



## Sign Ordinance

A new sign ordinance was approved by City Council on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please refer to the information below for an overview of the updated requirements.

### General Provisions

- All new or replaced signs (both temporary and permanent) are required to follow new standards
- Existing permanent signs can remain without modifications
- No sign (permanent or temporary) shall be placed:
  - Inside of a public right-of-way or within the utility strip
  - On closed businesses or vacant buildings
  - On an inoperable vehicle
  - On public property
- Additionally, all signs shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from the road right-of-way or sixteen (16) feet from the edge of the travel way (pavement), whichever is greater.
- Signs shall also meet the side and rear setbacks of the applicable zoning district

### Permanent Signs

- In most cases, a zoning permit is required
- Limits on the maximum number of signs, height/clearance, face area, and illumination depend on the type of sign and zoning district of the property
- Permanent sign types include: awning, marque, projecting, wall, window, monument, and pylon

### Temporary Signs

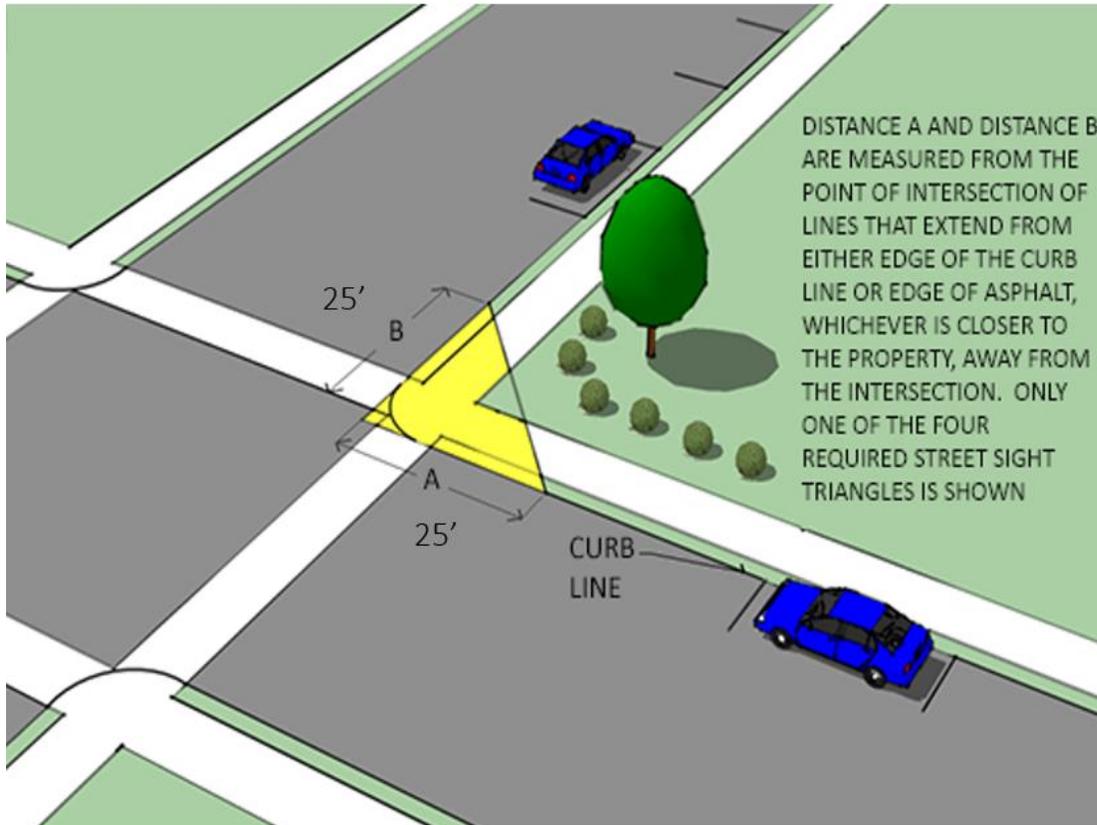
- No zoning permits are required for temporary signs except for political campaign signs.
- All temporary signs associated with a specific event may be placed up to fourteen (14) days before an event and shall be removed no later than seven (7) days after the end of the event.
- Temporary sign types include: banners, A-frame, feather flag, wire frame, and arm

