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3 CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA  
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8 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
9 MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPENDIX A ZONING, ARTICLE  
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29 PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR  
30 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION;  
31 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY  
35 COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:  
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37 **SECTION 1:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
38 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
39 Code Section 39.1 Statement of purpose is hereby amended to  
40 read as follows:  
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42 **Section 39.1 Statement of purpose.**

43 The purpose of this article is to create the framework  
44 for a comprehensive and balanced system of sign control,  
45 thereby facilitating clear and attractive communication

1                   between people and their environment. It is the purpose of  
2                   this article to control those signs which are intended to  
3                   communicate to the ~~off-premises~~ general public and to  
4                   authorize the use of signs which are:  
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- 6                   (a) Compatible with their surroundings.  
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- 8                   (b) Expressive of the identity of individual  
9                   proprietors or of the community as a whole.  
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- 11                  (c) Legible under the circumstances in which they are  
12                  seen.  
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- 14                  (d) Conducive to promoting traffic safety by preventing  
15                  visual distraction.  
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- 17                  (e) Provide for the aesthetic appearance of the  
18                  community and consistency with architecture.  
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- 20                  (f) Effectively and efficiently communicate the intent  
21                  and nature of the city's business community.  
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23                  **SECTION 2:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
24                  Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
25                  Code Section 39.2 Definitions is hereby amended to read as  
26                  follows:  
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28                  **Section 39.2 Definitions.**

29                  The following words, terms and phrases, when used in  
30                  this article shall have the meaning ascribed to them in  
31                  this section, except where the context clearly indicated a  
32                  different meaning:  
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34                  *Abandoned sign:* A sign which no longer correctly  
35                  directs or exhorts any person, advertises a bona fide  
36                  business, lessor, owner, product or activity conducted or  
37                  available on the premises where such sign is displayed.  
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39                  *Address sign:* A sign listing at least the numerical  
40                  prefix of the street address of a building. ~~In certain~~  
41                  ~~cases the bay, suite, or unit number must also be included.~~  
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43                  *Advertising:* Any form of public announcement intended  
44                  to aid, directly or indirectly, in the sale, use or

1 promotion of a product, commodity, service, person, event,  
2 activity or entertainment.

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4 *Advertising balloon:* Any balloon of any size  
5 containing a display of advertising.

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7 *A-frame sign, Portable sign, and Sandwich board sign:*  
8 A moveable sign not secured or attached to the ground, but  
9 which is not being carried by an individual, nor moving or  
10 animated in any other fashion.

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12 *Animated sign:* A sign which utilizes motion of its  
13 parts by any means or displays flashing, oscillating or  
14 intermittent lights. This also includes the use of animals  
15 or humans for advertising purposes.

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17 *Announcing sign:* A sign announcing a project to be  
18 under construction, or an intended use of the premises in  
19 the immediate future, or change of tenant during build out.

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21 *Awning sign:* Any A sign placed, which is painted,  
22 printed, sewed or otherwise attached to on the exterior  
23 face of an awning. which is supported entirely from the  
24 exterior wall of a building and composed of a non-rigid  
25 material except for the supporting framework.

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27 *Banner or pennant sign:* A sign having characters,  
28 letters or illustrations applied to cloth, paper, flexible  
29 plastic, flexible vinyl or fabric of any kind with only  
30 such material for backing other than those meeting the  
31 definition of a flag.

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33 *Bench sign:* Any sign painted on or attached to a  
34 bench.

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36 *Billboard:* A sign structure, including signs those  
37 located either on poles, benches, buses, buildings or  
38 structures, that is located in the public right-of-way or  
39 on private property, utilized for advertising an  
40 establishment, an activity, a product, a service or  
41 entertainment, which is sold, produced, manufactured,  
42 available or furnished at a place other than on the  
43 property on which said sign is located.

1           Blade sign: A small sign, which is suspended from an  
2            overhang, canopy, awning, or is suspended from mounting  
3            attached directly to the building wall, and hangs  
4            perpendicular to the building wall.

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6           Blank panel: An A single color, individual sign panel  
7            with no writing, characters, symbols, letters, numbers or  
8            any design of any kind visible or applied or painted on  
9            either side of the panel.~~, said panel is a single color~~  
10           ~~matching the background color on any applicable approved~~  
11           ~~uniform sign plan. Said panel is designed for easy~~  
12           ~~installation into the cabinet or frame of a monument or~~  
13           ~~cabinet sign in the field without any other alteration to~~  
14           ~~any other portion of the sign's sign face or structure.~~

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16           Bunting: Any kind of pennant, streamer or other  
17            similar fabric or flexible plastic.

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19           Cabinet sign: Any sign, the face of which is enclosed,  
20            bordered, or contained within a box-like structure, frame  
21            or other device.

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23           Canopy: An ornamental roof-like structure that is not  
24            an integral part of the roof, but rather, is appended to  
25            the building and extends beyond the building or building  
26            line. For purposes of this code, a roof structure over a  
27            gasoline pump or pumps is considered a canopy. ~~In calculating lineal feet of building frontage for purposes~~  
28           ~~of determining wall sign size, canopies shall not be~~  
29           ~~included.~~

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32           Canopy sign: A sign attached to the face of, ~~or hung~~  
33            from, a canopy or covered structure which projects from, or  
34            is supported by a building, when such canopy or covered  
35            structure extends beyond the building, building lines, or  
36            property line.

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38           Changeable copy sign: A sign that is designed so that  
39            characters, letters or illustrations can be changed or  
40            rearranged without altering the face or the surface of the  
41            sign. This may be done by using flexible or rigid plastic  
42            letters, ~~or~~ or electronic messaging or LED.

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44           City: The City of Margate, Florida.

1                    ~~City Manager: The city manager as appointed by the~~  
2                    ~~city commission of the City of Margate, or the city~~  
3                    ~~manager's designee.~~

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5                    ~~Clubhouse: A common property to a homeowner's or~~  
6                    ~~condominium association which includes such community~~  
7                    ~~amenities as a swimming pool, meeting place and/or~~  
8                    ~~auditorium.~~

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10                  ~~Clubhouse identification sign: A sign identifying a~~  
11                  ~~community and/or its clubhouse.~~

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13                  ~~Community bulletin board sign: A sign with displaying~~  
14                  ~~information of interest to the general public. Such sign~~  
15                  ~~shall have all information contained under a locked~~  
16                  ~~protective cover.~~

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18                  ~~Community identification sign: A sign identifying a~~  
19                  ~~community.~~

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21                  ~~Complex: A group or cluster of buildings with a common~~  
22                  ~~access from a dedicated roadway.~~

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24                  ~~Directional sign: A Any on-premise sign indicating~~  
25                  ~~route of travel for reaching the place or use indicated on~~  
26                  ~~the sign face.~~

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28                  ~~Directory sign: A sign on which the names and~~  
29                  ~~locations of occupants or the use of a building or site are~~  
30                  ~~given but not advertising the use in any manner.~~

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32                  ~~Door: An entry equipped with double-pivoted hardware~~  
33                  ~~so designed as to cause a semicounter balanced swing action~~  
34                  ~~when opening. A moveable structure which covers the opening~~  
35                  ~~in a building or other structure.~~

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37                  ~~Election signs: Any sign which indicates the name,~~  
38                  ~~cause or affiliation of any person seeking office or which~~  
39                  ~~indicates any issue or referendum question for which an~~  
40                  ~~election is scheduled to be held. This includes, but is not~~  
41                  ~~limited to, signs advertising candidates, referenda or any~~  
42                  ~~campaign information.~~

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44                  ~~Facade: That portion of a building encompassing the~~  
45                  ~~area extending in a generally vertical plane from the~~

1 ground to the highest point of the building or canopy and  
2 extending in a horizontal plane between the vertical ends  
3 of the structure.

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5 Feature car: One or more automobiles situated on a car  
6 lot prominently to highlight product value.

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8 Flag: A sign having characters, letters or  
9 illustrations applied or woven into cloth or fabric with  
10 only such material for backing which depicts the emblem or  
11 insignia of a nation, political subdivision, a corporation  
12 or other entity and which is not intended to convey any  
13 commercial or noncommercial message.

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15 Frontage, building: The exterior length of a building  
16 or portion thereof designated as a single premises parallel  
17 to a public right-of-way. ~~excluding an alleyway.~~

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19 Frontage, street: The length of the property line of  
20 any one premises parallel to an along a public right-of-  
21 way. ~~excluding alleyways or along the main drive of an "L"~~  
22 or an "U" shaped plaza.

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24 Grade: The established average level of ground ~~on a~~  
25 property. ~~as recorded on the subdivision site plan~~  
26 exclusive of mounds and berms.

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28 Grand opening event: Celebration of ~~or~~ event  
29 commencing the opening of a business, ~~held such event must~~  
30 commence within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the  
31 first Local Business Tax Receipt ~~occupational~~ license or  
32 transfer of an Local Business Tax Receipt ~~occupational~~  
33 license for the business at a location.

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35 Grand opening ground sign: A temporary sign  
36 constructed by the City of Margate and leased to new  
37 businesses in order to provide additional roadway  
38 visibility during their grand opening.

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40 Grand projecting sign: A sign, other than a wall sign,  
41 which is attached to a building or other structure, and  
42 extends outward beyond the line of building or structure to  
43 which it is attached.

1           Height of sign: Sign height, (which) shall be as  
2           measured from the established grade of the property on  
3           subdivision in which the sign is located or proposed to be  
4           located.

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6           Human sign: A person wearing a costume or holding a  
7           sign or other display, while outside for the purpose of  
8           advertising a business, product, service, person, event or  
9           issue.

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11           Identification sign: A sign used to identify a place,  
12           location, building or name.

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14           Illuminated Identification sign: A sign with an  
15           internally or externally illuminated light source which  
16           makes the message on the sign readable. Any sign having  
17           characters, letters, figures, designs, or outlines  
18           illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes designed  
19           for that purpose, whether or not said lights or tubes are  
20           physically attached to the sign.

21           Illumination, external: An exterior shielded light  
22           source such as ground lights, spot lights or other similar  
23           lighting that projects the light onto the sign face.

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25           Illumination, internal Internal illumination: A light  
26           source concealed or contained within the sign which becomes  
27           visible by shining through a translucent surface.

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29           Logo: A symbol, emblem, trademark or graphic device  
30           which has been registered or trademarked with the State of  
31           Florida or U.S. Government and is used as a badge or  
32           identity to represent an organization, corporation or  
33           business to identify said entities' property or products.

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35           Logotype: The use of a stylized font front in a word  
36           or words that has been designed to create a unique identity  
37           or trademark for an organization, corporation or business  
38           and which has been registered with the State of Florida or  
39           U.S. Government.

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41           Mansard roof: A four-sided gambrel-style hip roof  
42           characterized by two slopes on each of its sides with the  
43           lower slope, punctured by windows, at a steeper angle than  
44           the upper slope. A false roof projecting over the front or  
45           side of a building.

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2       *Model Sign:* A sign which designates a particular  
3 dwelling unit design which is not for sale or rent, but  
4 rather represents other units of a similar design that are  
5 for sale or rent.

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7       *Monument sign:* A sign which is attached to a self-  
8 supporting structure, has vertical sides from base of the  
9 sign face to the ground level, has a sign face that is no  
10 more than six (6) inches wider on either side than the sign  
11 structure, has a concealed means of support and is not  
12 attached or affixed in any way to a building or other  
13 structure, and said sign also has no clearance between the  
14 ground and the top bottom of the sign.

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16       *Multi-tenant center:* Any shopping center, office  
17 center or business center in which two (2) or more  
18 occupancies abut each other or share common parking  
19 facilities or driveways or are otherwise related.

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21       *Nameplate sign:* A sign indicating the name, and/or  
22 profession or address of a person or persons residing on  
23 the premises or legally occupying the premises.

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25       *Neighborhood block sign:* A sign marking the location  
26 of a particular neighborhood or subdivision by indicating  
27 the name and/or logo of such area.

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29       *Nonconforming sign:* A sign which was legally  
30 constructed and maintained under laws or regulations in  
31 effect at the time of construction which does not conform  
32 with the provisions of this article. A sign or advertising  
33 structure existing within the city limits on the effective  
34 date of the ordinance from which this subdivision [section]  
35 was derived or a sign or advertising structure existing in  
36 an area annexed to the city which, by its height, type,  
37 content, square foot area, location, use or structural  
38 support does not conform to the requirements of this  
39 chapter [article].

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41       *Nonprofit sale sign:* A sign advertising a sale  
42 benefiting a city sponsored or a city-based nonprofit  
43 organization, (i.e. Halloween pumpkin sale, fireworks sale,  
44 Christmas tree sale).

1                    ~~Nonresidential district: For purposes of this code, all districts in the City of Margate prefixed by a "B," "M," "CF," "S" designation as well as business areas of PUD districts shall be considered nonresidential districts.~~

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5                    ~~Off-premises sign: Any sign that is advertising or indicating the location of a product, service, business or other activity that is located or conducted elsewhere than on the premises on which the sign is located. Any sign other than a sign that meets the definition of an on-premises sign and which does not meet any other more specific definition as provided in this section.~~

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13                    ~~On-premises sign: Any sign identifying or advertising a business, person, activity, goods, product or service located on the premises where the sign is installed and maintained. An on-premises sign may also allow any other noncommercial message where all other sections of this code are complied with.~~

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21                    ~~Opinion sign: A sign which indicates a belief concerning an issue, name, cause, or affiliation which is not scheduled for an election. This includes, but is not limited to, signs advertising political parties, or any political information.~~

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27                    ~~Outdoor public telephone: For purposes of this sign code, any exterior telephone located either freestanding or affixed to a building which is intended for use by the general public. This definition is also to include any structure which is intended for the purpose of supporting said telephone.~~

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33                    ~~Parapet or parapet wall: That portion of the building that rises above the roofed level.~~

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36                    ~~Pennants: See "Banner and pennant signs."~~

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39                    ~~Permanent sign: Any sign which, when installed, is intended for permanent use. For the purposes of this chapter [article], any sign with an intended use in excess of twelve (12) months from the date of installation shall be deemed a permanent sign.~~

1                   *Personal gain sign:* Any sign advertising for personal  
2                   gain on residential property; ~~for example, (i.e. a garage,~~  
3                   ~~yard or patio sale sign.)~~

5                   *Pole sign:* A permanent sign erected upon a pole or  
6                   poles and which is wholly independent of any building or  
7                   other structure for support.

9                   *Portable sign:* Any sign not permanently attached to  
10                  the ground or building.

