

Contra Costa County Sign Ordinance

(Sign Regulations used for Discovery Bay, Bethel Island, Knightsen)

Chapter 88-6 - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING*

- Sections:

Article 88-6.2. General

- 88-6.202 - Short title.

- This chapter shall be known and may be designated as the outdoor advertising ordinance of Contra Costa County.

(Prior code § 8345: Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.204 - Declaration of policy.

- It is declared by the board of supervisors that the business of outdoor advertising is affected by the public interest. The business is useful and necessary and is essential to the economic life and welfare of the county. At the same time, outdoor advertising, when carried on in improper places and to an excessive extent, may be detrimental to the public welfare. The public interest and the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, the conservation of property values, and the encouragement of the orderly development of the county require that this occupation be regulated.

(Prior code § 8346: Ord. 1009).

Article 88-6.4. Definitions

- 88-6.402 - Generally.

- For the purposes of this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given in Sections 88-6.404 through 88-6.420.

(Prior code § 8347 (part): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.404 - Community service organizations.

- "Community service organizations" are clubs or associations of businessmen and others not organized for profit but for the purpose of promoting community interests, patriotism, welfare of youth, and other like purposes.

(Prior code § 8347(a): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.406 - Flyer.

- "Flyer" means an addition to an outdoor advertising structure beyond the limits of its ordinary dimensions. A "flyer" may be of any shape or proportion, but the product of the overall vertical dimension and the overall horizontal dimension shall not exceed one-quarter of the area of the sign to which it is a flyer.

(Prior code § 8347(b): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.408 - Licensed real estate broker.
- "Licensed real estate broker" is any person licensed by the Division of Business and Professional Standards of the state of California as a real estate broker.

(Prior code § 8347(c): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.410 - Outdoor advertising structure.
- "Outdoor advertising structure" means any structure, whether independent from, attached to, or a part of a building on which any poster, bill printing, painting, or other advertisement of any kind whatsoever may be placed, including statuary, for advertising purposes.

(Prior code § 8347(d): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.420 - Subdivision.
- "Subdivision" means any subdivision approved under Title 9, being offered for sale.

(Prior code § 8347(i): Ord. 1009).

Article 88-6.6. Standards

- 88-6.602 - Standards—Type I sign.
- A Type I sign is an outdoor advertising structure complying with the specifications and requirements of this section. A Type I sign shall not be higher than twelve feet measured from the lower part (batten mould) of the advertising panel to the upper part of the advertising panel. It shall not be wider than twenty-five feet measured horizontally. It shall be constructed to meet all of the requirements of the Uniform Building Code. A Type I sign may have a flyer.

(Prior code § 8348(a): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.604 - Standards—Type II sign.
- A Type II sign is an outdoor advertising structure which meets all of the specifications and requirements shown in Illustration 8348-A. A Type II sign may have a flyer.

(Prior code § 8348(b): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.606 - Standards—Type III sign.
- A Type III sign is an outdoor advertising structure complying with the requirements of this section. A Type III sign may be of any shape or proportion, but may not exceed six square feet in area. It shall be securely fastened to a sturdy building or structure or on a firm stake or post well driven into the ground. It may be made of any material, including paper, but shall be so constructed that it will remain in place in ordinary wind and weather and so placed that it cannot fall and injure persons and property. A Type III sign may not have a flyer.

(Prior code § 8348(c): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.608 - Standards—Type IV sign.

• A Type IV sign is an outdoor advertising structure complying with all of the requirements shown in Illustration 8348-B. A Type IV sign may have a flyer to indicate a resort area without indicating any particular resort.

(Prior code § 8348(d): Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.610 - Standards—Type V sign.

A Type V sign is an outdoor advertising structure complying with all of the requirements of this section. A Type V sign may be of any shape or proportion, but the product of the over-all vertical dimension and the over-all horizontal dimension shall not exceed six square feet. It shall be constructed of durable material and firmly attached to a building or structure or to a permanent foundation structure. A Type V sign may not have a flyer.

