provide a sense of enclosure for intersections.
- Place the parking to the rear of a building to preserve the architectural continuity of the street.

Provide a visual buffer where surface lots abut sidewalks.

- Consider the use of a compatible wall as a screen near the edge of the lot.
- Use a combination of trees and shrubs to create a landscape buffer.

Security and Pedestrian Circulation in Parking Facilities

Design parking facilities to be accessible to pedestrians.

- Clearly define walkways with wayfinding signage, lighting or landscaping.
- Provide a direct connection between parking structures and supporting businesses.
- Plan interior and exterior lighting to assure user safety.

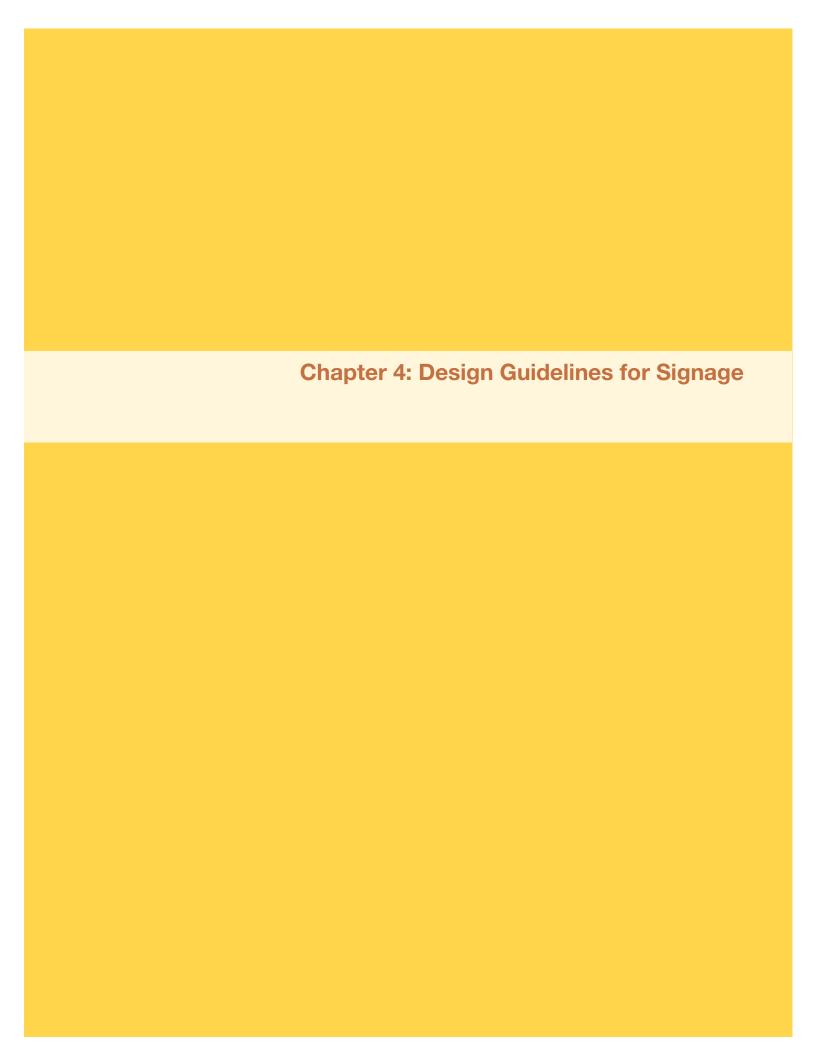
There are no minimum parking requirements for commercial or office uses in Downtown Walhalla.



Planted buffer at parking lot



Planted buffer and fencing at parking lot



Design Guidelines for Signage

A sign typically serves two functions: to attract attention and to convey information. All signs should be consistent with the building's architecture. All new signs should be developed with the overall context of the building and of the area in mind. Signs should be constructed in a manner that does not damage the historic fabric of the building.