12                  *Premises:* A tract of real property in a single  
13                  ownership which is not divided by a public street or right-  
14                  of-way. The real property considered a unit.

16                  *Project:* A group or cluster of buildings with a  
17                  common access from a dedicated roadway.

19                  *Project sign:* ~~A sign which identifies the construction~~  
20                  ~~of a building, structure or group thereof.~~

22                  *Projecting sign:* A sign attached to and supported by a  
23                  building or other structure and which extends at any angle  
24                  therefrom.

26                  *Public hearing sign:* A sign announcing the date, time,  
27                  and location of where an issue of law or fact is brought  
28                  forth to the decision-making body.

30                  *Public interest sign:* A noncommercial sign,  
31                  permanently erected and maintained by the city, county,  
32                  state, or any agency thereof, to denote the name of any  
33                  thoroughfare; ~~or~~ the route to any city, facility educational  
34                  institution, public building, park, recreational facility  
35                  or hospital; to direct and regulate traffic; or, to denote  
36                  any transportation or transmission company for the safety  
37                  of the public.

39                  *Outdoor public telephone:* For purposes of this sign  
40                  code, any exterior telephone located either freestanding or  
41                  affixed to a building which is intended for use by the  
42                  general public. This definition is also to include any  
43                  structure which is intended for the purpose of supporting  
44                  said telephone.

Promotional advertising banner: a sign placed on a permanent pole being used on a rotating basis to provide greater visibility to multi-tenant developments.

*Real estate sign:* A sign erected by the owner, or his agent, indicating property which is for rent, sale or lease.

Rear identification sign: A sign that is located in the rear portion of the building containing the service or secondary service entrance that is not on the same building side as a customer entrance.

*Replaceable tenant panel:* An individual sign panel with the name of a single tenant of a multi-tenant complex or the name of the multi-tenant complex for use in a monument sign of a multi-tenant complex where said panel is designed for easy installation into the monument sign's cabinet or frame in the field without any other alteration to any other portion of the monument sign's sign face or structure.

Residential district: For purposes of this code, all zoning districts within the City of Margate prefixed with an "R," or "T" designation as well as PRC districts and residential areas of PUD districts shall be considered residential districts.

*Roof sign:* A sign erected over or on the roof, or extending above the roof line, which is dependent upon the roof, parapet or upper walls of any building, or portion thereof, for support.

*Sandwich or sidewalk sign:* A moveable sign not secured or attached to the ground, but which is not being carried by an individual, nor moving or animated in any other fashion.

*Sign:* A device, structure or representation for visual communication that is used for the purposes of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of the general public. For the purposes of removal, "sign" shall also include all sign structures.

1                   *Sign area:* The square foot area enclosed by the  
2 perimeter of the sign structure. When a sign is composed of  
3 individual letters, symbols or logos only, the sign area is  
4 the area enclosed by a perimeter line (forming a single  
5 rectangle) enclosing all letters, symbols and logos;  
6 however, no sign shall have a distance greater than three  
7 (3) feet between symbols, logos, letters, or numbers. ~~When a sign is a For monument signs, the square foot area from the ground, excluding first twelve (12) inches, to the maximum height times width is the sign area.~~

12                  *Sign code inspector:* ~~The A~~ code inspector, ~~the a~~ code  
13 inspector's designated representative, or any other  
14 individual designated by the city manager to enforce the  
15 provisions of this sign code.

17                  *Sign face:* The part of the structure that is intended  
18 primarily for or can be utilized for communication  
19 purposes. The sign face shall include any area of the sign  
20 that is internally illuminated.

22                  *Site:* ~~A parcel, of land consisting of~~ a lot, tract,  
23 ~~parcel~~ or other unit of land recorded in the public records  
24 of Broward County, or combinations thereof, and having a  
25 common development scheme presented to the city as a single  
26 project whether simultaneously or in phases.

28                  *Snipe sign:* A sign which is tacked, nailed, posted,  
29 pasted, glued or otherwise attached to trees, poles, wire  
30 or wood stakes, or fences, or to other objects with a the  
31 message appearing thereon.

33                  *Special event sign:* A sign identifying a temporary  
34 event, other than a sale of goods, being held in the city  
35 by a city sponsored, city based nonprofit organization, or  
36 announcing a city approved promotional activity sponsored  
37 by the owner or agent of a property and being located on  
38 the site of the event (i.e. a parade, festival).

40                  *Structure:* That which is built or constructed.  
41 ~~Anything constructed or erected which requires location on~~  
42 ~~the ground or which is attached to an object having a~~  
43 ~~location on the ground.~~

1                    ~~Subdivision grade: Grade of the land as indicated on a~~  
2                    ~~recorded subdivision site plan exclusive of any mounds or~~  
3                    ~~berms.~~

5                    *Subdivision identification sign:* A sign designating a  
6                    recorded subdivision, residential complex or neighborhood  
7                    with definable boundaries.

9                    *Symbol:* A sign, design, character, or other such  
10                  representation used to signify a use or activity, rather  
11                  than an organization or corporation.

13                  *Temporary sign:* Any sign other than a window sign  
14                  intended for use not permanent in nature. For the purposes  
15                  of this chapter [article] any sign with an intended use of  
16                  twelve (12) months or less shall be deemed a "temporary  
17                  sign."

19                  *Under awning sign or under canopy sign:* A horizontal  
20                  hanging sign that is pedestrian-oriented and is suspended  
21                  beneath a canopy or awning over a pedestrian walkway and  
22                  not visible outside the canopy area.

24                  *Uniform sign plan:* A plan for all signage for  
25                  properties with more than two (2) businesses utilizing  
26                  signage. The plan sets forth standards for uniform sign  
27                  type area, letter style, letter height, colors, etc. (See  
28                  section 39.10 (f).)

30                  ~~*Use related information sign:* A sign which relates to  
31                  an activity on the premises upon which it is located.~~

33                  *Vehicle sign:* Any sign or signs permanently or  
34                  temporarily affixed to or painted on a transportation  
35                  vehicle, including, but not limited to automobiles, trucks,  
36                  boats, trailers, or campers, for the primary purpose of  
37                  identification, advertisement, sales, or directing the  
38                  public to a business, person, event or activity located on  
39                  the same or another property, or any other premises.

41                  *Wall sign:* A sign which is affixed approximately  
42                  parallel to and supported by any wall or other enclosure.

1                   Wayfinding sign: An off-premise sign with symbols,  
2                   text, maps, or other similar graphics that are used to  
3                   convey location and directions to travelers.

5                   *Window:* For purposes of this section a window is a set  
6                   of contiguous panels of glass or other transparent material  
7                   separated by dividers six (6) inches or smaller.

9                   *Window sign, interior:* A sign located on the inside of  
10                  a window or within ten (10) feet of window or enclosed  
11                  structure which is visible from the exterior through a  
12                  window or other opening.

14                  *Window sign, exterior:* A sign affixed or applied to  
15                  the exterior of a window.

17                  **SECTION 3:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
18                  Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
19                  Code Section 39.3 General requirements for signs in all  
20                  zoning districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

22                  Section 39.3 General requirements for signs in all zoning  
23                  districts.

25                  Section. 39.3.1. Construction requirements.

27                  (Aa) ~~Compliance with building code.~~ All signs shall comply  
28                  with the construction and installation requirements of  
29                  the Florida Building Code. ~~relating to construction and~~  
30                  installation.

32                  (Bb) All structural, electrical, and mechanical members  
33                  utilized in the construction, erection and operation of  
34                  signs shall be concealed except for vertical supports or  
35                  other supporting members which are designed and arranged  
36                  so as to be an integral part of the aesthetic  
37                  composition of a sign.

39                  (Ce) ~~Permanent~~ signs shall not utilize more than five (5)  
40                  ~~three (3)~~ colors including a background color. ~~Temporary~~  
41                  ~~signs shall not utilize more than five (5) three (3)~~  
42                  colors. For the purpose of this section, white, black,  
43                  neutral bronze or the color of the building on which the  
44                  signs are affixed shall not be considered colors for  
45                  sign structures. white and black shall not be considered

color.—When a logo or logotype is used, the logo or logotype may be comprised of the colors as appropriately registered or trademarked with the State of Florida or U.S. Government. ~~For the purposes of calculating the number of colors of a sign, structures of signs when white, black, neutral bronze or the color of the building on which they signs are affixed shall not be considered.~~

(D) All wood permitted to be used, whether for new permanent signs, for replacement of existing permanent signs, or for any part thereof, shall be rot and termite resistant, through open-cell preservation methods as specified by the American Wood Preservation Association, or by any other open-cell preservation treatment approved by the Building Department.

(Ee) No face jumping or wires visibly connected to individual letters shall be permitted.

(Ff) Interior angle of V-shaped signs shall be no greater than thirty (30) degrees.

(G) All signs permitted by this code shall be professionally drawn and constructed.

(H) Location of the sign is shall not to interfere with public alarms, signals or signs. No sign or support shall be placed in such a position or manner as to obstruct or interfere, either physically or visually, with any fire alarm, police alarm, traffic signal or sign or any devices maintained by or under public authority.

(I-i) No signs, except interior window signs, shall not be constructed of cardboard or any other paper products.  
except interior window signs.

(J) All letters or symbols two (2) inches or larger on permanent identification signs must extrude or intrude into the sign face a minimum of three-eighths (3/8) of an inch. Signs which are nonconforming due to this requirement only shall not be subject to section 39.14.5(E) of this sign code. The following signs shall be exempt from this requirement:

(1a) Window signs;

(b) Identification signs located on a structure in an M-1 or M-1A zoned property which do not face Banks Road, Copans Road, Royal Palm Boulevard, or US 441/State Road 7;

(2e) Replacement tenant panels on multi-tenant monument signs, and cabinet wall signs.;

### (3) Address signs;

(4) Rear identification signs.

(Kk) All signs must be installed perpendicular (at a 90-degree angle) to level earth.

(L1) At all intersections of a private driveway with a public right-of-way, no sign, except permitted temporary signs no greater than three (3) feet in height, shall be permitted within the triangular area formed by the chord connecting twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the right-of-way line and a perpendicular line formed by the outer edge of the driveway pavement.

(Mm) At all intersections of public rights-of-way, no sign, except permitted temporary signs no greater than three (3) feet in height, shall be permitted within the triangular area formed by the chord connecting thirty-five (35) feet from the intersection of the right-of-way lines or tangent extensions thereof.

### Section 39.3.2. Landscaping.

A planting bed at least two (2) feet in width shall surround any monument and/or freestanding sign. This bed shall contain mulch and ground covers, shall be irrigated, and shall be shown on the site plan and/or any sign permit application for said sign. Said ground covers shall be located in the ground, shall not be permitted in a flowerbox or other such device, and shall be maintained to a maximum height of twelve (12) inches.

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2       **SECTION 4:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
3 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
4 Code Section 39.4 Required signs for signs in all zoning  
5 districts is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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7       **Section 39.4 Required signs.**

8       The following signs must be placed where relevant:  
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10      (Aa) Fire lane markings, no smoking, locked doors, blocked,  
11       apartment identification, not an exit, warning signs at  
12       gasoline stations and others as may be prescribed by the  
13       fire marshal.

14      (Bb) Handicapped parking signs and other signs in accordance  
15       with state requirements.

16      (Cc) As a condition for receiving a certificate of occupancy  
17       or Local Business Tax Receipt, occupational license or  
18       permitted use, the correct street address shall be  
19       permanently placed on the front of the building,  
20       storefront or bay and easily recognized at all times.  
21       All non-residential buildings shall have an address sign  
22       on the rear door. Additionally, All address signs shall  
23       have minimum three-inch letters and a maximum of eight-  
24       inch letters. Buildings backing on a public right-of-way  
25       shall also display an address sign in a conspicuous  
26       location. Single-family homes are exempt from this rear  
27       address sign provision. The color of street address  
28       letters shall be of opposing contrast to its background.  
29       Buildings backing on a public right-of-way shall also  
30       display an address sign in a conspicuous location.  
31       Additionally, all non-residential buildings shall have  
32       an address sign on the rear door.

33      (Dd) (1) A public hearing sign special sign, professionally  
34       prepared to standards contained in the Office of the  
35       Director of the Department of Environmental and  
36       Engineering Services, shall be posted by the petitioner  
37       when petitions are made for quasi-judicial land use  
38       determinations or amendments to the future land use map  
39       application of the Margate Comprehensive Plan regarding  
40       specific parcels. (This shall include any administrative  
41       appeals to the eCity eCommission notwithstanding the  
42       fact that the petitioner is not the person or entity

1 appealing.) Petitioners shall be required to  
2 professionally prepare to standards contained in the  
3 office of the director of the department of  
4 environmental and engineering services, and post signs  
5 shall be single-faced, four-foot by four-foot (4x4),  
6 sign(s) with black lettering on a white background. on  
7 the property proposed for such public hearing. The sign  
8 shall be installed on the property proposed for the  
9 public hearing seven (7) days prior to the public  
10 hearing and shall contain the following language:

11 "A public hearing concerning the (petition to be  
12 heard) of this property will be held by the (insert  
13 name of Board or Commission as appropriate) of the  
14 City of Margate at (time, place and date). Call (954)  
15 972-6454 (954) 972-0828 for further information."

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17 (2) The petition category, date of hearing and  
18 information number shall be displayed in bold font a  
19 minimum of six (6) inches in height. Signs shall be  
20 posted on the property proposed for the hearing facing  
21 all road frontages, and shall be set back five (5) feet  
22 from the property line, and top of sign shall be six (6)  
23 feet above grade. The petitioner shall submit a dated  
24 photograph of all signs to the Economic Development  
25 Department department of environmental and engineering  
26 services.  
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29 (3) Petitioner shall execute a public hearing sign bond  
30 agreement acknowledging that the above sign shall be  
31 removed within two (2) business days following a final  
32 determination on the matter, or if said sign is not  
33 removed in two (2) days, that the petitioner, on behalf  
34 of the owners of the property, authorize the  
35 administration of the City of Margate to remove said  
36 sign, and forfeiting the bond fee.  
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38 (4) In the event that a hearing as provided for in this  
39 section is continued, then petitioner is required within  
40 seventy-two (72) hours of the order of continuance to  
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43 (a) Post a new sign, as provided for in this section,  
44 at a time designated by the tabling body; or  
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(b) Amend time, place and date on the existing sign(s) such that it evidences the meeting as provided for by the order of continuance as determined by the tabling body. ~~Petitioner shall execute an agreement which shall provide that the above sign shall be removed within two (2) business days following a final determination on the matter, or if said sign is not removed in two (2) days, that the petitioner, on behalf of the owners of the property, authorize the administration of the City of Margate to remove said sign, billing the costs of the removal of the sign to the owner of the property.~~

No all zoning map amendments, special exception uses, variances, waivers, or other matters that require public hearings, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be denied automatically unless all portions of this section have been complied with, prior to the public hearing, including the removal of signs provided herein, or the payments of the cost of removal of same to the City of Margate.

