

HOWARD COUNTY

EVENTS SHALL BE CONFINED TO THOSE THAT ARE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST AND THAT SUCH SIGNS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE GIVING OF INFORMATION.

ALL OTHER SIGNS, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, BILLBOARDS, OR POSTER PANELS, WHICH ADVERTISE PRODUCTS OR BUSINESSES NOT CONNECTED WITH THE SITE OR BUILDING ON WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, ARE DEEMED BY THIS SECTION TO CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE USE. PERMANENT DISPLAY OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING IS DEEMED TO BE INAPPROPRIATE TO THE CHARACTER AND THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY, AND IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH ADVERTISING BE CONFINED TO TEMPORARY DISPLAYS ON UNIMPROVED PROPERTY IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

3.601 - SIGN STANDARDS BY DISTRICT

A. GENERAL

THE FOLLOWING SIGN STANDARDS BY DISTRICT SHALL APPLY TO EVERY EXISTING DISTRICT AND TO EVERY NEW ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION HEREAFTER CREATED IN HOWARD COUNTY; TO AREAS OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE ZONING REGULATION, UNLESS THE BOARD OF APPEALS SHALL EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR STRICTER STANDARDS FOR SIGNS OR BILLBOARDS IN SUCH AREAS; AND TO THE AREAS OF RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES IN MULTI-USE DISTRICTS SUCH AS NEW TOWN DISTRICT, PLANNED COMMUNITY DISTRICT, AND SIMILAR DISTRICTS, UNLESS THE ZONING REGULATIONS EXPRESSLY PROVIDE STRICTER STANDARDS FOR SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS. THE DISTRICTS ARE AS DEFINED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS. ONLY SIGNS AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND AS MAY BE DESCRIBED UNDER "SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS, 3.602" AND "EXEMPTIONS, 3.603," SHALL BE PERMITTED IN EACH PARTICULAR DISTRICT.

B. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS

1. SINGLE FAMILY

TWO PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATION SIGNS NOT EXCEEDING ONE (1) SQUARE FOOT EACH IN AREA SHALL BE PERMITTED PER SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. SUCH SIGNS SHALL BE SET BACK AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET FROM THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE AND SHALL NOT BE OVER FIVE (5) FEET ABOVE THE GROUND, WHETHER FREESTANDING OR ON A BUILDING. OTHER SIGNS FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO