

2. If conducting a home occupation, a business license and a home occupation permit shall be obtained from the Town of Vonore.
3. Space devoted to home occupations shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) or a maximum of six hundred (600) square feet of the dwelling unit, whichever is less.
4. No home occupation shall be conducted in any accessory building or garage;
5. No alteration to any building shall indicate from the exterior that the building is being used for other than residential purposes.
6. No articles, materials, good, or equipment indicative of the home occupation shall be visible from any public street or adjacent properties.
7. Outdoor storage is prohibited.
8. No traffic shall be generated by the home occupation in greater volume than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood. Off street parking shall be provided.
9. The use shall not increase noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the premises.
10. No equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes electrical fluctuations in the line voltage off the premises.
11. The home occupation shall not increase the type or volume of solid waste for at-curb disposal beyond that which is otherwise typical for a residence.

11-604. **Signs and Billboards.** The purpose of these sign regulations is to balance the need of communication with the need to minimize traffic hazards, reduce clutter, and improve community appearance. The regulations for signs and billboards are enumerated below:

1. General Provisions. All signs erected, replaced, reconstructed, expanded, or relocated on any property within the town shall conform with the provisions of this section.
  - a. All signs erected, constructed, or placed in any district shall conform to the adopted building codes and if serviced by electrical power, shall conform to the National Electrical Code. Electrical materials and devices used on such signs shall bear the U.L. Label.

- b. With the exception of One-Time Event Signs, all signs shall obtain a sign permit from the Town of Vonore.
- c. A sign permit application shall include the proposed sign location, sign type, dimensions, total square footage, height, and lighting.
- d. The sign area for all wall, awning, canopy, and marquee signs shall be measured by drawing an imaginary single, regular geometric shape of a rectangle, circle, or equilateral triangle around the sign face. The text and other associated graphics do not have to be physically connected.
- e. The sign area for all ground, pole, projecting, and One-Time Event signs shall be the entire face of the sign, including the advertising surface and any framing, trim, or molding, but not including the supporting structures. The area of each sign face shall be counted toward the total allowed sign area. For example, on a two-sided sign, both sides shall be counted toward the total sign area.
- f. All ground, pole, and One-Time Event signs shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from all property lines. Signs shall be placed so as not to restrict sight distance for entering, existing, or passing vehicles.
- g. Wall, awning, canopy, marquee, and projecting signs shall only be permitted on walls facing a public street and/or an on-site parking lot.
- h. A total of one (1) pole or ground sign is allowed per road frontage per parcel, provided such signs are a minimum of two hundred (200) feet apart.
- i. Projecting signs erected and overhanging any sidewalk shall be placed a minimum of seven (7) feet and six (6) inches above the sidewalk. Such sign may extend over the sidewalk a distance equal to two-thirds (2/3) the width of the sidewalk, but in no case exceeding ten (10) feet. All other projecting signs shall be placed a minimum of nine (9) feet above adjacent grade and may extend a maximum of ten (10) feet.
- j. Signs may be internally or externally illuminated. If externally illuminated, such lighting shall not shine or glare directly onto adjacent properties or street rights-of-ways. For the purposes of this ordinance, glare shall be defined as any brightness within the field of vision of such a character as to cause annoyance, discomfort, interference with vision, or loss of visual performance and visibility.
- k. When an entity is no longer in operation, the associated sign(s) shall be removed.
- l. Existing signs which were legally in existence prior to the adoption of this section which do not conform to the specific provisions of this section are declared legal nonconforming signs. Any legal nonconforming sign shall be allowed to remain and be maintained. If, however, the sign suffers more than fifty (50) percent

damage or deterioration, as based on appraisal, the sign must be brought into conformance with these regulations or removed. If the nonconforming sign is removed and replaced with a new sign, such new sign shall comply with these regulations.