All zoning map amendments, special exception uses, variances, waivers, or other matters that require public hearings, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be effective until all portions of this section have been complied with, including the removal of signs provided herein, or the payments of the cost of removal of same to the City of Margate.

All zoning map amendments, special exception uses, variances, waivers, or other matters that require public hearings, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be denied automatically unless all portions of this section have been complied with, including the removal of signs within forty-eight (48) hours. (A denial based upon the proceeding shall not prejudice an applicant to reapply for an approval at a later date.)

**SECTION 5:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.5 Residential district permanent signs for signs in all zoning districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 **Section 39.5 Residential district permanent signs.**

3 The following signs are authorized in all residential  
4 districts, including residential areas contained within PUD  
5 and PRC, and TOC zones. All signs permitted and approved  
6 prior to January 8, 1997, are exempt from the requirements  
7 of section 39.14.5(E) of this code but not from the  
8 regulations of any other section:

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10 **(A) Neighborhood block sign:**

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12 (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per major neighborhood  
13 entrance

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15 (2) **Location:** The sign shall be located at the  
16 intersection of two roadways.

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18 (3) **Setback minimum:** 2 feet

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20 (4) **Area maximum:** six (6) square feet per each sign

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22 (5) **Height maximum:** seven (7) feet from base of sign

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24 (6) **Lines of copy maximum:** 2 lines

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27 **(B) Subdivision identification sign:**

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29 (1) **Number maximum:** 1 monument or 2 entrance wall signs  
30 (if symmetrical to one another) per entrance

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32 (2) **Location:** Must be located on common property near  
33 said entrances

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35 (3) **Setback minimum:** 5 feet from right-of-way or placed  
36 on subdivision perimeter wall

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38 (4) **Sign copy area maximum:** 32 square feet per sign  
39 face and an aggregate area of 64 square feet

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41 (5) **Height maximum:** 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet above established grade

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44 **(C) Clubhouse identification sign:**

- (1) **Number maximum:** 1 monument or 1 entrance wall sign
- (2) **Location:** Must be located on common property near  
said entrance
- (3) **Setback minimum:** 5 feet from right-of-way or placed  
on clubhouse wall
- (4) **Sign copy area maximum:** 32 square feet per sign  
copy including border
- (5) **Height maximum:** 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet above established grade

(D) *Multi-family identification signs:*

- (1) **Number maximum:** 1 wall sign
- (2) **Area maximum:** 20 square feet
- (3) These signs are available to multifamily buildings greater than 5 units that are not part of a larger complex.

(E) *General information signs:*

- (1) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet
- (2) **Height maximum:** 6 feet
- (3) No advertising copy
- (4) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained the regulating statutes.

#### (F) *Directional signs:*

- (1) Area maximum: 4 square feet
- (2) Height maximum: 4 feet
- (3) No advertising copy

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3 (G) Model signs:

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5 (1) Model office lot

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7       (a) **Number maximum:** 1 sign

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9       (b) **Area maximum:** 24 square feet

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11 (2) Model lot

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13       (a) **Number maximum:** 1 sign on each model lot

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15       (b) **Area maximum:** 8 square feet

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17 (3) Model directional signs

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19       (a) **Number maximum:** 3 per development

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21       (b) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet per each sign

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23       (4) Model signs may only be utilized while a unit is  
24       being actively used as a non-dwelling model. Once  
25       the last model is inhabited, signs are no longer  
26       permitted at the model office.

<i>Subdivision or clubhouse identification sign:</i>	
Number maximum <sup>1</sup>	1 monument or entrance wall sign or 2 entrance wall signs (if symmetrical to one another) per entrance or clubhouse
Location	Must be located on common property near said entrances or at a clubhouse
Sign copy area maximum	32 ( ) square feet for sign copy including border
Height Maximum	7½ feet (90 inches) above subdivision grade including any berm or mound
Setback minimum	5 feet
Letter Height Maximum	18 inches
Lines of copy	2 lines

maximum	
<i>Multi family identification signs:</i>	
Number maximum	1 wall sign
Area maximum	20 () square feet
Letter height maximum	18 inches
Lines of copy maximum	2 lines
Other regulations	Available to multifamily buildings with greater than 5 units that are not part of a larger complex
<i>General information signs:</i>	
Height maximum	6 feet
Area maximum	4 square feet
Other regulations	No advertising copy
	Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes
<i>Directional signs:</i>	
Height maximum	4 feet
Area Maximum	4 square feet
Other regulations	No advertising copy
<i>Model signs:</i>	
Number maximum	1 on each model lot or model office lot
Area maximum	
Model office lot	24 () square feet
Model lot	8 square feet
Model directional signs	3 per development not to exceed 4 square feet each
Duration of use	Model signs may only be utilized for as long as a model is used as a non-dwelling model. When

the last model is inhabited, signs are no longer permitted at model office.

**SECTION 6:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.6 Nonresidential district permanent signs for signs in all zoning districts is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 39.6 Nonresidential district permanent signs.**

Table 2 authorizes the The following signs are permitted in nonresidential districts as well as business areas of PUD and TOC districts. Any development may have any combination of signs within this section unless otherwise restricted.

**(A) Identification monument sign:**

**(1) Location:** Monument signs shall not be permitted within 100 feet of any other monument sign along the same direction of travel of a right-of-way.

**(2) Setback minimum:**

(a) 5 feet from right-of-way

(b) 10 feet from any interior property line

**(3) Area maximum:**

(a) 96 square feet for projects with at least eight (8) tenants and one tenant space at least 25,000 square feet.

(b) 72 square feet for all multi-tenant buildings

(c) 49 square feet for all single occupant free standing building

(d) The first twelve (12) inches of a monument sign protruding up from the ground shall not be counted toward the total sign area.

**(4) Sign face area maximum:** 75% of the total sign structure area

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2       **(5) Height maximum:**

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4       (a) 13 feet above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to  
5       the sign for projects with at least eight (8)  
6       tenants and one tenant space at least 25,000  
7       square feet

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9       (b) 10 feet above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to  
10       the sign for all other multi-tenant (72 square  
11       feet) signs

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13       (c) 9 feet above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to  
14       the sign for single occupant (49 square feet)  
15       signs

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17       **(6) Width maximum: 8 feet**

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19       **(7) Address:**

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21       (a) All signs must display address of complex in  
22       numbers at least 6 inches high, but not more  
23       than twelve (12) inches, located at the top of  
24       each side of the monument sign

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26       (b) Address shall not be calculated in the total  
27       sign face area when located on an area that  
28       would not otherwise be calculated as part of the  
29       sign face area.

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31       (c) In addition to the above required address  
32       display, the address may also be displayed  
33       vertically along the structural side of a  
34       monument sign which is perpendicular to a right-  
35       of-way.

36       **(8) Landscaping:**

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38       (a) A planting bed at least two (2) feet in width  
39       shall surround any monument and/or freestanding  
40       sign.

41       (b) This bed shall contain mulch and ground covers,  
42       shall be irrigated, and shall be shown on the

site plan and/or any sign permit application for said sign.

(c) Said ground covers shall be located in the ground, shall not be permitted in a flowerbox or other such device, and shall be maintained to a maximum height of twelve (12) inches.

(B) Main identification wall sign:

### (1) Number maximum:

(a) One 1 sign located on a side with right-of-way frontage or frontage on the main circulation route of a multi-tenant shopping center.

(b) If no frontage as previously listed exists, the occupancy will be allowed 1 sign.

(c) One (1) additional sign will be allowed per occupancy if an occupancy has two identical storefronts, one in front and one in rear where both storefronts either have right-of-way frontage or frontage on a main circulation route of a multi-tenant shopping center.

(2) **Location:** Ground-level occupancy where said occupancy has its own direct customer/client entrance from the exterior of the building.

(3) **Area maximum:** 1 square foot per liner foot of building frontage

(a) In calculating liner feet of building frontage for purposes of determining wall sign size, canopies shall not be included.

(4) **Height maximum:** Top of facade or wall

(5) **Height minimum:** 9 feet

(6) Lines of copy maximum: 2 lines

(7) Signs installed flat on building may not extend over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not extend over edge of mansard

(C) Secondary identification wall sign:

(1) **Number maximum:** 1 sign per side (other than that on which the main identification wall sign exists) with right-of-way frontage, frontage on the main circulation route of a multi-tenant shopping center, façade facing oncoming traffic on near side of adjacent major roadway, or has high visibility from a major roadway and does not conflict with neighboring properties. Signs shall be posted on the wall with said frontage.

(2) **Location:** Only available for occupancies that are allowed a main identification wall sign. Building rear is excluded from having secondary identification wall sign.

(3) **Area maximum:** 1.0 square foot for each linear foot of building frontage not to exceed size of main identification wall sign

(4) **Height maximum:** Top of façade or wall

(5) **Height minimum:** 9 feet

(6) **Length maximum:** 100% of main identification wall sign or 75% of building frontage whichever is less

(7) Lines of copy maximum: 2 lines

(8) Signs installed flat on building may not extend over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not extend over edge of mansard

(D) Rear identification sign:

**(1) Number maximum:** 1 sign per occupancy

(2) **Location:** The sign may be wall mounted and needs to either be located on or within three (3) feet of a service or secondary entrance.

(E) Building identification wall sign:

**(1) Number maximum:** 2 signs per building, based on the limitation of (2) Location, below.

## (2) Location:

(a) Building frontages facing corridor or regional arterial roadways

(b) Installed within five (5) feet of the top of the façade and no less than twenty (20) feet above the established grade.

(c) Not permitted above the main roofline of a building.

(3) **Area maximum:** 0.5 square foot for each linear foot of building frontage not to exceed size of main identification wall sign

(4) **Height maximum:** Top of façade or wall

(5) **Length maximum:** Fifty (50) per cent of the building frontage on which they are installed

## (6) Letter height:

(a) Twenty-four (24) inches for one- and two-story buildings

(b) An additional six (6) inches of letter height shall be permitted for each additional story.

(7) Signs installed flat on building may not extend over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not extend over edge of mansard

(F) *General information signs:*

(1) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet

(2) Height maximum: 6 feet

(3) Property owners may allow the labeling of up to twenty (20) per cent of total parking spaces for individual parking spaces for use by customers or employees of an individual business or group of businesses.

(4) No advertising copy.

(5) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes.

(G) *Directional signs:*

(1) Area maximum: 4 square feet

(2) Height maximum: 4 feet

(3) No advertising copy.

(4) Permitted on properties that have multiple tenants, more than one (1) entrance, a drive-thru facility, or an accessory use available to the public.

(5) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes.

(H) Under awning and canopy identification sign:

(1) **Number maximum:** 1 per establishment (corner storefront may be permitted one (1) per side)

(2) **Location:** Positioned ninety (90) degrees to façade, rigidly attached, and is centered in the area under the awning or canopy

(2) Area maximum: 4 square feet

(3) **Maximum letter height:** 10 inches

(4) **Minimum clearance:** 9 feet

(5) Sign may be internally illuminated provided the sign is "cabinet" in style

(6) Signs shall not be permitted where blade signs are utilized.

(7) Signs are not subject to the requirements of section 39.3. (J)

(8) Gasoline station signs subject to section 39.8.3

(I) Awning sign:

**(1) Number maximum:** 1 per establishment

(2) **Location:** Awning valance, awning face or awning side

**(3) Area maximum:** Fifty (50) per cent of total awning area

(4) Awning signs are not required to comply with subsection 39.3.(J).

(J) *Site directory sign:*

**(1) Number maximum:** 1 per driveway of a multi-building project or multi-tenant property exceeding thirty (30) acres in size

(2) Location: On a wall or freestanding

(3) Setback minimum: 100 feet from the property line

**(4) Area maximum:** Total sign area to be no more than 32 square feet

(a) 12 square feet for complex identification portion

(b) 20 square feet for tenant identification portion

(5) Height maximum: 8 feet

(6) Letter height Maximum:

(a) 15 inches for complex identification portion

(b) 8 inches for tenant identification portion

(7) No advertising copy.

(K) Building directory sign:

(1) Number maximum:

(a) 1 per building less than 20,000 square feet

(b) 2 per building 20,000 square feet or greater

(2) **Location:** On building wall

**(3) Area maximum:** Total sign area to be no more than 10 square; sign may not be more than 4 feet in height

(4) **Letter height maximum:** 6 inches for building identification

(5) No advertising copy.

(6) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes.

(L) *Blade sign:*

**(1) Number maximum:** One (1) per ground-floor occupancy for each thirty (30) feet of building frontage

(a) Fractional portions shall not be considered for additional blade sign(s).

(b) Businesses with less than thirty (30) feet of building frontage may install one (1) blade sign per building frontage with a direct customer entrance, provided that no other blade sign is within twenty (20) feet.

(2) **Location:** Arcade, gallery, shopfront or awning type frontage with a direct entrance for customers

**(3) Area maximum:** six (6) square feet

(M) *Grand projecting sign:*

(a) Regulations:

**(1) Number maximum:** one (1) per ground-floor tenants with at least twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet of gross area

(2) **Location:** Only permitted on building frontages facing corridor or regional arterial roadways

(3) **Area maximum:** forty-five (45) square feet

(4) **Height maximum:** 15 feet

(a) No portion of a grand projecting sign shall be installed above twenty-five (25) feet above the established grade.

(b) Nor shall any grand projecting sign protrude above any roofline.

(5) **Width maximum:** 3 feet

(6) Signs may be illuminated.

### (N) *Projecting sign:*

(1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per ground-floor tenant with direct entrance for customers

(2) **Location:** Building façade perpendicular to the façade. Not permitted to be installed under an arcade, gallery, or shopfront and awning type frontage overhang.

(3) **Area maximum:** six (6) square feet

(4) Signs shall be at least thirty (30) feet from another.

(5) Signs shall not be internally illuminated.

