

14-5-17: SIGNS:

A. Prohibited: Signs prohibited in the Toquop planning area are:

1. Imitations or simulations of any directional, working, danger and/or informational sign.
2. Illumination of such brilliance and/or position as to blind or dazzle the vision of travelers.
3. Signs, advertising displays, and structures containing statements, words or suggestions or pictures of an obscene, indecent or immoral character.
4. Off site signage for commercial uses.
5. Misleading, erroneous or false information and/or advertising.
6. Signs, advertising displays, and/or structures that emit any sound, portable or mobile signs, unless permitted as a temporary sign or for public safety.
7. Signs placed on parked vehicles or trailers, or parked commercial vehicles where the apparent purpose is to advertise a product or to direct people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property.
8. Roof signs.
9. Banners, pennants, festoons, searchlights (special use permit).
10. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.
11. Snipe signs or signs attached to trees, utility poles, public benches, streetlights, or placed on any public property or public right of way.

B. Canopies And Awnings: Signs are permitted on architectural building features such as canopies and awnings, with all regulations applying to text and logos only.

C. Freestanding Signs: Freestanding monument, entry/exit, construction, ladder, and for sale signs are allowed and shall be considered to face the street to which they are most nearly perpendicular. All other types of freestanding signs will not be allowed in any district.

1. Height: Ladder signs shall not be more than sixteen feet (16') tall, measured from the high point on the sign to ground level. Monument signs shall not be taller than seventy two inches (72") in height. Signs in residential areas (for churches and other uses applicable in these areas) may be no more than four feet (4') in height.
2. Display: Front entrance signs shall display the development name, subdivision name, and directions to the subdivision only. Off premises directional signs shall display the subdivision name and a

directional arrow only. Off premises directional signs shall only display a maximum of seven (7) subdivision location signs.

3. Materials: Ladder signs shall be constructed of a metal material. Monument signs shall be constructed of either cement products, or of rock, marble or metal material.
4. Distance: Entrance signs shall be constructed at the main entrance of the planned unit development or subdivision. Off premises directional signs are allowed a minimum of one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) mile apart and at major intersections only. No one subdivision can have more than two (2) off premises directional signs unless the subdivision measures more than one mile in length. This would be measured along the street from the main entrance sign. If the subdivision is more than one mile in length the subdivision is allowed two (2) signs for every measured mile. All signs shall adhere to the community theme selected for the neighborhood.
5. Illumination: No backlit signs will be allowed. No internal lighting may be used for signs in this section. Signs may be externally lit with concealed lighting only. Exposed bulbs or neon tubes are not allowed in or adjacent to planned unit developments.

D. For Sale Signs: For sale signs must be no larger than three feet by three feet (3' x 3') in residential areas and are only allowed posted on local streets from Friday at five o'clock (5:00) P.M. to Sunday at twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight. Individual sale signs for homes may be posted continuously.

E. Election Signs: Temporary election signs must be removed within five (5) working days of an election date and are subject to commission approval of size and height if proposed larger than three feet by three feet (3' x 3') for road signs and four feet by eight feet (4' x 8') for temporary ground billboards. (Candidates winning primary elections may leave signs in place until after general election.)

F. Safety Signs: School signs, block number signs, and other safety signs must conform to RTC uniform standards and specifications.

G. Street Name Signs: Street names signs shall be in accordance with the NDOT standard drawings and specifications manual, however, creative character areas with unique street sign designs are encouraged. Character area designs may be approved during the tentative plan approval process.

H. Billboards: Billboards of any kind (except temporary ground A-frames) are not allowed in the PUD communities and will be reviewed for use only along arterials by special use permit. (Ord. 2007-01, 3-5-2007)

