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Monument sign means any stand-alone, self-supporting structure affixed to the ground.

Ground sign means a detached sign supported by uprights, pylons, poles or braces for support and not attached to any structure. Ground signs do not include monument signs.

Sign area shall mean the entire space enclosed within the extreme edges of the sign for each sign face, including trim, moldings, battens and nailing strips but not including the supporting structure. Where attached directly to a building wall or surface, sign area shall be the space within the outline enclosing all the characters of the words, numbers, or design.

Height shall mean the distance measured from the finished grade immediately adjacent to the base of the sign to the sign's highest point.

Residential Zones

One sign with up to 32 square feet maximum area; height shall not exceed five feet.

Monument signs in residential zoning districts shall not exceed a maximum of two per entrance road to any specific development. Monument signs shall not be allowed at more than one entrance to a development for every 1,500 feet of common road frontage on which the entrances are situated. No more than one monument sign per street frontage shall be permitted on a property. A property with more than one street frontage may have up to a maximum of two monument signs, provided that the collective sign area of the two monument signs shall not exceed 150 percent of the maximum area permitted for one monument sign in that zoning district. Monument signs situated at shopping centers are to be located along the landscaped area between the sidewalk and the parking areas, a minimum of five feet from the property line. These signs are to be consistent in structure, design, and materials.

For those zoning districts where both ground signs and monument signs are permitted, properties with only one street frontage may have either a monument sign or a ground sign, but not both. Properties with more than one street frontage shall also be permitted to have one of the following for each additional public or private street frontage: (a) either an additional ground sign or an additional monument sign, provided that the total aggregate area for all ground signs and monument signs on the property do not exceed 300 square feet, or (b) an additional 50 square feet added to the total maximum permitted area for a monument sign.