Identification monument sign:	
Minimum separation	Monument signs shall not be permitted within 100 feet of any other monument sign along the same direction of travel of a right-of-way.
Setback minimum	5 feet from right-of-way
Area maximum	10 feet from any interior property line 96 sq. ft. for projects with at least eight (8) tenants and one tenant space at least 25,000 sq. ft. 72 sq. ft. for all multi-tenant buildings 49 sq. ft. for all single occupant free standing building The first twelve (12) inches of a monument sign protruding up from the ground shall not be counted toward total sign area.
Height maximum	13 ft. above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to the sign for projects with at least eight (8) tenants and one tenant space at least 25,000 sq. ft. 10 ft. above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to the sign for all other multi-tenant (72 sq. ft.) signs 9 ft. above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to the sign for single occupant (49 sq. ft.) signs
Width maximum	8 ft.
Sign face	75% of total sign structure area

<del>area maximum</del>	
For multi-tenant developments	Must display the name of the development or plaza at the top of the sign
	May display the names of up to eight (8) tenants
	See section 39.8.17 for information on replaceable tenant panels.
Address	All signs must display address of complex in numbers at least 6 inches high, but not more than ten (10) inches, located at the top of each side of the monument sign
	Address shall not be calculated in the total sign face area when located on an area that would not otherwise be calculated as part of the sign face area.
	In addition to the above required address display, the address may also be displayed vertically along the structural side of a monument sign which is perpendicular to a right-of-way.
Other regulations	Shall not be comprised of more than two (2) identical, back to back sign faces.
<i>Main identification wall sign:<sup>1</sup></i>	
Occupancies allowed sign	Ground level occupancy where said occupancy has its own direct customer/client entrance from the exterior of the building.
Number maximum	1 sign located on a side with right-of-way frontage or frontage on the main circulation route of an "L" or a "U" shaped center.
	If no frontage as previously listed exists, the occupancy will be allowed 1 sign.
	1 additional sign will be allowed per occupancy if an occupancy has two identical storefronts, one in front and one in rear, where both storefronts either have right-of-way frontage or frontage on a main circulation route of an "L" or "U" shaped center.
Area maximum	1 square foot per lineal foot of building frontage
Height maximum	Top of facade or wall
Height minimum	9 feet
Length	75% of building frontage

<u>maximum</u>	
<u>Other regulations</u>	Maximum of 2 lines of copy
	Must be installed perpendicular (at a 90 degree angle) to level ground
	Logos may not exceed 25% of line area utilized; Logotype may be up to 100% of the line area utilized.
	Signs installed flat on building may not extend over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not extend over edge of mansard
<i>Secondary identification wall sign:<sup>2</sup></i>	
<u>Occupancies allowed sign</u>	6 feet
<u>Number maximum</u>	4 square feet
<u>Area maximum</u>	No advertising copy
<u>Height maximum</u>	Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes
<u>Height minimum</u>	9 feet
<u>Length maximum</u>	100% of main identification wall sign or 75% of building frontage whichever is less
<u>Other regulations</u>	Maximum of 2 lines of copy
	Building rear is excluded from having a secondary identification wall sign
	Must be installed perpendicular (at a 90 degree angle) to level ground
	Logos may not exceed 25% of sign area utilized; Logotype may be up to 100% of the line area utilized.
	Signs installed flat on building may not extend over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not extend over edge of mansard
<i>Rear identification sign:</i>	
<u>Number maximum</u>	One (1) per occupancy
<u>Location</u>	Rear - the portion of the building containing the service or secondary service entrance that is not on the same building side as a customer entrance.
<u>Setback minimum</u>	Must be located on or within three (3) feet of a service or secondary entrance.

Area maximum	One (1) square foot
Other	This sign may be wall mounted.
	This sign must conform with any applicable uniform sign plan.
	Said signs do not have to conform to the three-eighths-inch depth requirement but must be maintained in a good repair and appearance.
	The city shall have the right to request replacement of dilapidated signs.
	Rear identification signs are not subject to the requirements of section 39.3.1 (j) of this code.
<i>General information signs:</i>	
Area maximum	4 square feet
Height Maximum	6 feet
Designated parking signs	Such labeling of individual parking spaces for use by customers or employees of an individual business or group of businesses shall only be allowed in the rear of a center or building
Other regulations	No advertising copy
	Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes
<i>Directional signs:</i>	
Area maximum	4 square feet
Height maximum	4 feet
Other regulations	No advertising copy
	Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes
<i>Under canopy identification sign:</i>	
Number maximum	1 per establishment
Area maximum	4 square feet
Maximum letter height	10 inches
Minimum clearance	9 feet
Other regulations	Signs are not subject to the requirements of section 39.3.1 (j)

	Must meet all requirements of section 39.8.9
	Gasoline station signs subject to section 39.8.3
<i>Site directory sign:</i>	
Number maximum	1 per multi-building project
Area maximum	Total sign area to be no more than 32 () square feet:
	12 () square feet for complex identification portion
	20 () square feet for tenant identification portion
Lettering	Maximum 15 inches for complex identification portion
	Maximum 8 inches for tenant identification portion
Location	On a wall or freestanding in courtyard
Setback minimum	100 feet
Height maximum	6 feet from base of building
Other regulations	No advertising copy
<i>Building directory sign:</i>	
Number maximum	1 per building less than 20,000 square feet
	2 per building 20,000 square feet or greater
Area maximum	Total sign area to be no more than 10 square feet; sign may not be more than 4 feet in height
Lettering	Maximum 6 inches in height for building identification
	Maximum 2 inches for tenant identification
Location	On building wall
Setback minimum	20 feet from right-of-way
Other regulations	No advertising copy
Flags and flag poles:	See <u>Section 39.8.6 of this article</u>
Window signs:	See <u>Section 39.8.7 of this article</u>
Rear of building signs:	See <u>Section 39.8.8 of this article</u>

Hospital signs:	See <u>S</u> ection 39.8.14 of this article
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<sup>1</sup> See Section 39.8 () for additional gasoline station, hospital, accessory usage car wash, automatic teller machine, freestanding schools, places of worship, accessory and drive thru sign provisions.

<sup>2</sup> City may permit a larger area for a secondary wall sign where the 0.5 square foot area disturbs uniformity among signs in a row of adjacent bays.

**SECTION 7:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.7 Temporary signs is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Section 39.7 Temporary signs.

39.7.1. (A) General temporary sign regulations. Number of temporary signs permitted.

(1A) A total of up to maximum of five (5) three (3) temporary signs of each any type may be displayed per parcel or lot at any one time.

1. Any one temporary sign shall be erected for a maximum period of one hundred eighty (180) days.
2. These signs shall be:

Maximum area	3 square feet
Maximum height	6 feet above grade
Minimum setback	1 foot from right of way

3. No torn, tattered or faded signs are permitted.

(B) The following regulations shall apply to all temporary election signs in single family and duplex districts:

1. The maximum length of display shall be sixty (60) days; however, signs shall be removed within forty eight (48) hours after an election.
2. The maximum number of signs shall be five (5) signs per parcel.

1           3. The maximum area of a single sign shall be six (6)  
2           square feet. Sign copy may be displayed on both  
3           faces of a sign; however, the maximum area shall be  
4           calculated from a single face.

5           4. Reserved.

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7           (2) Each sign shall not be displayed for more than twelve  
8           (12) consecutive months unless otherwise noted in this  
9           section.

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11          (3) 5. Any such sign shall be located wholly on private  
12          property, and shall have a minimum setback of one (1)  
13          foot from the right-of-way for residential areas and  
14          five (5) feet from the right-of-way or interior property  
15          line for nonresidential areas, unless otherwise noted in  
16          this section.

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19          39.7.2. (B) The following temporary signs shall be permitted in  
20          residential multifamily and nonresidential districts.

21          (1) Residential Districts

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23          (A) Announcing sign:

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25          (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per project on-site

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27          (2) **Area maximum:** eight (8) square feet and a maximum  
28          of twenty-four (24) square feet for properties  
29          exceeding ten (10) acres in size

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31          (3) An announcing sign may be displayed from the date  
32          of site plan approval until the date that the  
33          certificate of occupancy is issued, for a length of  
34          18 months, or for a change in tenant during build  
35          out.

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37          (4) If desired, sign may be placed on construction  
38          fence.

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41          (B) Contractor sign:

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43          (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per project on site

(2) **Area maximum:** six (6) square feet and a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet for properties exceeding ten (10) acres in size

(3) Contactor signs may be displayed from the issuance date of a building permit until said permit expires or date of the certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever is less.

(4) If desired, sign may be placed on construction fence.

(C) Election sign:

(1) **Area maximum:** six (6) feet for single-family residential; thirty-two (32) square feet for multi-family residential

(2) Election signs in multi-family areas may be displayed for a maximum of 60 days prior to the election and must be removed within 48 hours after.

(3) Each person wishing to post signs in multi-family areas shall provide the city with a list of the locations and descriptions of each sign, a written consent from the property owner of his authorized agent for each sign, and a local address and telephone number at which s/he (the person wishing to post the sign) may be contacted regarding violations or requirements of this subsection.

(4) Property owners, individuals filing for a permit and the party erecting the sign shall each be liable for violation of this subsection.

(D) Opinion sign:

(1) **Area maximum:** three (3) square feet

(2) Opinion signs may be displayed for a maximum of twelve (12) months.

(E) *Personal gain sign:*

**(1) Number maximum:** one (1) per lot on-site; four (4) off-site provided it is not posted in a public right-of-way or on other public property

(2) **Setback minimum:** one (1) foot

(3) **Area maximum:** three (3) square feet per face; two (2) face maximum

(4) **Length of display:** maximum forty-five (45) days

(5) **Height maximum:** three (3) feet above grade

(F) *Grand opening event sign:*

**(1) Number maximum:** one (1) banner per project; one (1) balloon per project

(2) **Area maximum:** sixteen (16) square feet

(3) Setback minimum: Banner sign may only be hung from the front of the building

(4) **Height maximum:** Roof line or top of parapet of building

(5) **Length of display:** sixty (60) consecutive days

(6) Approval of the banner must be obtained within 60 days of the release of a model home certificate of occupancy.

(7) If balloon and grand opening banner sign are to be displayed, the balloon must be displayed within the 60 day time period the banner is displayed.

(8) All banners must contain the words "grand opening."

(9) No advertising of specific products or pricing shall be included on any grand opening banner or balloon

(10) A \$75.00 bond shall be collected to ensure the banner is removed after the 60 day display.

(11) All banners not removed after the approved 60 days shall forfeit the \$75.00 bond to the city.

(12) All banners found to be installed without approval shall be immediately removed until such time that approval is granted.

## (2) Non-residential Districts

(A) *Announcing sign:*

(1) Number maximum: One (1) per project on-site

(2) **Area maximum:** Twenty-four (24) square feet

(3) An announcing sign may be displayed from the date of site plan approval until the date that the certificate of occupancy is issued, for a length of 18 months, or for a change in tenant during build out.

(4) If desired, sign may be placed on construction fence.

(B) Contractor sign:

(1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per roadway

(2) **Area maximum:** Twenty-four (24) square feet

(3) Contactor signs may be displayed from the issuance date of a building permit until said permit expires or date of the certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever is less.

(4) If desired, sign may be placed on construction fence.

(C) *Walkway sign:*

**(1) Number maximum:** One (1) per business with a direct customer entrance from the exterior of the building

**(2) Area maximum:** Six (6) feet

(3) **Location:** Must be located within fifteen (15) feet of the customer entrance and not permitted in any parking lot.

(4) **Width maximum:** Not permitted to reduce the walkway to less than five (5) feet in width.

(5) Walkway signs are not permitted on any public sidewalk, except for urban greenways located within the TOC.

(6) The sign must be freestanding. It is not permitted to be tied, or otherwise secures, to any structure or landscaping, etc. for support.

(D) *Election sign:*

(1) **Area maximum:** Thirty-two (32) square feet

(2) Election signs may be displayed for a maximum of 60 days prior to the election and must be removed within 48 hours after.

(3) Each person wishing to post signs pursuant to this subsection shall provide the city with a list of the locations and descriptions of each sign, a written consent from the property owner of his authorized agent for each sign, and a local address and telephone number at which s/he (the person wishing to post the sign) may be contacted regarding violations or requirements of this subsection.

(4) Property owners, individuals filing for a permit and the party erecting the sign shall each be liable for violation of this subsection.

(E) *Opinion sign:*

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2 (1) **Area maximum:** Thirty-two (32) square feet  
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4 (2) Opinion signs may be displayed for a maximum of  
5 twelve (12) months.  
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8 (F) *Special event sign:*  
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10 (1) **Area maximum:** Twenty-four (24) square feet  
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12 (2) **Number maximum:** One (1) per street frontage on-site  
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14 (3) **Length of display:**  
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16 (a) Small events, approved by the DRC, shall be  
17 permitted to display event signage for up to  
18 fourteen (14) days prior to the event and  
19 throughout the duration of the event.  
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21 (b) Large events, approved by the City Commission,  
22 shall be permitted to display event signage  
23 for up to thirty (30) days prior to the event  
24 and throughout the duration of the event.  
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26 (C) All event signage shall be removed upon close  
27 of the event.  
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29 (4) **Height maximum:** Six (6) feet above grade for ground  
30 sign or hung from the front of the building not to  
31 exceed roof line or top of parapet of building  
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34 (G) *Grand opening event sign:*  
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36 (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) banner sign per project;  
37 One (1) grand opening ground sign per roadway  
38 frontage of the subject property  
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40 (2) **Location:** Banner sign may only be hung from the  
41 front of the building  
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43 (3) **Setback minimum:** Grand opening balloon must be  
44 located within fifteen (15) feet of customer  
45 entrance

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2        **(4) Area maximum:**  
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4        (a) Sixteen (16) square feet for signs on  
5        buildings with building frontage up to thirty  
6        (30) feet.  
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8        (b) An additional 1 square foot may be added to a  
9        banner for each additional 2 feet of building  
10       frontage.  
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12       (c) Grand opening ground signs shall contain a  
13       twenty-four (24) square feet frame pre-  
14       constructed by the City of Margate with an  
15       eighteen (18) square feet (3 ft. x 6 ft.)  
16       space available on each side for businesses to  
17       utilize for personalized copy.  
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19       **(5) Height maximum:** Roof line or top of parapet of  
20       building  
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22       **(6) Length of display:** Sixty (60) consecutive days for  
23       banner sign  
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25       **(7) Approval of the banner must be obtained within**  
26       **sixty (60) days of the issuance of the first local**  
27       **business tax receipt for a business at a new**  
28       **location or within sixty (60) days of the transfer**  
29       **of an existing business.**  
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31       **(8) If balloon, ground sign, and grand opening banner**  
32       **sign are to be displayed, the balloon and/or ground**  
33       **sign must be displayed within the sixty (60) day**  
34       **time period the banner is displayed.**  
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36       **(9) All banners must contain the words "grand opening"**  
37       **or "reopening."**  
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39       **(10) No advertising of specific products or pricing**  
40       **shall be included on any grand opening ground sign,**  
41       **banner, or balloon.**  
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43       **(11) A \$75.00 bond shall be collected to ensure the**  
44       **banner is removed after the sixty (60) day display.**  
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(12) All banners not removed after the approved sixty (60) days shall forfeit the \$75.00 bond to the city.