2. Prohibited signs and devices. The following types of signs and devices are prohibited.
  - a. Billboards, unless existing at the time of the adoption of this ordinance.
  - b. Roof signs.
  - c. Off-premise signs.
  - d. Unless provided for elsewhere in this section, animated or moving signs, digital signs, scrolling reader boards, electronic message center signs, and flashing or intermittent illumination of signs are prohibited.
  - e. Signs which are erected or maintained where by reason of its position, wording, illumination, size, shape, or color may obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic control sign, signal, or device.
  - f. Signs on public property and street rights-of-ways, except those erected and/or managed by an authorized public entity.
  - g. Signs that are not securely affixed to the ground or wall.
  - h. Signs which are not expressly permitted by this section or any other ordinance of the town.
3. Residential Districts. In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all signs within the R-1 Low Density Residential District and the R-2 High Density Residential District shall conform with the following provisions.
  - a. Any activity lawfully conducted on the premises shall be permitted one (1) non-illuminated sign up to two (2) square feet in area.
  - b. Uses permitted as a Special Exception, churches and other places of worship, cemeteries, public schools, and golf courses shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign per road frontage. Such sign(s) may be up to sixty-four (64) square feet in area with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.
  - c. Uses permitted as a Special Exception, churches, cemeteries, public schools, and golf courses shall be permitted any number of wall signs. The total square footage allowed for all the wall signs combined shall be based on the length of the

wall on which the signs are mounted. The total area of such wall signs shall be one-half (1/2) square feet of sign area per each linear foot of building wall on which the sign(s) is/are mounted.

- d. Residential neighborhoods shall be permitted one (1) non-illuminated ground or pole sign per neighborhood entrance. Such sign may be up to fifty (50) square feet in area with a maximum of twenty-five (25) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
4. Agricultural District: In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all signs within the A-1 Agriculture District shall conform with the following provisions.
- a. Any activity lawfully conducted on the premises shall be permitted one (1) non-illuminated sign up to two (2) square feet in area.
  - b. Uses permitted as a Special Exception, churches and other places of worship, and cemeteries shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign per road frontage. Such sign(s) may be up to sixty-four (64) square feet in area with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.
  - c. Uses permitted as a Special Exception, churches and other places of worship, and cemeteries shall be permitted any number of wall signs. The total square footage allowed for all the wall signs combined shall be based on the length of the wall on which the signs are mounted. The total area of such wall signs shall be one-half (1/2) square feet of sign area per each linear foot of building wall on which the sign(s) is/are mounted.
5. Neighborhood Business District. In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all signs within the C-1 Neighborhood Business District shall conform with the following provisions.
- a. The same regulations apply to residential uses in the C-1 Neighborhood Business District as applied to the Residential Districts as outlined above.
  - b. Freestanding entities shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign per road frontage. Such sign(s) may be up to fifty (50) square feet in area with a maximum of twenty-five (25) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
  - c. Multiple use buildings shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign per road frontage. Such sign(s) fifty (50) square feet in area with a maximum of twenty-five (25) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
  - d. Freestanding entities shall be permitted any number of wall signs, canopy signs, and projecting signs. The total square footage allowed for all the signs combined shall be based on the length of the wall on which the signs are mounted. The total

area of such signs shall be one (1) square foot of sign area per each linear foot of building wall on which the sign(s) is/are mounted.

- e. Tenants within a multiple use building shall be permitted any number of wall signs, canopy signs, and projecting signs. The total square footage allowed for all the signs combined shall be based on the length of the building wall of the tenant space. The total area of such signs shall be one (1) square foot of sign area per each linear foot of building wall of tenant space upon which the sign(s) is/are mounted.
6. Highway Commercial District. In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all signs within the C-3 Highway Commercial District shall conform with the following provisions.
- a. The same regulations apply to residential uses in the C-3 Highway Commercial District as applied to the Residential Districts as outlined above.
  - b. If fronting on Highway 411, freestanding entities shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign. Such sign may be up to four hundred (400) square feet in area with a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
  - c. If fronting on Highway 411, multiple use buildings shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign. Such sign may be up to four hundred (400) square feet in area with a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
  - d. If not fronting on Highway 411, freestanding entities shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign. Such sign may be up to two hundred (200) square feet in area with a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.
  - e. If not fronting on Highway 411, multiple use buildings shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign. Such sign may be up to two hundred (200) square feet in area with a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.
  - f. Freestanding entities shall be permitted any number of wall signs, canopy signs, and projecting signs. The total square footage allowed for all the signs combined shall be based on the length of the wall on which the signs are mounted. The total area of such signs shall be one (1) square foot of sign area per each linear foot of building wall on which the sign(s) is/are mounted.
  - g. Tenants within a multiple use building shall be permitted any number of wall signs, canopy signs, and projecting signs. The total square footage allowed for all the signs combined shall be based on the length of the building wall of the tenant

space. The total area of such signs shall be one (1) square foot of sign area per each linear foot of building wall of tenant space upon which the sign(s) is/are mounted.

