

Section 80-040: General Provisions

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain a sign in the City of Nevis except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. If signs do not meet the front yard requirements, a method of averaging may be used to determine the location of a new sign. Signs, other than governmental signs, are prohibited within public rights-of-way and easements and on public property without written permission of the City Council. Projecting signs, awnings and canopies that overhang a sidewalk or other pedestrian way shall provide a minimum clearance above the said pedestrian way of eight (8) feet. Unless otherwise prohibited, all signs may be illuminated.

Section 80-050: Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited in all districts:

1. Vacant or abandoned building signs - owner has 60 days to remove after notification by Zoning Administrator.
2. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals in shape, size or color.
3. Snipe signs or signs attached to trees, telephone or utility poles, public benches, streetlights, or placed on any public property or public right-of-way.
4. Signs placed on vehicles or trailers which are parked or located for the primary purpose of displaying said signs (this does not apply to allowed portable signs or to signs or lettering on buses, taxis, or vehicles operating during the normal course of business).
5. Signs that obscure official traffic control devices.
6. Search lights except with approval from the City Council.
7. Signs that emit sound.
8. Signs anchored by guy-wires, chains, cables or similar devices that project down to the ground or that, in any way, create an unsafe condition for pedestrians or motorists.

Section 80-060: Permits Required

Unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance, all signs shall require permits and payment of fees as described in the Addendum Fee Schedule of the Nevis City Code. No permit is required for the maintenance of a sign or for a change of copy on painted, printed, or changeable copy signs. Failure to obtain a sign permit prior to erection of sign will result in a double permit fee.