(13) All banners found to be installed without approval shall be immediately removed until such time that approval is granted.

(14) A fee of \$150.00 shall be charged for all rental or pre-constructed grand opening ground sign frames. Businesses shall be responsible for providing the city with individualized portion of grand opening ground sign (copy), at their expense.

### (15) Reopening event banners:

(a) Shall only be approved for a business that is closed for a minimum of ten (10) days for either reorganization, renovation, or as a result of a declared emergency, immediately prior to said reopening.

(b) Shall be subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to grand opening banners, as specified above.

### Special event signs:

Number maximum	1 per street frontage on-site
Length of Display	Small events, approved by the DRC, shall be permitted to display event signage for up to fourteen (14) days prior to the event and throughout the duration of the event.
	Large events, approved by the City Commission, shall be permitted to display event signage for up to thirty (30) days prior to the event and throughout the duration of the event.
	All event signage shall be removed upon close of the event.
Area maximum	24 () square feet
Height maximum	6 feet above grades

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Election Signs:

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Area Maximum	6 square feet	32 () square feet
Length of display	Maximum of 60 days prior to the election; up to 48 hours after the election	
Height maximum	6 feet above grade	
Setback minimum	5 feet from right-of-way	5 feet from interior property line
Prior to posting	Each person wishing to post signs pursuant to this subsection shall provide the city with a list of the locations and descriptions of each sign, a written consent from the property owner of his authorized agent for each sign, and a local address and telephone number at which s/he (the person wishing to post the sign) may be contacted regarding violations or requirements of this subsection.	
Responsible party(ies)	Property owners, individuals filing for a permit and the party erecting the sign shall each be liable for violation of this subsection.	
Construction	All signs must conform to the provisions of the Florida Building Code pursuant to subsection 39.3.1(a) of this article.	
	Signs may not be constructed of cardboard, paper or any other paper products pursuant to section 39.3.1(i) of this article.	
	No snipe signs are permitted pursuant to section 39.17 ()(13) of this article.	

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Opinion Signs:

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Area Maximum	3 square feet	32 () square feet

Height maximum	6 feet above grade
Setback minimum	5 feet from right of way
	5 feet from interior property line
Length of Display	Maximum of 365 45 days

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*Grand opening event:*

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number per project	1 banner sign per project	
	1 balloon per project	1 balloon per establishment
		1 grand opening ground sign per roadway frontage of the subject property
Area maximum		16 ( ) square feet for signs on buildings with building frontage up to 30 ft.
		An additional 1 sq. ft. may be added to a banner for each additional 2 ft. of building frontage
		Grand opening ground signs shall contain a 24 sq. ft. frame pre-constructed by the City of Margate with an 18 sq. ft. (3ft x 6ft) space available on each side for businesses to utilize for personalized copy
Maximum length of display	60 consecutive days for banner sign	

	14 () consecutive days for balloon
Height maximum	Roof line or top of parapet of building
Setback minimum	Banner sign may only be hung from the front of the building
	Balloon must be 10 feet from right-of-way
	<p>Grand opening ground signs shall be posted 5 ft from right-of-way. However, in the event that site conditions prohibit the ability to maintain a 5-foot setback, the placement of the grand opening ground sign shall be at the discretion of city administration</p>
Other regulations	<p>Approval must be obtained within 60 days of the release of a model home certificate of occupancy</p>
	<p>Approval must be obtained within 60 days of the issuance of the first local business tax receipt for a business at new location or within 60 days of the transfer of an existing business</p>
	<p>If balloon, ground sign, and grand opening banner sign are to be displayed, the balloon and/or ground sign must be displayed within the 60-day time period the banner is displayed</p>
	<p>All banners must contain the words <u>"grand opening."</u></p>
	<p>All banners must contain the words <u>"grand opening"</u> or <u>"reopening."</u></p>
	No advertising of specific products or

	<del>pricing shall be included on any grand opening ground sign, banner, or balloon</del>
	<del>No fee shall be charged for a banner; however, a \$75.00 bond shall be collected to ensure the banner is removed after the 60 day display.</del>
	<del>All banners not removed after the approved 60 days shall forfeit the \$75 bond to the city.</del>
	<del>All banners found to be installed without approval shall be immediately removed until such time that approval is granted.</del>
	<del>A fee of \$150 shall be charged for the rental of pre-constructed grand opening ground sign frames. Businesses shall be responsible for providing the city with individualized portion of grand opening ground signs (copy), at their expense.</del>
Reopening Event	<del>All non-residential properties shall be entitled to install a banner to announce a reopening.</del>
	<del>Reopening banners shall only be approved for a business that is closed for a minimum of ten (10) days for either reorganization, renovation, or as a result of a declared emergency, immediately prior to said reopening.</del>
	<del>Reopening banners shall be subject to all rules and regulations</del>

		pertaining to grand opening banners, as specified above.
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Walkway signs:

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number maximum	<u>Not permitted</u>	1 per business with a direct customer entrance from the exterior of the building
		6 sq. ft.
		6 ft.
		Not permitted to reduce the walkway to less than five (5) feet in width
		Not permitted on any public sidewalk, except for urban greenway located within TOC.
		Sign must be freestanding. Not permitted to be ties, or otherwise secured, to any structure or landscaping, etc., for support.
		Sign must be located within fifteen (15) feet of customer entrance
		Not subject to criteria of uniform sign plan

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Contractor sign:

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number maximum	1 per project on site	1 per parcel on site
Area maximum	6 square feet	16 () square feet
Length of display	From issuance date of building permit until said permit expires or date certificate of occupancy is issued	
Height maximum	6 feet above grade	
Setback minimum	5 feet from right-of-way	

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Announcing sign:

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number per project	1 per project on-site	
Area maximum	8 square feet	24 () square feet
Length of display	From the date of site plan approval until the date any certificate of occupancy is issued or 18 months, whichever is less	
Height maximum	6 feet above grade	
Setback minimum	5 feet from right-of-way	

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Personal gain sign (i.e., garage or yard sale):

	Multifamily Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number maximum	1 per lot on-site	Not permitted
	1 off site provided it is not posted in a public right-of-way or on other public property	
Area maximum	3 square feet per face; 2 face maximum	Not applicable
Length of display	Maximum of 45 days	Not applicable
Height maximum	3 feet above grade	Not applicable

Setback minimum	5 feet from right-of-way	Not applicable
<i>Real estate signs</i>	See 39.8.10 of this article	
<i>Holiday decorative signs</i>	See 39.8.16 of this article	
<i>Window Ssigns</i>	See 39.8.7 of this article	

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3       **SECTION 8:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
4 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
5 Code Section 39.8 Supplemental regulations is hereby  
6 amended to read as follows:  
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8       **Section 39.8 Supplemental regulations.**

9       Regulations outlined in this section are supplemental and  
10 in addition to regulations outlined elsewhere in this code.

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12       **39.8.1. (A) Special signs.**

13       The city may erect or authorize to be erected the following  
14 signs:

15       (a) (1) Entrance signs at or near the eCity limits;  
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17       (b) (2) Community bulletin boards;  
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19       (c) (3) Signs determined to provide for the health, safety  
20       and welfare of the community;  
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22       (d) (4) Bench signs and/or bus shelter signs as permitted  
23       and approved by the city manager;  
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25       (e) (5) Signs displaying the "Margate Millennium" City logo  
26       and appropriate verbiage which are approved by the  
27       city manager or designee and the holder of the  
28       registered service mark of the logo; -  
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31       (f) (6) Wayfinding signs.  
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33       **39.8.2. (B) Changeable copy signs.**

1 Signs displaying messages which can be or are intended to  
2 be changed by use of removable letters and numerals or  
3 electronic copy are permitted to be used only for theaters,  
4 playhouses, freestanding places of worship, freestanding  
5 schools, drive-thru establishments, hospitals, banks, drive-thru  
6 facilities and gasoline service stations, subject to the  
7 regulations below:

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9 (1) Electronic messaging

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11 (a) Signs shall not have any scrolling, flashing or any  
12 other animation.

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14 (b) Signs may display more than one message with a  
15 minimum of ninety (90) seconds in between message  
16 changes.

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18 (c) Message changes must be quick shift. Fading or  
19 other similar animations are not permitted.

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21 (d) The electronic messaging portion may not exceed  
22 twenty-five (25) percent of the total sign area.

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24 (e) See section 39.8.(C) for limits on changeable copy  
25 signs for gasoline stations.

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27 (f) See section 39.8.(D) for limits on changeable copy  
28 signs for freestanding places of worship and  
29 freestanding schools.

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31 (2) Changeable copy signs for theaters or playhouses:

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33 (a) May have changeable copy on a wall sign shall not  
34 to exceed seventy-five (75) square feet in area.

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36 (b) Multiple screen theaters may be permitted  
37 additional sign area, not to exceed twenty-five  
38 (25) square feet per additional screen OR theater.

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40 (c) Playhouses may utilize allowable copy area of  
41 permissible freestanding signs for changeable copy.

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43 (i) Such signs shall contain only the title of the  
44 performance, the Motion Picture Association of  
45 American rating, the hours of the performance,

1 and the name of the production company or the  
2 name of the major star.

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4 (3) Changeable copy signs for drive-thru establishments:

5 (a) May have a single-faced moveable letter sign  
6 showing menu or featured items.

7 (b) Sign must have a transparent protective locked  
8 cover and all items of information must be  
9 contained within the area under the locked cover.

10 (c) The sign (combined with the sign structure) may not  
11 exceed six (6) feet in height and may not exceed  
12 forty-two (42) square feet in area.

13 (d) The sign must be affixed to a wall of the  
14 establishment adjacent to the drive-thru window or  
15 located freestanding between the building and  
16 drive-thru lane.

17 (e) The sign face must not be visible from any portion  
18 of right-of-way which abuts the establishment.

19 (a) Changeable copy wall signs for theaters or playhouses  
20 shall not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet in  
21 area. Multiple screen theaters may be permitted  
22 additional sign area, not to exceed twenty-five (25)  
23 square feet per additional screen OR theaters and  
24 playhouses may utilize allowable copy area of  
25 permissible freestanding signs for changeable copy.  
26 Such signs shall contain only the title of the  
27 performance, the Motion Picture Association of America  
28 rating, the hours of the performance, and the name of  
29 the production company or the name of the major star.

30 (b) Drive thru establishments, in addition to other  
31 permitted signs, may be permitted to have a single-  
32 faced moveable letter sign showing menu or featured  
33 items. Said sign must have a transparent protective  
34 locked cover and all items of information must be  
35 contained within the area under the locked cover. The  
36 sign (combined with the sign structure) may not exceed  
37 six (6) feet in height and may not exceed forty-two  
38 (42) square feet in area. The sign must be affixed to

1 a wall of the establishment adjacent to the drive in  
2 window or located freestanding between the building  
3 and drive-in lane. The sign face must not be visible  
4 when viewed from any portion of right-of-way which  
5 abuts the establishment.

6 (e) Gasoline stations. See section 39.8.3 for limits on  
7 changeable copy signs for gasoline stations.  
8 (d) Freestanding places of worship and freestanding  
9 schools. See section 39.8.5 for limits on changeable  
10 copy signs for freestanding places of worship and  
11 freestanding schools.  
12 (e) All changeable letters or symbols (excluding logos)  
13 utilized in the changeable copy area on a permitted  
14 changeable copy sign shall be either white or black.  
15 Both shades may not be utilized simultaneously.

17 39.8.3. (C) Gasoline stations.

18 This section shall pertain to all gasoline stations sites  
19 including any uses, whether accessory or not, which share the  
20 same site.

22 (1a) In calculating linear lineal feet of building frontage  
23 for purposes of determining wall sign size, gasoline  
24 station canopies shall not be included.

26 (2) A company logo not to exceed four (4) square feet shall  
27 be permitted on each side of a canopy with street  
28 frontage but no wall sign shall be permitted thereon.

30 (3b) In addition to the gasoline service building wall sign  
31 and the company logo wall sign, ~~one~~ One additional wall  
32 sign, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet, shall be  
33 permitted on a detached car wash building which is an  
34 accessory use to the gasoline service station building.  
35 The detached car wash building wall signs shall be  
36 consistent with the color and style of other signage on  
37 the site.

39 (4e) One monument sign may be permitted per site. This sign  
40 shall comply with all the provisions of ~~s~~ection 39.6 +)  
41 Identification Monument Sign except that:

43 (a+) The monument sign shall contain the company name  
44 and/or logo and the gas prices, and may contain a

the company logo and/or the name and/or logo of any other businesses which share the same occupancy.

(b2) The sign area of the name(s) and/or logo(s) shall not exceed equal one-half the total sign face area and one-half the sign width.

(c3) The sign area advertising the price of gasoline may not exceed equal one-half the total sign face area and one-half the sign width.

(d4) The sign shall not exceed nine (9) ~~eight (8)~~ feet in height nor forty-nine (49) feet in total area. A maximum of seventy-five (75) per cent of the sign structure shall be used for sign face(s).

(e5) The pricing portion of the sign may have changeable copy or electronic messaging changeable copy.

(4d) Signs may be placed on gasoline pumps in order to provide information to the public; however such signs may not exceed one and one-half (1½) square feet per sign face with a maximum of two (2) back-to-back faces (total of three (3) square feet in area) per freestanding pump cluster.

(e) The adoption of mandatory regulations regarding gasoline pricing signs by the federal, state or local government shall preempt and govern gasoline pricing signs permitted by the code.

(f) Signs designating a group of pump dispensers as "self service" shall be no larger than one square foot in area and said signs shall only be placed at the ends of an aisle of pump dispenser units.

(5f) Signs designating a group of pump dispensers as "self-service" or "full-service" shall be no larger than one (1) square foot in area and said signs shall only be placed at the ends of an aisle of pump dispenser units.

(1) If a price for a particular grade of gasoline, diesel fuel or other product sold to power

motorized vehicles is displayed relating to a particular service (i.e., self-serve or full-serve), said service shall be available at the filling station posting same.

(6g) One (1) sign displaying prices shall be required of all establishments selling fuel to power motorized vehicles within the City.

(a) The size of said sign shall be a minimum of twelve (12) square feet.

(b) Said sign shall be prominently placed and readily visible during daylight hours from a passing motor vehicle on at least one (1) abutting street.