Appropriate Sign Types

Sign types vary widely in the Downtown District. The important principle is that signs do not overwhelm the architecture of the building. The placement, location and type of a sign are perhaps the most critical factors in maintaining the order and integrity of the district. Consistent placement of signs according to building type, size, location and even building materials creates a sense of visual continuity. The use of roof-top signs of any kind are prohibited. The following sign types are acceptable in the Downtown Development Area. Please refer to the Zoning Ordinance for detailed regulations regarding signage types, sizes, and locations.

Canopy Signs

A canopy sign is a sign attached or applied to the horizontal face of a canopy. Canopy signs should not extend below the bottom of the horizontal face or more than one foot above the horizontal face of the canopy.

- A sign located on a canopy face may be appropriate:
- In areas with high pedestrian use.
- When other signs would obscure architectural details of the structure.

Under Canopy Hanging Signs

An under canopy hanging sign is a sign that hangs from the underside of a canopy or building projection, and does not employ ground support in any matter. One under canopy hanging sign is allowed per tenant per street facade. A sign of this type should be designed and located in a similar fashion to other under canopy hanging signs on the same building, and should:

- Incorporate sign brackets as a decorative or complementary element of the sign and building detail.
- Be located near the business entrance, just above the door or to the side of it.

Facade Mounted Signs

A facade mounted sign is a sign that is attached to the wall or surface of a building, which is parallel to the supporting surface. When designing and locating a sign of this type:

- Place the sign flush with the building facade and align it with others signs on the building.
- Place the sign within, rather than forward of, the fascia or other architectural details of the building. Decorative moldings and architectural details of the building should be used to define a sign, by locating the sign within a panel formed by moldings or transom panels.
- Place the sign in a manner that does not obstruct character-defining features of the building.

Window or Doors Signs

A window or door sign is a sign that is painted on, adhered to and/or displayed through a window or door with the intent to be viewed from the outside. When using this type of signage the following criteria should apply:

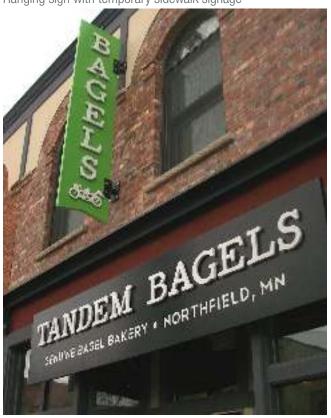
■ Window or door signs may occupy 10% of the storefront glass and are only allowed on the first floor of a building. All window and door signage in excess of the allowable 10% of the storefront glass should be counted against the overall allowed sign area for that side of the building.



Hanging signs



Hanging sign with temporary sidewalk signage



Hanging sign with facade-mounted

Sign Composition

The composition of a sign in contrast to a building's architectural detail and design are important to preserving the significance or integrity of an existing building. When designing and installing a sign the following should apply:

- Signs should be subordinate to the overall building composition.
- Scale signs to fit with the facade of the building.
- Locate a sign to emphasize design elements of the facade itself.
- Mount signage to fit within existing architectural features using the shape of the sign to help reinforce the horizontal lines of moldings and transoms seen on the building.
- Calculate the sign area by using simple geometric shapes that define the sign.
- Rooftop signs are inappropriate. This includes standalone or painted on signs.

A corporate logo or color scheme maybe incorporated into signage as long as signs of this nature do not alter or destroy existing architectural features or details.

■ The Zoning Administrator should determine the portion of the building that will be recognized as part of a corporate design, and therefore a sign.

Sign Character

When designing a sign that will be erected in the Downtown District, consideration should be given to the proposed materials, colors and details of the sign and the building on which the sign is to be installed.

Signs should be designed in a manner that doesn't damage the historic fabric of the building.

 Any sign that visually overpowers the building or obscures significant views or architectural features is inappropriate.

A simple sign design is preferred.

- Typefaces that are in keeping with those seen in historic photos or that are traditionally used are encouraged. Modern typefaces are inappropriate.
- Avoid hard-to-read or overly intricate typeface styles.
- Consider letter and painted signs on blank walls as they were used historically.

Sign Materials

A sign's material should reflect the style of the building to which it is attached and its period of significance.

