

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

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 the standards set forth in subsection 3.603-G. Illumination shall be in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Section 3.608.

2. Multiple Family

In any multiple family dwelling in which a professional or rental office is permitted, one sign shall be permitted at each vehicular entrance from a public right-of-way and at each major public entrance to the dwelling for all offices in the dwelling, the sign not to exceed one (1) square foot for each office or ten (10) square feet overall, whichever is smaller. Permitted signs shall be set back at least six (6) feet from any property line, and the top of the sign shall not be over five (5) feet above the ground, whether freestanding or on a building. The sign shall indicate only the name, address, and occupation of the occupant. Illumination shall be in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Section 3.608.

3. Mobile Homes

Signs in mobile home parks shall be in accordance with the standards as set forth in [the Zoning Regulations of Howard County.] SECTION 3.610C OF THIS SUBTITLE.

C. Commercial Districts and Commercial Areas

1. Size

A total sign area of two (2) square feet for each lineal foot of building frontage shall be allowed. If the building has multiple frontage, and additional sign area of one (1) square foot for each additional lineal foot of building frontage shall be allowed.

The total area of all signs erected on the lot and building shall be within the allowable square footage. Where there is multiple frontage, no more than two (2) square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of building frontage shall be allowed to face that frontage.

2. Location