(ch) The lowest price for at least two (2) grades of gasoline, diesel fuel or other product sold to power motorized vehicles shall be posted. Each sign as provided in subsection (i) shall have

(d) Unit prices shall be displayed in Arabic numerals no smaller than ten (10) inches high.

(e1) If a unit price is in increments of less than one (1) gallon or a unit price is measured in other than gallons, said unit measure shall be clearly displayed in numerals no less than eight (8) inches high on the sign as provided for above.

(2) Should gasoline, diesel fuel or other product sold to power motorized vehicles be sold by any unit measure other than by gallons or fraction thereof, a table or chart shall be provided within view of each pump showing the equivalent of each unit to a gallon.

(7) The adoption of mandatory regulations regarding gasoline pricing signs by the federal, state or local government shall preempt and govern gasoline pricing signs permitted by the code.

### 39.8.4. (E) Automatic teller machines (ATM).

1 ATM's are permitted one wall sign for sites with less than  
2 two (2) machines and may have up to two (2) wall signs if there  
3 are more than (2) machines on site. Each sign shall not exceed  
4 four (4) square feet. An opaque lighted cabinet sign with  
5 lighted sign letters is permitted in this instance. The sign  
6 shall not be higher than eight (8) feet high and said sign must  
7 be adjacent to the machine. Signs in existence prior to the  
8 adoption of this code need not comply with this subsection or  
9 section 39.3.1-~~(j)~~(J) but must meet all other sections of this  
10 code and any other applicable codes and regulations.

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12 39.8.5. (D) Freestanding schools and places of worship:

13 ~~(a)~~(1) One (1) monument sign, either illuminated or non-  
14 illuminated may be permitted. Said monument sign shall  
15 comply with all regulations set forth for monument  
16 signs in nonresidential districts (section 39.6 ~~+~~)  
17 except that an area of the sign, not to exceed twenty  
18 (20) square feet, may contain changeable copy or  
19 electronic messaging changeable copy.

20 ~~(b)~~(2) One non-illuminated wall sign may also be permitted  
21 provided that it complies with the regulations for a  
22 "main identification wall sign" in nonresidential  
23 districts (section 39.6. ~~+~~(J)).

24 ~~(c)~~(3) Signs in this category permitted and approved prior  
25 to January 8, 1997, are exempt from the requirements  
26 of section 39.14.5 of this code but not from the  
27 regulations of any other section.

28 ~~(d)~~(4) Banners are permitted subject to the requirements  
29 in section 39.7.

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1   39.8.6.(F) *Flags and flag poles.*

2           (1) No more than three (3) flags of any kind shall be  
3           permitted on any parcel or lot.

4           (2) Flags must be no greater than forty (40) square feet in  
5           area.

6           (3) Flags must be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from  
7           the right-of-way and affixed in such a manner so as to  
8           comply with all the requirements of the Code of the City  
9           of Margate and the ~~South~~ Florida Building Code.

10          (4) Flags shall not be flown so that the lowest portion of  
11           the flag (irrespective of any pole or mounting) rises  
12           above the roofline of the structure to which it is  
13           attached or affixed.

14          (5) Any pole planted or positioned into the ground to which  
15           a flag is attached must be permanent and be approved and  
16           permitted by the Margate Building Department.

17          (6) Flags may not be attached, affixed or flown from any  
18           freestanding sign or pole which supports a lighting  
19           fixture.

20          (7) The maximum height of a flag pole is twenty-five (25)  
21           feet.

22          (8) No more than two (2) flags may be flown on any one (1)  
23           approved and permitted flag pole. ~~All flags are subject~~  
24           ~~to section 39.11.1 of this code.~~

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26   39.8.7.(G) *Window signs.*

27           The total area of all window signs (interior, exterior and  
28           illuminated) may be no greater than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ seventy  
29           five (75) per cent of the total window area per window.

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2 (1a) Interior window signs. ~~Window signs on the interior~~  
3 ~~surface of these~~

4 (a) Located within ten (10) feet of the window;

5 (b) ~~s~~ Shall be professionally drawn or constructed~~ri~~;

6 (c) May be a maximum of ~~four (4)~~ five (5) colors~~ri~~;

7 (d) Shall be nonilluminated~~ri~~;

8 (e) Letters must be no more than eight (8) inches in  
9 height~~ri~~;

10 (f) No flashing or strobe lights are permitted. (see  
11 ~~section 39.8.7 (c) for exceptions~~).

12 (2b) Exterior window signs.

13 ~~Such signs may only be constructed of individual letters~~  
14 ~~or logos.~~

15 (a) Letters Signs must be individual and constructed from  
16 white vinyl and may feature letters no greater than  
17 ~~eight (8)~~ twelve (12) inches in height~~ri~~;

18 (b) Logos may be ~~three (3)~~ five (5) colors and a maximum  
19 of four (4) square feet~~ri~~;

20 (c) Said signs shall not state any price~~ri~~;

21 (d) Signs shall not be applied to or cover any divider  
22 between individual panels in a window~~ri~~;

23 (e) Signs shall be kept in a condition that will maintain  
24 their original aesthetic appearance.

25 (3e) Illuminated window signs

26 (a) One (1) illuminated (including neon) sign may be  
27 permitted per bay per frontage, with the number of

1                   bays being determined by the number of water meters  
2                   on record for any subject property;

3                   (b) provided the sign(s) does shall not exceed two (2)  
4                   four (4) square feet in area;

5                   (c) has a A maximum of three (3) five (5) colors are  
6                   permitted on the sign;

7                   (d) has tLetters shall be no greater than twelve (12)  
8                   inches in height;

9                   (e) and the total area of signs in the window does shall  
10                   not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the total  
11                   window area per window.

12                   (f) In addition, one (1) illuminated sign that reads  
13                   "open" may be permitted per bay per frontage,  
14                   provided that,

15                   (i) provided the sign does not exceed two (2) four  
16                   (4) square feet in area;

17                   (ii) The sign has a maximum of three (3) five (5)  
18                   colors;

19                   (iii) has The letters are no greater than twelve (12)  
20                   inches in height;

21                   (iv) and the total area of signs in the window does  
22                   not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the total  
23                   window area per window;

24                   (v) No flashing or strobe illumination is permitted.  
25                   The installation and display of an illuminated  
26                   window sign shall require a permit to insure  
27                   compliance with the South Florida Building Code  
28                   and any other applicable codes.

(D) Any neon, LED, rope lighting, window outlining or other similar lighting devices are not permitted year round unless otherwise noted.

### 39.8.8. Rear identification signs.

6 One (1) rear identification sign, not to exceed one (1)  
7 square foot is permitted for each occupancy. For purposes of  
8 this section, the rear is that portion of the building  
9 containing the service or secondary service entrance that is not  
10 on the same building side as a customer entrance. This sign may  
11 be wall mounted. This sign must conform with any applicable  
12 uniform sign plan and be located on or within three (3) feet of  
13 a service or secondary entrance. Said signs do not have to  
14 conform to the three eighths inch depth requirement but must be  
15 maintained in a good repair and appearance. The city shall have  
16 the right to request replacement of dilapidated signs. Rear  
17 identification signs are not subject to the requirements of  
18 section 39.3.1 (j) of this code.

### 39.8.9. Under canopy signs.

21 One (1) under canopy identification sign per storefront is  
22 permitted, not to exceed four (4) square feet in area and shall  
23 have a minimum vertical clearance of nine (9) feet. Corner  
24 storefronts may be permitted one (1) such sign per side. Sign  
25 must be positioned ninety (90) degrees to façade, must be  
26 rigidly attached, centered in the area under the canopy, and may  
27 be internally illuminated provided the sign is "cabinet" in  
28 style." Sign must conform with any applicable uniform sign plan.  
29 Said signs are not subject to the requirements of section 39.3.1  
30 (j). Signs under gasoline station canopies shall be governed by  
31 section 39.8.3

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2 39.8.10.(H) Real estate signs.

3 Said signs must be maintained in good repair and  
4 appearance. The eCity shall have the right to request  
5 replacement of dilapidated signs.

6 (1a) Residential Districts:

7 (a1) One (1) sign not to exceed three (3) square feet  
8 per sign face (two (2) faces permitted), six (6)  
9 square feet aggregate.

10 (b2) Sign copy shall include the applicable language,  
11 for example, "For Sale," "For Rent," "For Lease,"  
12 and may contain the name of the owner or  
13 representative and a contact phone number.

14 (c3) One (1) additional sign, not to exceed six (6)  
15 inches by eighteen (18) inches, may be attached to  
16 the approved sign displaying one (1) piece of  
17 information, such as "By Appointment Only," "Sold"  
18 or "Open." An "Open" or "Open House" sign may be  
19 displayed only when the premises are actually  
20 available for inspection by a prospective buyer or  
21 tenant.

22 (d4) One off-site real estate "Open" sign not to exceed  
23 three (3) square feet in area, shall be permitted  
24 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and  
25 only when the premises are actually available for  
26 inspection by prospective buyer or tenant.

27 (e5) Undeveloped residential land parcels greater than  
28 two (2) acres shall be permitted one non-illuminated  
29 freestanding sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square  
30 feet per sign face with a maximum of two (2) faces.

(2b) Nonresidential districts:

(a1) One window sign in compliance with section 39.8.7(G), entitled "Window signs" is permitted. If the window on the available bay(s) or storefront(s) has a total area less than twenty-four (24) square feet, one sign, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area may be displayed inside the window. permitted to be affixed to the building.

(b2) If the Undeveloped nonresidential land is vacant and greater than four (4) acres shall be permitted one non-illuminated freestanding sign not to exceed in area, one non-illuminated freestanding sign, not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet, may be permitted. per sign face with a maximum of two (2) faces.

(c3) A project with a vacant bay or storefront for sale or rent which is greater than twenty-two thousand five hundred (22,500) and ~~one half (22.500)~~ square feet in area or greater than fifteen (15) per cent of all square footage in a project is for sale or rent or vacant land under four (4) acres may be permitted one non-illuminated freestanding sign, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet.

(d4) All signs shall include the applicable language, for example "For Sale," "For Rent," or "For Lease," or "Available," and may include the name of the owner or representative, a contact phone number, the applicable zoning district and total area of the property or storefront available.

39.8.911. (I) *Newspaper racks.*

1      Newspaper racks are prohibited from displaying the name,  
2      logo or any advertising message of any product or service other  
3      than the name and/or logo of the periodical being distributed.

5      39.8.1012.(J) Trash receptacles and dumpsters.

6      (a) Trash receptacles are prohibited from displaying any  
7      commercial or noncommercial message of any kind., other  
8      than the name and/or phone number of the company  
9      servicing said dumpster.

10     (b) Dumpsters may only display the name and/or phone number  
11     of the company servicing said dumpster.

13     39.8.1113.(K) Public telephones.

14     This subsection is to designed in the interests of the  
15     health, safety, and welfare of the general public and with the  
16     goal of ensuring ensure the easy identification of public  
17     telephones by the general public in the event of any emergency  
18     or crisis. Any sign on an outdoor public telephone, may only  
19     display a sign with the international symbol for telephone with  
20     the word "Telephone" or "Phone," and must be white lettering on  
21     a blue background. must only display the international sign for  
22     telephone.

23     (1) Each telephone is allowed one One sign not to exceed one  
24     square foot in area per sign face with a maximum of two  
25     (2) sign faces for an aggregate of two (2) square feet.

26     (2) may The sign may be attached to a freestanding phone  
27     structure or may be affixed to a wall above a public  
28     telephone.

29     (3) This The sign may be a projecting sign provided that it  
30     has a minimum clearance of nine (9) feet, a maximum

height of twelve (12) feet, and it does not protrude over a right-of-way.

This subsection is not intended to regulate any letters or symbols ~~no greater than~~ one-half (½) inch or less in height and/or width on the body of the telephone (not on the telephone structure) which describe instructions for use of the telephone or other information required by state or federal law.

39.8.1214. (L) *Hospitals.*

(1) Hospitals with more than one hundred (100) beds for patient overnight patient treatment may have one (1) monument sign per building. equal to the maximum size that is allowed for a multi tenant complex with a single tenant space over twenty five thousand (25,000) square feet.

(a) Maximum height: 13 feet

(b) Maximum: 8 feet

(c) Maximum square footage: 96 square feet

(2) Signs may also be placed on building sides without roadway frontage provided one hundred (100) per cent of the sign face is visible from a main roadway and said signs conform to all other applicable sections of this code.

(3) A hospital must submit a uniform sign plan which shall conform with and be subject to all of the provisions of section 39.10 (Uniform Sign Plan) of this Code.

39.8.1315. (M) Certification and affiliation signs.

1       A business owner in any nonresidential commercial or  
2 ~~industrial~~ district may with the property owner's permission  
3 display up to one (1) nonanimated sign designating its  
4 professional certification, seal, symbol, or other historic or  
5 generally recognized trade affiliation. Said sign shall not  
6 exceed two (2) square feet in area, and may only be affixed to  
7 the wall of the building where the main customer entrance exists  
8 but shall be no higher than the door. This sign may be in  
9 addition to other signs ~~the main wall sign~~ permitted by this  
10 Code.

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12 39.8.16.(N) Nonresidential ~~Holiday~~ decorative signs.  
13       Signs of a primarily decorative nature, clearly incidental  
14 and customary and commonly associated with any national, local  
15 or religious holiday shall be permitted provided that such signs  
16 shall be displayed for a period of not more than sixty (60)  
17 consecutive days. ~~and no parcel or lot shall display such signs~~  
18 ~~for more than sixty (60) days in any one calendar year.~~ Such  
19 signs may be of any approved type, number, area or illumination  
20 and shall be entirely within the boundaries of the lot or  
21 premises on which they are erected. Said signs may be painted or  
22 applied to the interior or exterior of any window. Said signs  
23 ~~shall not be installed greater than twenty (20) feet above grade~~  
24 and shall be subject to the applicable electrical and structural  
25 inspection.

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27 39.8.17.(O) Replaceable tenant panels.  
28       Cabinet type wall signs and ~~M~~ulti-tenant monument signs  
29 which allow for the display of up to eight (8) ~~four~~ (4) tenants  
30 per side of a multi-tenant complex may utilize replaceable  
31 tenant panels in said monument sign. These panels may be changed  
32 or rotated without the requirement of a permit or inspection by  
33 the city upon application (including photography) to the city,  
34 the payment of appropriate permit fees upon a complete

1       reinspection of said monument sign at the time of permitting.  
2       Each tenant changed or rotated shall be permitted individually.  
3       Permits shall only be approved in the name of the owner of the  
4       monument sign. The change or rotation of said panels in  
5       nonconforming signs shall not constitute an alteration or change  
6       of said sign and therefore shall not cause the loss of legal  
7       nonconforming status under section 39.14.3 (a) of this code.  
8       Replaceable tenant panels in nonconforming signs shall not be  
9       subject to section 39.3.1 (j) of this code.