- Use signage materials that are compatible with the building facade.
- Signs should be wood, sign-grade foam, or metal.
- Other materials may be used as long as the material is durable and does not have a plastic appearance.
- Signs should be painted and should have a matte surface finish. The use of vinyl covers or stickers are inappropriate, except in the instance of window and door signs.
- Highly reflective materials should not be used.

Sign Lighting

The sign illumination source should be shielded to minimize glare. Light intensity should not overpower the building or street edge. Small and discreet modern light fittings may provide an unobtrusive alternative to traditionally styled lamp units.

Use indirect lighting on signage.

- Direct the lighting at signage from an external, shielded lamp.
- Warm lighting, similar to daylight, is appropriate.
- Strobe lighting is inappropriate.
- Internal illumination is inappropriate.
- Halo illumination is inappropriate.

Sign Installation

The installation of a sign is an integral aspect in the retention of key architectural features and in minimizing damage to the building.

Avoid damaging or obscuring architectural details or features when installing signs.

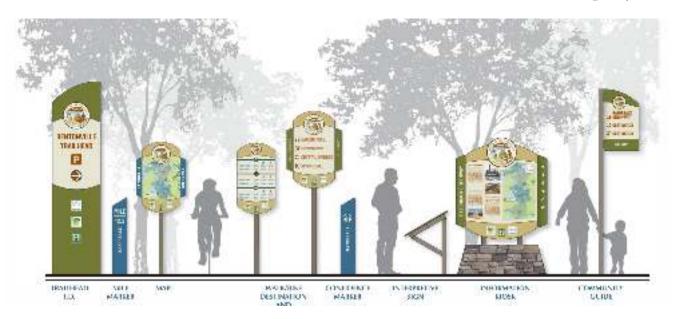
- Minimize the number of anchor points when feasible.
- Install signs in a manner that does not create a public safety hazard.

Sign Color

The use of color in sign design should be assessed in the context of the building, as well as the area, scale and form of the sign. Strong primary colors should be used sparingly and primarily for accent purposes. Sign panels should avoid areas of white or cream, which visually detach the sign from the building. Color should be used to accentuate the sign design and message, and to integrate the sign with the building.

Use colors for the sign that are generally compatible with those of the building front.

- In general, no more than three main colors should be used, although small amounts of additional accent colors may be appropriate.
- Use colors and materials that are compatible with the overall color scheme of the facade
- Select colors that offer contrast and legibility.



Example wayfinding and directional signage family



Kiosk signage



Banner signage



Facade-mounted wayfinding signage map

General Notes for Signage

In Walhalla, as in many American towns, the visual distinction between the traditional downtown business district and outlying general commercial strips has become blurred. Sign manufacturers and designers have encouraged businesses downtown to install the type of large-scale signs used along commercial highways, where signs need to be larger to attract the attention of motorists passing at high speeds. Pedestrian-oriented commercial areas, such as much of downtown Walhalla, were designed to accommodate shoppers strolling along sidewalks and motorists driving at slower speeds. While creativity is strongly encouraged, signs in the central business district should be designed in a manner sympathetic to the architectural character of downtown Walhalla.





Projecting Signs



Panel/Painted Signs



Artistic Signs



Window Signs



Figurative & Neon Signs

General Notes for Fonts

Typography is one of the critical elements of sign design, along with color and iconography. In the context of sign design, it must complement the sign while remaining readable. It is difficult to prescribe specific fonts for utilization due to the wide range of business sign uses. For example, what is appropriate for a children's clothing store will likely prove inappropriate for an attorney's office. Therefore, the fonts featured herein are offered as suggestions that must be considered within the context of each business and take into account building use, sign size, purpose (e.g., pedestrian or automotive traveler), mounting location, and design motif. Please consult the previous section on signage to see firsthand the broad range of fonts that can be appropriate.