(Prior code § 8348(e): Ord. 1009).

88-6.802 - Subdivision.

• (a) One Type II sign may be erected at each street entrance to, and within the boundaries of, a subdivision. Such signs shall be located so that they will not be a hazard to travel on the subdivision's roads or interfere with sight distance at road intersections.

(b) Two additional Type II signs may be erected outside the boundaries of the subdivision referred to in subsection (a) after the written approval of the zoning administrator has been obtained as to the locations proposed for the signs. The two additional Type II signs and any other additional signs authorized pursuant to subsection (d) shall not be located and erected within public road rights-of-way.

(c) Type II signs as authorized by this section may be erected and maintained for a period not to exceed eighteen months or until thirty days after all the subdivision homes are transferred once, whichever first occurs.

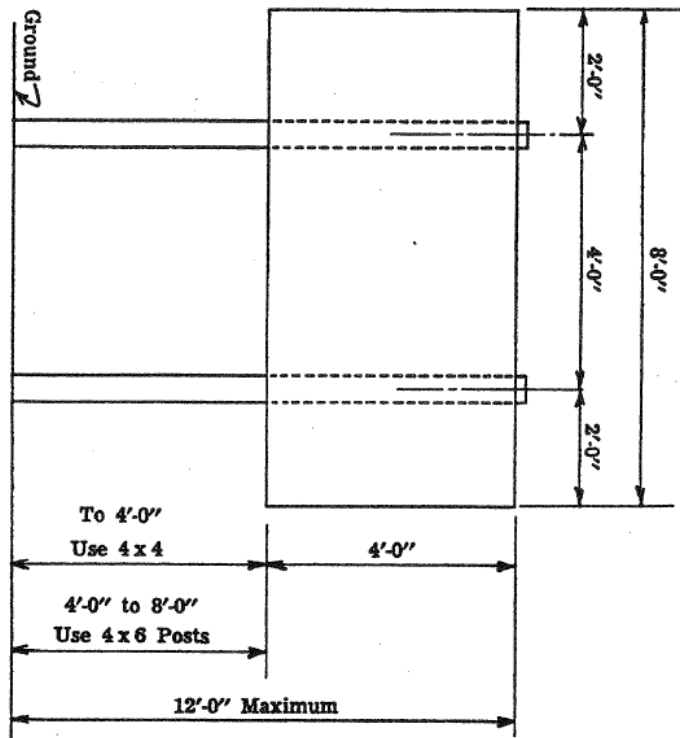
(d) A sign permit may be obtained from the zoning administrator for additional Type II signs or for an extension of the time limit specified in subsection (c). All such sign permit applications shall be reviewed for approval, modification or denial by the zoning administrator as provided in Section 26-2.1204 and related procedural provisions.

(Ord. 75-2: prior code § 8349: Ord. 1009).

Posts to be redwood 1200 F or equal. Sign to be 3/8" thick plywood or equal. Posts to extend 4'-0" into undisturbed ground.

**TYPE II
ADVERTISING SIGN**

Dimensions of sign panel are maximums. Posts of signs must be of indicated size.