10                   In the event a business listed on a tenant panel(s) of a  
11       multi-tenant complex's monument sign closes, leaves or abandons  
12       the complex, or in any other way no longer is to be listed on  
13       the monument sign, the owner shall replace said tenant panel  
14       with a blank panel until such time as a new tenant is listed.

16                   (P) Car dealerships.

18       All car dealerships are subject to the following  
19       regulations:

21                   (1) Prohibited from displaying any attention attracting  
22       devices as described in section 39.9(c);

24                   (2) Permitted to display all industry required tags in  
25       vehicle windows;

27                   (3) permitted to have "feature cars" based on the following  
28       criteria:

30                   (a) Lots with less than 100 cars are permitted up to  
31       one (1) feature car.

33                   (b) Lots with 101-300 cars are permitted up to three  
34       (3) feature cars.

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2       (c) Lots with 301 or more cars are permitted up to five  
3                (5) feature cars.

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5       (4) Shall be permitted to display the sale price of  
6                vehicles.

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8       (a) No more than one (1) price sign per vehicle;

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10       (b) May be vinyl decal or printed sign display in  
11                windshield area;

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13       (c) May be hung from rear view mirror;

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15       (d) No chalk, paint, marker or similar writing  
16                permitted.

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18       39.8.18. (Q) Nonresidential Temporary decorative lighting.

19       Decorative light strings or light tubes that meet the  
20       Underwriters Laboratories standards for commercial grade  
21       exterior use may be displayed in all non-residential zoning  
22       districts subject to the following conditions:

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24       (a) Lights may be permitted to be ~~temporarily~~ affixed to any  
25       tree, hedge, bush, shrub, building façade, column,  
26       awning, or any other architectural feature of a  
27       building. ~~for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.~~  
28       Light strings shall be removed at the end of the  
29       ~~permitted ninety-day period.~~

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31       (b) The use of any installation hardware (nails, tacks,  
32       screws, etc.) that penetrates the bark of a live tree is  
33       strictly prohibited.

(c) All exterior lights must be permitted by the Margate Building Department prior to installation. The Margate Building Department shall reinspect after the permitted ninety-day period has elapsed to verify that the temporary decorative lights have been removed.

(d) Prior to issuing a permit for temporary decorative lights, a letter of authorization from the property owner must be submitted with the permit application as well as all inspection and reinspection fees associated with the permit.

(e) All lights shall be professionally installed in accordance with the Florida Building Code, the Florida Fire Prevention Code, and the National Electric Code. All lighting must have a permanent power source that has been professionally installed and independently permitted by the Margate Building Department. ~~Connection of lighting to power source via extension cords is strictly prohibited.~~

(f) Light strings permitted to be displayed for said ninety (90) day period shall only emit white illumination.

(g) Multicolored lights may be displayed for a maximum of forty-five (45) days in connection with any of the legal public holidays designated by the United States Congress. The temporary decorative multi-colored lights shall be removed no later than fifteen (15) days after the identified holiday has passed.

(R) *Promotional advertising banners.*

1       The purpose of this pilot program is to offer an additional  
2       way for businesses in multi-tenant developments to gain greater  
3       visibility and increase opportunities for promotion.

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5       (A) General program requirements:

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7       (a) Centers with more than six (6) tenants may install  
8       permanent poles to display promotional advertising  
9       banners.

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11       (b) One set of poles per 100 feet is permitted.

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13       (c) The property owner shall submit a site plan of  
14       property showing dimensioned location of  
15       promotional advertising banners.

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17       (d) Dimensioned drawing, photograph or detailed  
18       description of promotional advertising display  
19       shall be submitted to the Economic Development  
20       Department.

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22       (e) Each tenant may display the banner for a maximum of  
23       thirty (30) days, up to six (6) times per year.

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25       (f) Banners shall be the appropriate size for the  
26       provided poles.

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28       (g) Banners shall not display any pricing.

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30       (h) The permanent pole shall require any applicable  
31       permits through the Building Department.

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33       **SECTION 9:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
34       Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign

1       Code Section 39.9 Nuisance is hereby amended to read as  
2       follows:

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4 **Section 39.9 Nuisance.**

5 **39.9.1. (A) Illumination.**

6       No illuminated signs shall face a residential district in  
7       such a way that the lighting fixture reflects directly into the  
8       residential district at night.

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10 **39.9.2 (B) Utility pole signs.**

11       No signs shall be affixed or otherwise attached to any  
12       public utility pole or structure except pole identification  
13       signs as placed by the owning utility, public information signs  
14       as placed upon said pole or structure by a governmental entity,  
15       or other signs as authorized by the city.

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17 **39.9.3. (C) Attention attracting devices —~~outdoor merchandise~~.**

18       Balloons, flags, pennants, streamers, spinners, tinsel,  
19       bunting, neon lights, signs, or other similar devices shall not  
20       be applied to any vehicle, boat, equipment, machinery or other  
21       stock-in-trade merchandise which is stationary and outdoors,  
22       buildings or structure, or strung on wires, or otherwise used on  
23       any site except as otherwise permitted in this article. ~~except~~  
24       that one or more product information forms shall be permitted  
25       per item of merchandise provided they do not total on any one  
26       item more than two hundred (200) square inches in area and  
27       provided further that they do not have any type or logos more  
28       than one inch in height.

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30       ~~No door, hatch, hood, trunk, or other part or appendage of~~  
31       ~~any stock-in-trade merchandise which is stationary and outdoors~~  
32       ~~shall be left in the open or extended position except when said~~  
33       ~~merchandise is being repaired in an area approved for such~~  
34       ~~repair. Any merchandise or stock-in-trade whose said part(s) or~~

1 appendages are not kept in conformance with this section shall  
2 be deemed an attention attracting device in violation of this  
3 section.

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5 39.9.4. [Balloons, flags, pennants, etc.]

6 ~~Balloons, flags, pennants, streamers, spinners, tinsel,~~  
7 ~~bunting, neon lights or other similar devices shall not be~~  
8 ~~applied to any building or structure, or strung on wires, or~~  
9 ~~otherwise used on any site except as otherwise permitted in this~~  
10 ~~article.~~

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12 39.9.5. (D) Angle to ground.

13 All free-standing signs ~~(whether monument, traffic,~~  
14 ~~informational, etc.)~~ shall be maintained perpendicular (at a 90-  
15 degree angle) to level ground.

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17 **SECTION 10:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
18 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
19 Code Section 39.10 Uniform sign plan is hereby amended to  
20 read as follows:

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22 **Section 39.10 Uniform sign plan.**

23 ~~(A1) For all All projects with more than two (2) tenants~~  
24 ~~displaying signage and for hospitals as defined by~~  
25 ~~section 39.8.14: shall adopt a A uniform sign plan, shall~~  
26 ~~be submitted to the city indicating the sign type and~~  
27 ~~size to be utilized for all permanent wall signs on the~~  
28 ~~subject property. Uniform sign plan shall be submitted to~~  
29 ~~include:~~

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31 ~~(a) That all signs shall conform to this code.~~

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33 ~~(b) Signs to be located on the property, including~~  
34 ~~standards for uniform: sign area, letter style(s),~~

1 letter color(s) (face, returns and illumination),  
2 letter heights, lighting specifications, and sign  
3 locations, all of which shall be compatible with the  
4 architectural design of the entire center (sign area  
5 and letter heights variations may be allowed for major  
6 tenant signs).

7

8 (c) Uniform sign plans submitted shall indicate the sign  
9 type for include the following applicable items:

- 10 1. Identification monument signs.
- 11 2. Main identification wall signs.
- 12 3. Secondary identification wall signs.
- 13 4. General information signs.
- 14 5. Directional signs.
- 15 6. Under canopy identification signs.
- 16 7. Site directory signs.
- 17 8. Building directory signs.
- 18 9. Temporary signs.
- 19 10. Flags and flag poles.
- 20 11. Window signs.
- 21 12. Rear identification signs.
- 22 13. Building address signs.
- 23 14. Other signage that may be erected upon the  
24 property.

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26 (Bd) New or revised uniform sign plans shall be submitted by  
27 the property owner(s) or their agent to the Economic  
28 Development Department for review. A one hundred dollar  
29 (\$100.00) administrative fee shall be applied to all  
30 applications. The Department shall review the plan based  
31 on consistency with the City of Margate Code,  
32 compatibility with exterior features and colors of the  
33 subject structure(s) as provided in Section 40.5 () of  
34 this Code, and redevelopment efforts underway in the

City. The Department shall issue a written approval or rejection for any proposed uniform sign plan within ten (10) calendar days of receiving a complete application. Uniform sign plans for existing developments that are consistent with or stricter than the Code of the City of Margate shall be considered an administrative approval.

(e) Once the uniform sign plan, excluding any signs comprised of registered logos or logotype, has been established for a multi-tenant center or complex, the criteria shall apply to the entire center, as well as each individual occupant, and shall remain as long as the center exists, regardless of change of ownership or management. The criteria of the uniform sign plan may only be changed if all signs in the center are changed to conform to the new approved criteria within a period of no more than one (1) year from the date of approval of the new plan.

(C) Upon adoption of a new or revised uniform sign plan, all signs in the center shall be changed to conform to the new approved criteria within one (1) year from the date of approval of the new or revised plan.

(f) Businesses that wish to use a logo or logotype registered either with the State of Florida or U.S. Government must comply with the provisions set forth in Section 39.6 () of this Article.

**SECTION 11:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.11 Improper signs is hereby amended to read as follows:

1    **Section 39.11 Improper signs.**

2    39.11.2. (A) *Abandoned signs.*

3       Any sign advertising a commodity or service previously  
4       associated with vacated or abandoned premises or a sign  
5       structure no longer displaying a sign advertising a commodity or  
6       service currently or previously associated with a premises shall  
7       be removed from the premises by the responsible party as defined  
8       in section 39.18.2 (A) no later than sixty (60) days from the  
9       time said activity ceases to exist at the premises.

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11       (1) Removal shall include any sign structure and/or  
12       foundation.

13       (2) The façade or property shall be restored to original  
14       condition following removal of a sign, sign structure  
15       and/or sign foundation pursuant to this section.

16       (3) In the event that the sign is a cabinet sign in a multi-  
17       tenant center ~~that would otherwise meet the requirements~~  
18       ~~of this chapter [article]~~ and any applicable uniform  
19       ~~sign plan~~, the panel advertising the previous business  
20       or use shall be removed and a blank panel shall be  
21       installed. ~~in the cabinet for up to a 180 day period.~~  
22       ~~Upon the end of the 180 day period, the sign shall then~~  
23       ~~be deemed to be abandoned. In the event a blank panel is~~  
24       ~~not installed or if the sign does not otherwise meet~~  
25       ~~this chapter [article]~~ and/or any applicable uniform  
26       ~~sign plan~~, the sign shall be considered abandoned after  
27       ~~sixty (60) days.~~

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29    39.11.3. (B) *Dangerous or defective signs.*

1       No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any  
2 premises owned or controlled by him any sign which is in a  
3 dangerous or defective condition. Any such sign shall be removed  
4 or repaired by the owner of the sign or the owner of the  
5 premises, or as otherwise provided for in section 39.13 (4).

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7 39.11.4-(C) Unlawful signs.

8       No person shall erect on any premises any signs which does  
9 not comply with the provisions of this code.

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11 39.11.5-(D) Signs without property owners consent.

12       No person shall erect, construct or maintain any sign upon  
13 any property or building without the consent of the owner or  
14 person entitled to possession of the property or building if  
15 any, or their authorized representatives.

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17       **SECTION 12:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
18 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
19 Code Section 39.12 Removal of improper signs is hereby  
20 amended to read as follows:

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22 **Section 39.12 Removal of Improper signs.**

23       (Aa) Types of violations. The city shall cause to be removed  
24 any sign that endangers the public safety such as an  
25 abandoned, dangerous or defective sign, or an unlawful  
26 sign.

27       (Bb) Notice. The City shall prepare a notice which states  
28 that if the sign is not removed or the violation is not  
29 corrected within ten (10) days, the sign shall be  
30 removed by the city in accordance with the provisions of  
31 this section.

(1) All notices mailed by the sign code inspector shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(2) Any time periods provided in the section shall be deemed to commence on the date of the receipt of the certified mail.

~~(c) Recipient. For all signs, the~~

(3) The notice shall be mailed to the owner of the property on which the sign is located as shown on the last tax roll; ~~if known, the~~

(4) The notice shall also be mailed or delivered to the owner of the sign and the occupant of the property, as well.

(5) The notice given by the City shall state not only the remedial action required to be taken, but shall also state that if such action is not taken within the time limits set forth in this article, the cost of correcting the unlawful feature of the sign or removing the sign may be assessed against the property on which the sign is located, together with the additional five (5) per cent for inspection and incidental costs, and an additional ten (10) per cent penalty for the cost of collection and the same shall constitute a lien against the property on which the sign is situated.

(6) The owner of the premises or sign shall also be prosecuted for violating this code.

**SECTION 13:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.13 Emergency removal of signs by city is hereby amended to read as follows:

1      **Section 39.13 Emergency removal of signs by city.**

2      (A) When it is determined by the city that a sign would  
3      cause an imminent danger to the public safety, and  
4      contact cannot be made with a sign owner or building  
5      owner, ~~no written notice shall have to be served. In~~  
6      ~~this emergency situation, the city may remedy the~~  
7      ~~situation by removing or repairing said sign, without~~  
8      ~~providing written notice. all costs begin assessed as~~  
9      ~~contained in the following subsections (a) through (e):~~

10     (a) ~~The notice given by the city shall state not only the~~  
11     ~~remedial action required to be taken, but shall also~~  
12     ~~state that if such action is not taken within the time~~  
13     ~~limits set forth in this article, the cost of correcting~~  
14     ~~the unlawful feature of the sign or removing the sign~~  
15     ~~may be assessed against the property on which the signs~~  
16     ~~is located, together with the additional five (5) per~~  
17     ~~cent for inspection and incidental costs, and an~~  
18     ~~additional ten (10) per cent penalty for the cost of~~  
19     ~~collection and the same shall constitute a lien against~~  
20     ~~the property on which the sign is situated. The owner of~~  
21     ~~the premises or sign shall also be prosecuted for~~  
22     ~~violating this code.~~

23     (B) ~~The~~ In the event that the City removes a sign, the City  
24     shall mail a notice to the owner of said premises as  
25     shown by the tax rolls, at the address shown upon the  
26     tax rolls, by certified mail, return receipt requested,  
27     postage prepaid, notifying such owner that the work has  
28     been performed pursuant to this code, stating the date  
29     of performance of the work, the nature of the work, and  
30     demanding of payment of the costs thereof (as certified  
31     by the eCity), together with five (5) per cent for the  
32     inspection and the other incidental costs in connection  
33     therewith. Such notice shall state that if said amount

1                   is not paid within thirty (30) days of mailing the  
2                   notice, it shall become a lien against the property of  
3                   said owner, describing the same, and will additionally  
4                   include a ten (10) per cent penalty for the cost of  
5                   collection.