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Engravers MT Regular

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SignPainter HouseScript

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Century Gothic Regular

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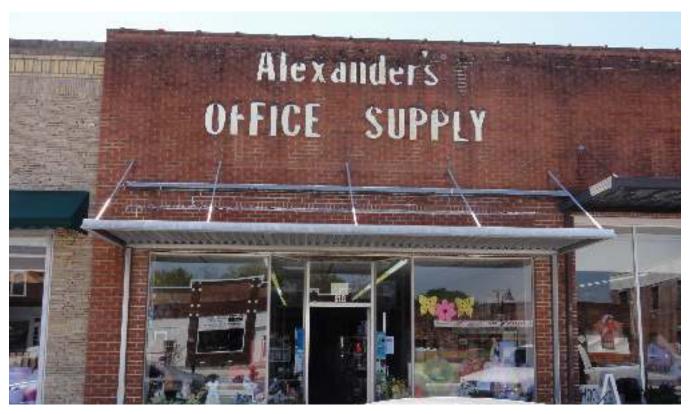


Current Bail Bonds building

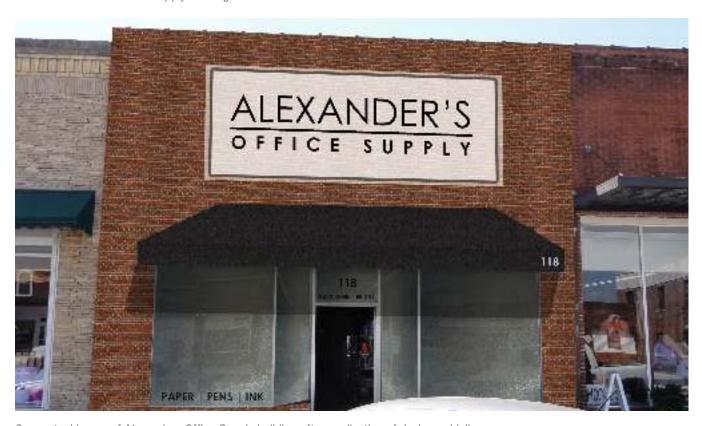


Conceptual image of Bail Bonds building after application of design guidelines

Example Application of Design Guidelines



Current Alexanders Office Supply building



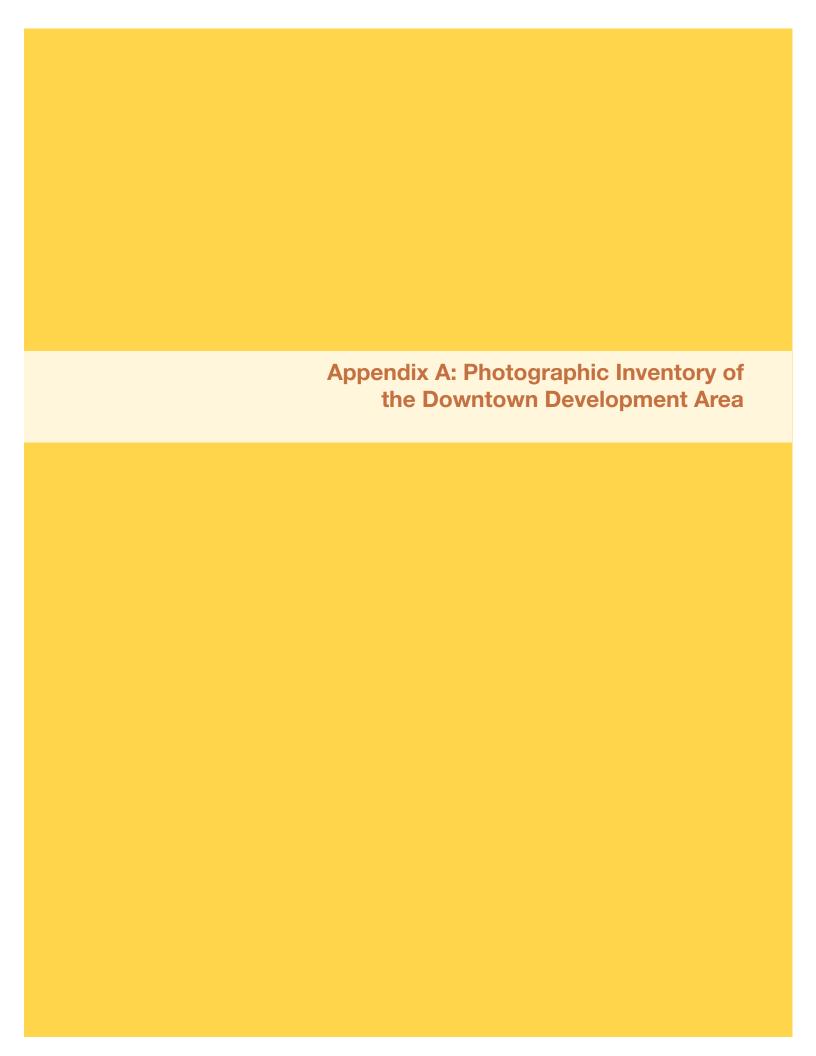
Conceptual image of Alexanders Office Supply building after application of design guidelines