- h. If fronting on Highway 411, flashing or intermittent illumination of signs, including scrolling reader boards, are permitted.
- i. If not fronting on Highway 411, flashing or intermittent illumination of signs, including scrolling reader boards, are prohibited.
- j. If fronting on Highway 411, electronic message center (EMC) signs are permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) Such signs shall hold a static message for a minimum of 60 seconds; and
  - (ii) The lighting of such signs shall not exceed 3,000 nits during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset) and 1,000 nits during dark hours (sunset to sunrise).
- k. If not fronting on Highway 411, electronic message center (EMC) signs are prohibited.

7. Industrial Zoning Districts. In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all signs within the M-1 Light Industrial District and the M-2 Heavy Industrial district shall conform with the following provisions.

- a. Entities shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign. Such sign may be up to two hundred (200) square feet in area with a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- b. Entities shall be permitted one (1) sign per driveway entering the premises. Such sign(s) may be up to four (4) square feet in area with a maximum of two (2) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed three (3) feet in height.
- c. Buildings shall be permitted any number of wall signs. The total square footage allowed for all the wall signs combined shall be based on the length of the wall on which the signs are mounted. The total area of such signs shall be one (1) square foot of sign area per each linear foot of building wall on which the sign(s) is/are mounted.
- d. Industrial parks shall be permitted one (1) ground or pole sign per industrial park entrance. Such sign may be up to four hundred (400) square feet in area with a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet per sign face and shall not exceed thirty-two (32) feet in height.

8. One-Time Event Signs. In addition to meeting the other provisions of this section, all one-time event signs shall conform with the following provisions.

- a. One-time event signs are permitted in all zoning districts, on developed land, and on vacant land.
- b. Such signs shall be a maximum of sixty-four (64) square feet with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, shall be non-illuminated, and shall be affixed to the ground or a building.
- c. For the purposes of this ordinance, political and campaign signs shall be considered one-time event signs, however, one (1) one-time event sign per candidate, issue, or subject shall be permitted per parcel/lot (Tennessee Code Annotated 2-7-143).

Billboards. Billboards existing at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall be considered permitted and allowed uses. Such billboards shall not be permitted to increase in size, width, or height, change locations on the premises, or add changing sign faces. Such billboards shall also not be permitted to add flashing or intermittent illumination, including scrolling reader boards and electronic message centers (EMC). An inventory of these three (3) existing billboards is included in this ordinance as Attachments A and B (Ordinance No. 20-04).

**11-605. Swimming Pools.** No swimming pool or part thereof, excluding aprons, walks, and equipment rooms, shall protrude into any required front or side yard space except in the C-3, Highway Business District where swimming pools are permitted in front yards when the pool is operated in conjunction with a permitted use in that district. The swimming pool area shall be walled or fenced so as to prevent uncontrolled access by children and pets from the street or from adjacent properties. Said fence or wall shall be not less than five (5) feet in height and maintained in good condition.

Private swimming pools are permitted in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts and the A-1 Agriculture District, provided that the pool is intended and is to be used solely for the enjoyment of the occupants and their guests of the property on which it is located.

**11-606. Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.** The following regulations shall apply to mobile homes and mobile home parks:

1. A single mobile home may be placed on a lot in the R-2, Residential Districts, provided that it has underpinning, a driveway, a patio, and provided all open space, parking, and setback provisions of the district are complied with; and further provided that all applicable housing and building code provisions are complied with. All other mobile homes occupied for living purposes shall be confined to mobile home parks excepting nonconforming mobile homes subject to Section 11-303 of this code, and temporary occupancies as provided for in Section 11-602. 2. of this code.