

HOWARD COUNTY

A. Flat Wall Signs

Flat wall signs may be located anywhere on any wall of a building, except that, above the first floor, no window or part of a window shall be situated within the area, or surface area, as defined herein, of such sign, or its supporting structure, nor shall any such sign or part of such sign or its supporting structure cover any window or part of a window. No flat wall sign shall extend above the roof line. In the case of a multi-story building which has screening enclosing elevator shafts, stairs, or heating and air conditioning units, a flat wall sign may be permitted within the area of the screening.

b. Projecting Signs

Projecting signs may project over public rights-of-way only where there is no building setback, and then it may project no more than forty-two (42) inches beyond the right-of-way line. It may be no closer than eight (8) feet to a curb line without variance from the Board of Appeals and must have a minimum clearance of ten (10) feet above the finished grade of a sidewalk and eighteen (18) feet above any road, driveway or alley. No projecting or supporting structure shall project more than forty-two (42) inches from the wall of a building, nor be less than (10) feet from the ground level at the base of the building, nor be higher than twenty-five (25) feet from the ground level to the top of the sign on a multi-story building. Above the first floor no window or part of a window shall be situated within the area, or surface area, as defined herein, of such sign, or its supporting structure, nor shall any such sign or part of such sign or its supporting structure cover any window or part of a window. Furthermore, no projecting sign or supporting structure shall be located in such a manner as to obstruct the light and vision of a window. Every face of a projecting sign shall be considered as a separate sign for the purposes of computing the allowable area, and the sum of the areas of all faces of a projecting sign shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet. No projecting sign or supporting sign or supporting structure shall extend above the roof line.

c. Freestanding Signs

Where a building does not cover the full area of the property, business signs may be freestanding or ground supported and may be located in the required front yard as provided FOR by THE FRONT YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT OF the Zoning Regulations. The height of the sign may not exceed one (1) foot for each two (2) feet of setback from the right-of-way and shall not exceed