Current La Estrella building



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Acceptable Tree Species

Tree planting should comply with the following list of acceptable tree species. The administrator or his/her designee reserves the right to accept additional species that are not listed below.

Acceptable Shade Tree Species

Native species are preferred because they are best for our soils and climate, attract a variety of wildlife, provide food and shelter for many species, require less care and watering, thrive with less fertilizer and disease control.

- Ash, Green* Fraxinus pennsylvanica
- Ash, Green Georgia Gem* Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Oconee'
- Ash, Green Patmore* Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore'
- Ash, Green Urbanite* Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Urbanite'
- Ash, White* Fraxinus americana
- Blackgum* Nyssa sylvatica
- Chinese Pistache Pistacia chinensis
- Elm, Allee Ulmus parvifolia 'Emer II'
- Elm, Athena Ulmus parvifolia 'Emer I'
- Elm, Bosque Ulmus parvifolia 'UPMTF'
- Elm, Drake Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake Chinese Elm'
- Elm, Lacebark Ulmus parvifolia 'Chinese Lacebark
- Elm, Princeton* Ulmus americana 'Princeton'
- Elm, Slippery * Ulmus rubra
- Elm, Winged Ulmus alata
- Fort McNair Red Horse Chestnut Aesculus x carnea 'Fort McNair'
- Ginkgo, Male Only Ginkgo biloba
- Hackberry* Celtis occidentalis
- Kentucky Coffeetree Gymnocladus dioicus
- Linden, Littleleaf Greenspire Tilia cordata
- Maple, Autumn Blaze Acer x freemanii 'Jeffers Red'
- Maple, Red Autumn Flame* Acer rubrum Autumn Flame
- Maple, Red October Glory* Acer rubrum October Glory
- Maple, Red Sunset * Acer ruburm 'Franksred'
- Maple, Sugar Acer saccharum 'Northern Sugar Maple'
- Maple, Sugar Green Mountain Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'
- Maple, Sugar Legacy Acer saccharum 'Legacy'

- Oak, Swamp White Quercus bicolor
- Oak, Darlington Laurel Quercus hemisphaerica 'Darlington'
- Oak, Live* Quercus virginiana
- Oak, Northern Red* Quercus rubra
- Oak, Nuttall Quercus nuttalli
- Oak, Overcup* Quercus lyrata
- Oak, Pin Quercus palustris
- Oak, Sawtooth Quercus acutissima
- Oak, Scarlett * Quercus coccinea
- Oak, Shumard * Quercus shumardii
- Oak, White* Quercus alba
- Oak, Willow * Quercus phellos
- Oak, Willow Hightower* Quercus phellos 'QPSTA'
- Oak, Willow Wynstar* Quercus phellos 'QPMTF'
- Pistachio, Chinese Pistachia chinensis
- Planetree, London Bloodgood Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood'
- Plantetree, London Yarwood Platanus x acerifolia 'Yarwood'
- River Birch* Betula Nigra
- Sycamore* Platanus occidentalis
- Sourwood* Oxydendrum arboreum
- Tulip Poplar* Liriodendron tulipifera
- Yellowwood Cladrastis kentukea
- Zelkova, Green Vase Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'
- Zelkova, Myrimar Zelkova serrata 'ZSFKF'
- Zelkova, Village Green Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'
- * Denotes Native Species

Acceptable Onamental Or Understory Street Tree Species

The administrator reserves the right to accept additional species that are not listed below. To be accepted as an ornamental or understory tree the tree the plant must be properly pruned and maintained in a tree like form.

