



Temporary Signs for Businesses



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What type of temporary signs may I place on my property to advertise my business?

Temporary Window Signs

Up to 30% of the windows may be covered with signs if the business is located within a Service District. Otherwise, up to 15% coverage is allowed. No permit is required.

Temporary Building Signs

A temporary sign, which includes a banner, up to 24 sq. ft. in size, may be attached to a business' building for up to 14 days, six times each calendar year. *Note: the signs may not be attached to the roof of the building.* Registration of the sign with Development Services is required; call 540-422-8220 or email sandy.puryear@fauquiercounty.gov with the size, location and content of the sign.



Grand Opening Sign

If the business is new (as defined by the Zoning Ordinance), an extra building mounted sign to announce the Grand Opening is allowed. The sign cannot exceed 50 square feet in area and is allowed to be displayed for a 30-day period. Registration of the sign with Development Services is required; call 540-422-8220 or email sandy.puryear@fauquiercounty.gov with the size, location and content of sign.

Sandwich Board Sign

If the building for the business is within 25 feet of the front property line, a sandwich board sign no larger than 6 square feet in area and 3 feet in height may be displayed along the front of the property during business hours, but only in a location that does not impede pedestrian traffic.

Special Provisions for Agricultural Businesses

- In lieu of a permanent freestanding sign and the temporary building signs noted above, a single sign up to 12 square feet in size and

8 feet in height may be displayed for the purpose of advertising products sold on the property. This sign can only be displayed during the days when such products are available for purchase.

- A single off-site sign up to 6 sq. ft. in size and 4 feet in height is allowed to advertise local agricultural products, provided the sign is only displayed during the season when the products are available for purchase. This off-site sign can only be displayed up to 4 times a year, for a maximum of 30 days per allowable period. The sign cannot be placed in the right-of-way. Registration of the sign with Development Services is required; call 540-422-8220 or email sandy.puryear@fauquiercounty.gov with the size, location and content of sign.

Prohibited Signs

- Moving and animated signs, including flags, pennants, balloons
- Freestanding temporary signs (placards, banners attached to permanent signs, etc.)
- Signs placed in the street right-of-way
- Roof signs
- Vehicle signs
- Any sign attached to a tree or utility pole

