

VILLAGE OF  
**FRANKFORT**  
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Signage requests within this district must obtain Historic Preservation Committee approval prior to the erection of any permanent signs. It is suggested that you submit your signage proposals to staff as soon as possible as review and approvals can take 4-6 weeks.

# HISTORIC DISTRICT

## Sign Requirements

### CONTACT

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[Complete Sign Ordinance](#)  
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Whether you are moving into a new location or remodeling an existing space, permits and additional approvals from our Historic Preservation Committee will most likely be required as part of your proposal. As our most common request is for signage, our staff has created this guide as a reference to the allowances within this district.

### Wall Signs

- Single tenant businesses allowed one wall sign per frontage; multi-tenant buildings can be allowed one wall sign per store frontage facing a right of way
- Can be illuminated via spot lighting or similar form
- Sandblasted wood is encouraged, however alternative materials will also be considered
- Information is limited to business name, logo, or a combination of the two and size is limited to 15 sq. ft.

### Pole Mounted Shingle Sign

- Internal illumination is prohibited
- Sandblasted wood is encouraged, however alternative materials will be considered
- Information is limited to business name, logo, or a combination of the two and size is limited to 4 sq. ft.

### Projecting Signs

- Cannot project further than 5 feet from building
- Clearance of 8 feet from the bottom of the sign to the sidewalk surface is required
- Single and multi-tenant buildings can be allowed one projecting sign per frontage on a right of way
- Illumination is prohibited
- Sandblasted wood is encouraged, however alternative materials will be considered
- Information is limited to business name, logo, or a combination of the two and size is limited to 15 sq. ft.

### Soffit Signs

- Clearance of 8 feet from the bottom of the sign to the sidewalk surface is required
- One sign per frontage and shall be adjacent to the business it identifies
- Internal illumination is prohibited
- Sandblasted wood is encouraged, however alternative materials will be considered
- Information limited to name of building or business and size is limited to 4 sq. ft.

### Window Signs

- Single tenant business allowed one per frontage; multi-tenant buildings can be allowed one per store frontage facing a right of way
- Limited to first floor and illumination is prohibited
- Must be directly painted upon or permanently fastened to the window surface. Neon is prohibited
- Information is limited to business name, logo, or a combination of the two and provides for a maximum area of 25% of the total frontage window area

### Open Signs

- One illuminated open sign, limited to one color and 2 sq. ft. may be displayed within a business establishment