

Cook County Sign Ordinance

12.1.4 Signs not requiring a permit The following signs shall not require a permit provided that the signs comply with all other regulations of this ordinance:

- A. Signs in residential districts as provided in this article.
- B. Signs affixed to buildings which bear the name of the occupant, business or occupation on the premises, provided that the sign face does not exceed five square feet in area and contains no advertising.
- C. Signs containing legal notices.
- D. Traffic and parking signs located on private property which do not have a sign face exceeding five square feet in area and are not closer than ten feet to any other zoning lot.
- E. Official highway directional signs and markers.
- F. Temporary signs for the sale or rental of real estate, personal celebrations, political campaigns, noncommercial special events or garage sales, subject to the following:
 - 1. One sign shall be permitted on a zoning lot, except that on corner lots two signs, one facing each street, shall be permitted. Signs shall not have a sign face exceeding 12 square feet in area nor be closer than 10 feet to other zoning lots.
 - 2. Signs shall not be illuminated.
 - 3. Signs shall not project beyond the property line into or over the right-of-way.
 - 4. Signs shall not project higher than ten feet above ground level at the base of the sign.
 - 5. Temporary signs shall be promptly removed following the events to which such signs pertain.
 - 6. Temporary signs shall not be erected in connection with rummage sales or garage sales for a period longer than three days, nor shall signs be erected on the same zoning lot for a total of more than three days in any 30-day period.
- G. Novelty signs which do not have a sign face exceeding 20 square feet in area and are not closer than ten feet to any other zoning lot.