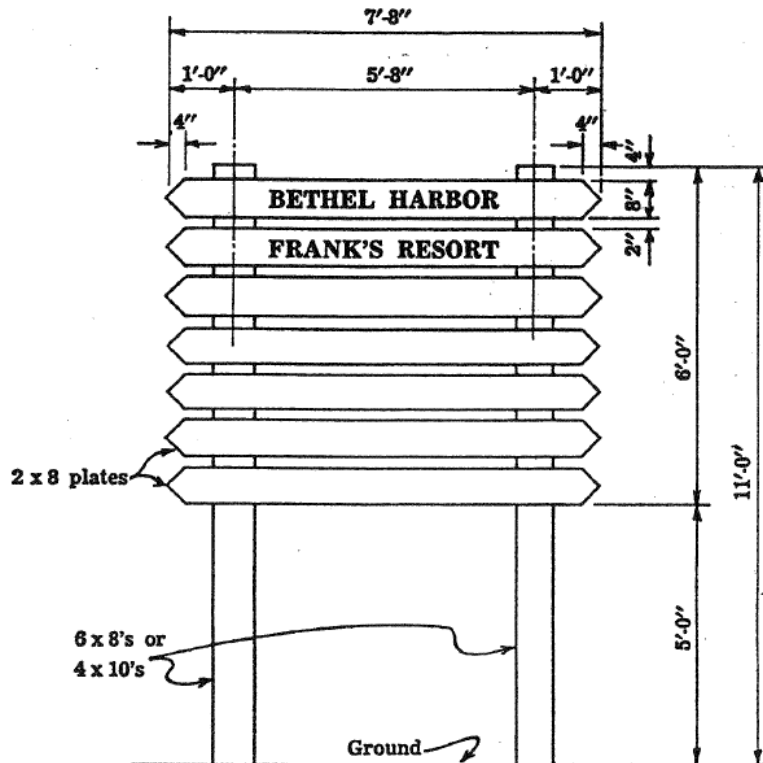


All material to be redwood 1200 F or equal.

Posts to extend 4'-0" into undisturbed ground.

**TYPE IV
RESORT SIGN**

Painting to consist of two colors only on any one plate. Business firms to be listed alphabetically from top to bottom of sign.



- 88-6.804 - Sign — Real estate and construction.

(a) One Type III sign may be erected on any premises being offered for sale or lease and may be maintained on the premises for not longer than ten days after the property is no longer offered for sale or lease.

(b) One Type III sign may be erected and maintained on any premises on which a principal building or structure is being erected by the owner, contractor, subcontractor, supplier, builder and architect of the principal building for the purpose of identifying himself. The sign may be maintained not longer than ten days after the completion of the building or structure.

(Prior code § 8350: Ord. 1009).

88-6.814 - Sign — Community, neighborhood.

A land use permit may be obtained for the erection and maintenance of an identification sign for a community, locality or neighborhood and may include the identification of community service organizations, with meeting dates and places. The administration of this section is referred to the planning commission. In addition to all other requirements of ordinance or law, the planning commission may make conditions to the issuance of these permits, respecting the design and architecture of the signs, so as not to be a hazard to the traveling public, unsightly, or inharmonious with the community and neighborhood in which they are located. Permits shall not be granted under this section for any organization or activity engaged in business or for profit.

(Prior code § 8355: Ord. 1009).

88-6.817 - Community facilities.

- A sign permit may be obtained from the zoning administrator for the erection and maintenance of an off-site directional sign for community or quasi-public facilities (identified as golf, tennis, swimming and country clubs), if these facilities are such that indication of direction and location will be a public service. Off-site directional signs shall not be erected and located within public road rights-of-way. All sign permit applications shall be reviewed for approval, modification or denial by the zoning administrator as provided in Section 26-2.1204 and related procedural provisions.

(Ord. 74-68).

- 88-6.818 - Sign — Intersection.

- No outdoor advertising structure, except Type IV signs, shall be erected or maintained in such a location or position that operators of motor vehicles who are within one hundred feet of the intersection of any public road with any other public road or any railroad will not have a clear and unobstructed view of the intersection and of any traffic on all of the roads or railroads entering the intersection for a distance of one hundred feet along all the roads or railroads; but if the sight distance at the intersection is already obstructed by building, structure, vegetation or topography, then the outdoor advertising structures may be located within one hundred feet of the intersection, so long as they do not constitute additional obstruction of sight distances.

(Prior code § 8358: Ord. 1009).

- 88-6.820 - Sign — Double-faced.

The size and area limitations contained in this chapter apply to the size or area of the structure and not to the advertising copy. Advertising copy may be placed on both sides of the sign, so as to constitute a double-faced sign, and shall not be deemed to have increased the area.

(Prior code § 8359: Ord. 1009).

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