Native species are preferred because they are best for our soils and climate, attract a variety of wildlife, provide food and shelter for many species, require less care and watering, thrive with less fertilizer and disease control.

- American Hornbeam * Carpinus caroliniana
- Cherry, Dreamcatcher Prunus 'Dream Catcher'
- Cherry, Okame Prunus x 'Okame'
- Cherry, Pink Autumn Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis Rosea'

- Crape Myrtle Lagerstroemia indica
- Dogwood, Flowering* Cornus florida
- Dogwood, Kousa Cornus kousa
- Dogwood, Pink Flowering* Cornus florida rubra
- Fringetree* Chionanthus virginicus
- Fringetree, Chinese Chionanthus retusus
- Fosters Holly Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'
- Burford Holly Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'
- Holly, Emily Bruner, 'Tree Form' Ilex x'Emily Bruner'
- Holly, East Palatka, 'Tree Form' Ilex x attenuate 'East Palatka'
- Holly, Foster No. 2, 'Tree Form' Illex x attenuata 'Foster No. 2'
- Yaupon Holly* Ilex vomitoria
- Magnolia, Saucer Magnolia x soulangiana
- Magnolia, Star Magnolia stellata
- Sweetbay Magnolia Magnolia virginiana
- Maple, Trident Acer buergeranum
- Plum, Purpleleaf Prunus cerasifera
- Plum, Thundercloud Prunus cerasifera 'Thundercloud'
- Redbud, Eastern* Cercis canadiensis
- Redbud, Eastern White * Cercis canadiensis var.
 alba
- Redbud, 'Forest Pansy' * Cercis canadiensis 'Forest Pansy'
- Redbud, Mexican Cercis mexicana
- Redbud, Oklahoma Cercis reniformis 'Oklahoma'
- Redbud, Texas White Cercis reniformis 'Texas White'
- Smoketree Cotinus coggygria
- Snowbell, Japanese Styrax japonica
- Witch Hazel* Hamamelis virginiana
- * Denotes Native Species

Acceptable Evergreen Screen/Buffer Tree Species

The administrator reserves the right to accept additional species that are not listed below.

Native species are preferred because they are best for our soils and climate, attract a variety of wildlife, provide food and shelter for many species, require less care and watering, thrive with less fertilizer and disease control.

- Deodar Cedar Cedrus deodara
- Italian Cypress Cupressus sempervirens
- Eastern Redcedar* Juniperus Virginiana
- American Holly (cultivar)* Ilex Opaca 'Varied Cultivars'
- Southern Magnolia* Magnolia grandifolia
- Loblolly Pine* Pinus Taeda
- Virginia Pine* Pinus Virginiana
- Canadian Hemlock Tsuga Canadensis
- Japanese-Cedar Cryptomeria japonica
- American Arborvitae Thuja occidentalis
- Fosters Holly Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'
- Burford Holly Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'
- Nellie R. Stevens Holly Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'
- Yaupon Holly* Ilex vomitoria
- Hollywood Juniper Junipers chinesis
- Waxy Leaf Ligustrum Ligustrum japonicum
- Chinese Fringe Flower Loropetalum chinense
- Magnolia, 'Little Gem'* Magnolia grandfloria
- Star Magnolia Magnolia stellata
- Sweetbay Magnolia Magnolia virginiana
- Wax Myrtle* Myrica cerifera
- Chinese Evergreen Oak Quercus myrsinifolia
- Spruce Pine* Pinus glabra
- Carolina Cherry Laurel* Prunus caroliniana
- Tea Olive Osmanthus fragrans
- White Pine Pinus Stobus
- * Denotes Native Species