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## Rights-of-Way and Sight Triangles

### **Sight Triangle:**

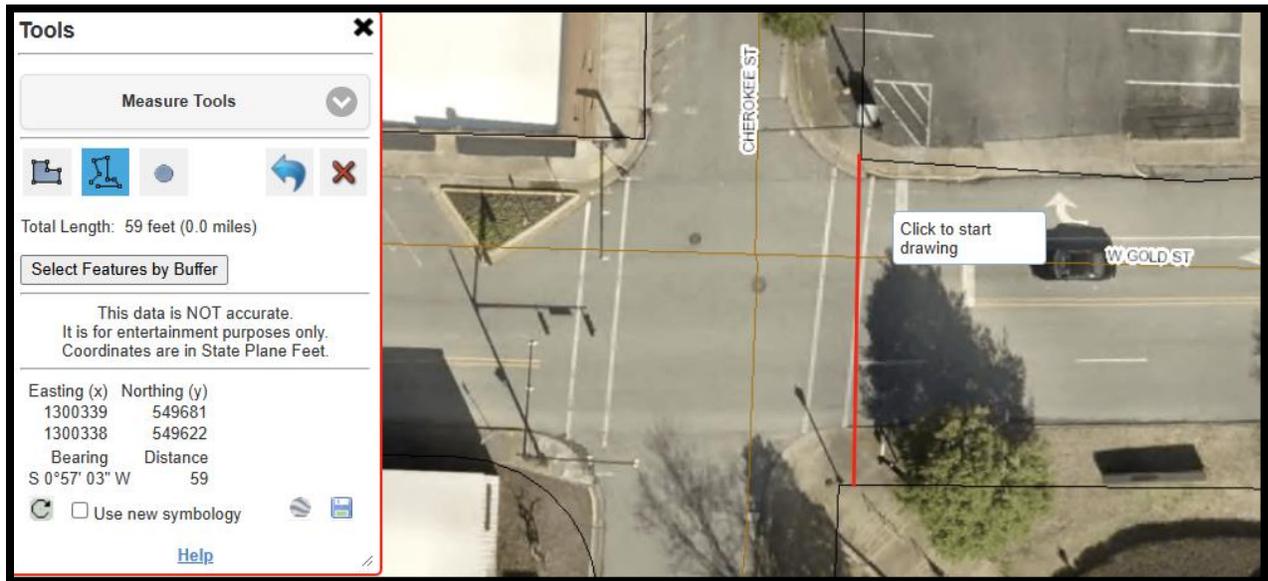
- The sight triangle, as shown below, is a prohibited area for sign placement. The area is described as a 25' x 25' triangle created by the perpendicular intersection of two rights-of-way (in white).



### **Right-of-Way:**

- The only way to determine your exact right-of-way line is to have your property surveyed by a professional surveyor. However, you can get a general estimation of your right-of-way by utilizing the Cleveland County GIS tool at <https://www.webgis.net/nc/cleveland/>. To start, click on the “Layers” tab in the upper left side of the screen. Scroll down to the “Overlays” section and click the checkbox next to “Aerial Imagery (2023).” Next, type in your address or parcel number using the “Search” function, then click on the wrench tool and select “Measure tools” from the dropdown menu. Using the second button from the left, the “Measure Length” tool, you can draw a line from one side of the road to the other, as shown below. This distance (usually around 30 feet on each side from the middle point of the road) is your right-of-way. NOTE: The satellite image and property lines may not align perfectly, so be sure to measure using the property lines for this most accurate estimate.

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*In this example, the total right-of-way for West Gold Street is 60 feet. If a sign were to be placed at a location on either side of the road, it would have to be no closer than 35 (30' + additional 5-foot setback) feet from the center of the road or 16 feet from the edge of the pavement, whichever is greater.*

### Penalties

- Any sign found to be in violation of this ordinance is subject to removal and the owner may be issued a citation and face civil penalties.

Table 156.140.04-1 Violation Amounts	
Warning Citation	Correct violation within 10 days
First Citation	\$100.00
Second Citation for same offense	\$100.00
Third and Fourth citation for same offense	\$150.00
Fifth citation for same offense	lien on property

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