6                   (Ce) Any sign removed by the eCity pursuant to the  
7                   provisions of this section shall become the property of  
8                   the eCity and may be disposed of in any manner deemed  
9                   appropriate by the eCity. The cost of removal of the  
10                  sign by the eCity shall be considered a debt owed to the  
11                  eCity by the owner of the property and may be recovered  
12                  in an appropriate court action by the eCity or by  
13                  assessment against the property as hereinafter provided.  
14                  The cost of removal shall include any and all incidental  
15                  expense incurred by the eCity in connection with the  
16                  sign's removal.

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18                  **SECTION 14:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
19                  Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
20                  Code Section 39.14 Legal nonconforming signs, nonconforming  
21                  signs, abandoned signs is hereby amended to read as  
22                  follows:

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24                  Section 39.14. Legal nonconforming signs, nonconforming signs,  
25                  abandoned signs.

26                  39.14.1. Notice of nonconformity:

27                  Upon determination that a sign is nonconforming, the  
28                  inspector shall use reasonable efforts to so notify either  
29                  personally or in writing the user or owner of the property on  
30                  which the sign is located of the following: The sign's  
31                  nonconformity; and whether the sign is eligible for  
32                  characterization either as "legal nonconforming" or "unlawful."  
33                  Failing a determination of the sign owner, user or owner of the

1 property on which the sign is located, the notice may be affixed  
2 in a conspicuous place to the sign or the business premises with  
3 which the sign is associated. The inspector shall require new  
4 sign permits to be issued for each existing sign classified as a  
5 "legal nonconforming signs." A photograph of each sign so  
6 classified shall be attached to the city's copy of permit  
7 application.

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9 39.14.2. (A) *Legal nonconforming signs:*

10 ~~Signs eligible for characterization as "legal~~  
11 ~~nonconforming."~~ Any sign located in ~~the city limits on January~~  
12 ~~8, 1997, or located in an area annexed to the city thereafter~~  
13 which does not conform with the provisions of this code, is  
14 eligible for characterization as a "legal nonconforming" sign  
15 provided the sign was covered by a sign permit or variance at  
16 the time of installation. ~~on January 8, 1997, or the sign was in~~  
17 ~~compliance with all applicable provisions of the appropriate~~  
18 ~~sign code in effect prior to January 8, 1997. An "unlawful" sign~~  
19 ~~is a nonconforming sign that was not so authorized.~~

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21 39.14.3. (B) *Loss of legal nonconforming status.*

22 A legal nonconforming sign shall immediately lose ~~it's~~ its  
23 legal nonconforming designation and shall be immediately brought  
24 into compliance with this code with a new permit secured or said  
25 sign shall be removed if:

26 (1a) The sign is altered in any way in structure or copy  
27 which tends to or makes the sign less in compliance with  
28 the requirements of this code than it was before the  
29 alteration (permitted changes include change of copy in  
30 changeable copy signs, changing or rotating of  
31 replaceable tenant panels in multi-tenant signs and

normal maintenance including changing of face for maintenance provided copy or colors of face are not altered); or

(2b) The sign is relocated or moved; or

(3e) In the event the sign is damaged, in need of repair, remodeled or reconstructed to the extent that the cost of such repair, remodeling or reconstruction equals fifty (50) per cent or more of the original cost of the sign; or

(4d) The sign is replaced or abandoned.

On the happening of any one or more of (1), (b), (c), or (d), the sign shall be immediately brought into compliance with this code with a new permit secured or said sign shall be removed. Final determination shall be made by the sign inspector.

39.14.4. (C) Legal nonconforming sign maintenance and repair.

Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner or user of a legal nonconforming sign or owner of the property on which the legal nonconforming sign is located from the provisions of this code regarding safety, maintenance and repair of signs. However, any repainting, cleaning and other normal maintenance or repair of the sign or sign structure or copy shall not cause the sign to become more nonconforming. If such maintenance causes the sign to be more nonconforming, the sign shall lose its legal nonconforming status.

### 39.14.5. Amortization or compliance date.

Legal nonconforming signs so designated after the adoption of this sign code on January 8, 1997, shall be altered to

1 conform to the provisions of these regulations as established in  
2 the following table:

(1)	Pole and monument signs <sup>1,2</sup>	July 8, 2002
(2)	Wall and awning sign <sup>2,3</sup>	July 8, 2001
(3)	Painted signs	July 8, 1999
(4)	Compliance with approved uniform sign plan	July 8, 2002
(5)	Directional, under canopy, signs, general information, site directory, awning, building directory and neon signs	July 8, 2000
(6)	Real estate, model home, window miscellaneous temporary signs not otherwise mentioned	January 8, 1998
(7)	Flags, banners and other wind signs	January 8, 1997

5 <sup>1</sup>For the purposes of this section, changeable copy signs on pole  
6 or monument signs shall be deemed pole or monument signs  
7 respectively and changeable copy wall signs shall be deemed wall  
8 signs.

9 <sup>2</sup>This section shall not affect off-premises signs whereby state  
10 or federal law require the city to reimburse owners for the  
11 value of their signs over and above the amortization provided  
12 herein.

13 <sup>3</sup>Except signs painted directly on a building. Such painted signs  
14 shall fall under the limitations of section 39.14 () (5) (3) of  
15 this article.

#### 17 39.14.6. Permit fee waiver.

18 Permit fees may be waived for the installation of a sign  
19 determined by the city to be a replacement for a legal  
20 nonconforming sign for the same occupant, which is permitted

1 prior to July 8, 1998. In order to be eligible for a fee waiver,  
2 the complex [in] which said sign is to be located must have  
3 registered with the city a city approved uniform sign plan and  
4 the sign must be in compliance with all provisions of said plan,  
5 if applicable (see section 39.10 ()). Permit fees for signs  
6 meeting the above criteria which are permitted between [before]  
7 July 8, 1999, shall have fifty (50) per cent of applicable  
8 permit fees waived. All signs permitted after July 8, 1999,  
9 shall be responsible for all associated permit fees.

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11       **SECTION 15:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
12 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
13 Code Section 39.15 Permitting process is hereby amended to  
14 read as follows:

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16       **Section 39.15. Permitting process.**

17       **39.15.1(A) Permit required.**

18       It shall be unlawful for any person to install, alter or  
19 cause to be installed or altered within ~~the municipal boundaries~~  
20 of the City of Margate, any sign requiring such a permit,  
21 whether permanent or temporary, without first having obtained a  
22 permit from the ~~e~~City. Said permit shall be issued by the city  
23 after determination has been made that all conditions of these  
24 regulations have been met. ~~Administrative policies shall set~~  
25 ~~procedures for the execution of these regulations of the sign~~  
26 ~~code for conforming and nonconforming signs. Failure to secure a~~  
27 ~~permit or to call for a final inspection as required by said~~  
28 ~~permit may result in a penalty equal [to] the fees specified~~  
29 ~~herein doubles; the payment of such doubled fees shall not~~  
30 ~~relieve any person or entity from complying with other~~  
31 ~~provisions of this article or from other penalties prescribed~~  
32 ~~herein.~~

1   39.15.2-(B) Permit application.

2       Application for a permit shall be made to the ~~e~~City in  
3 writing upon forms provided by the ~~e~~City and shall state the  
4 following information:

5       (1~~a~~) Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.

6       (2~~b~~) Name, address and telephone number of the sign owner  
7            and owner of the property upon which the sign is  
8            proposed to be installed or affixed.

9       (3~~e~~) Location by street number and legal description (tract,  
10           block, lot) of the building, structure or lot to which  
11           or upon which the sign is proposed to be installed or  
12           affixed.

13       (4~~d~~) A drawing to scale showing the design of the sign,  
14           including dimensions, ~~sign~~ size, method of attachment,  
15           source of illumination, and ~~showing the~~ the relationship to  
16           any building or structure to which it is, or is proposed  
17           to be installed or affixed, or to which it relates.

18       (5~~e~~) A fully dimensioned plot plan (or site plan), to scale,  
19           indicating the location of the sign relative to property  
20           lines, rights-of-way, streets, easements, sidewalks and  
21           other buildings or structures on the premises.

22       (6~~f~~) Number, size and location of all existing signs on the  
23           same building, lot or premises.

24       (7~~g~~) Sign copy.

25       (8~~h~~) Value of the sign.

26       (9~~i~~) Written permission ~~to erect the proposed sign~~ from the  
27           owner of the property on which the sign is proposed to  
28           be erected.

(10½) An elevation of the building on which said sign is to be located showing dimensions of the building and the sign as well as the proposed location of said sign.

(11k) If applicable, a copy of the uniform sign plan for the building or center.

39.15.3. (C) Permit fees.

As a condition to the issuance of a permit, applications must be accompanied by the applicable fee, in accordance with section 9-21 (Buildings - Schedule of Fees) of the Code of the City of Margate.

#### 39.15.4. (D) Permit issuance.

If, upon all applicable final ~~examinations~~ inspections (sign, electrical and/or structural), the city determines that an application is in conformance with the provisions of this chapter [article], the inspector shall cause a written certificate of completion to be issued. Said certificate of completion shall be posted in a conspicuous location within any occupancy displaying signage in such a way that it may be readily inspected by any official of the eCity. In the event that the sign is permitted to the property owner and not a particular occupancy, the certificate of completion shall be presented to any official requesting such within seventy-two (72) hours. Failure to properly post or produce a certificate of completion in compliance with this section shall be prima facie evidence of failure to meet the requirements of this chapter [article].

### 39.15.5. Change of owner notification.

1       Upon a change in the sign user, owner, or owner of the  
2 property on which the sign is located, the new sign user, owner,  
3 or new property owner shall notify the city of the change. The  
4 owner of sign shall notify the city of any change of ownership  
5 of a permitted sign. There will be no fee or permit associated  
6 with such notification unless an alteration is made to the sign  
7 structure or copy.

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9       **SECTION 16:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
10 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
11 Code Section 39.16 Signs exempt from permit requirements is  
12 hereby amended to read as follows:

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14 **Section 39.16. Signs exempt from permit requirements.**

15       (A) The following signs shall be exempt from the permit  
16 requirements of this section.: ~~All other provisions of~~  
17 ~~these regulations shall continue to apply. This~~  
18 ~~exemption in no way waives the requirements of~~  
19 ~~structural and/or safety requirements outlined by these~~  
20 ~~regulations and/or the South Florida Building Code:~~

21       (1a) Signs required by federal, state, county and/or  
22 municipal agencies.

23       (2b) ~~Interior w~~Window signs (except illuminated window  
24 signs as provided for in section 39.8.77  
25 (e)) (G) (3) .

26       (3e) ~~Up to five (5) Any one temporary and signal-~~  
27 ~~purpose signs, not exceeding six (6) three (3)~~  
28 ~~square feet on any residentially zoned property.~~  
29 ~~This subsection includes an election, real estate,~~  
30 ~~or personal gain sign.~~

31       (4d) Flags allowed under this code. Flag poles require  
32 a permit.

(5e) Nameplate, and building address signs.

(6f) Tablets, such as memorials, cornerstones, date or of erection, when built into the walls of a building.

(7g) Professionally drawn or constructed general information signs, such as trespass signs, private driveway, and no dumping and customer parking, when such signs do not exceed four (4) three (3) square feet in area each, are not illuminated, and do not project over a public right-of-way provided total number of signs on a property or in a complex will not exceed five (5) four (4), unless additional signs are required for compliance with state or federal regulations.

(8h) Changing of copy in permitted changeable copy signs.

(9i) Changing of directory listing in a permitted directory sign provided the size, style, and color of the listing to be changed conforms with the existing lettering on the sign.

(10½) Traffic regulatory signs with approval from city engineer.

(11k) Special event signs and nonprofit sale signs as allowed in section 39.7.2(B)(7).

(12) Replacement tenant panels as provided in section 39.8 (0) .

(13) Promotional advertising banners. Permanent poles for banners require a permit.

(14) Car dealership signs as provided for in section 39.8 (P).

(B) This exemption in no way waives the requirements of structural and/or safety requirements outlined by these regulations and/or the Florida Building Code.

**SECTION 17:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.17 Prohibited signs is hereby amended to read as follows:

### Section 39.17 Prohibited signs.

The following signs are those signs which shall not be installed or displayed within ~~the municipal boundaries of~~ the city unless specifically identified and permitted in other sections of these regulations:

(A±) Abandoned signs.

(B2) Advertising balloons or any windborne advertising or attention getting devices except as outlined in section 39.7 and section 39.8-6(F).

(C3) Animated or flashing Flashing signs.

(D4) Banner signs except as a temporary grand opening sign or for approved special events, or non-profit sales, academic schools or religious institutions (see section 39.7 (+), "Temporary signs signs").

(E5) Buntings, balloons and flags other than (a) temporary grand opening banner signs permitted in section 39.7 () or (b) flags specifically permitted in section 39.8.6 this article.

(F6) Obscene signs.

(G7) Off-premises signs and billboards, (including off-premises project directional signs but not including bench signs provided for in section 39.8.1 (C)).

1 (H8) Pole signs signs.

2 (9) Portable signs which are not being carried by any  
3 individual.

4 (10) Projecting signs.

5 (I11) Roof signs (except on a mansard) except where such  
6 sign is located on a parapet ~~where the parapet is of~~  
7 ~~uniform height across the entire frontage of the~~  
8 ~~building~~.

9 (12) ~~Sidewalk or sandwich signs that are not affiliated with~~  
10 ~~a sidewalk café which has been permitted by the City of~~  
11 ~~Margate~~.

12 (J13) Snipe signs.

13 (K14) Temporary signs and permanent signs (other than public  
14 interest signs) placed on any public property (a  
15 shopping center parking lot shall not be deemed public  
16 property for the purposes of enforcing this section).

17 (L15) Any sign that could be confused with a traffic signal.

18 (M16) Visible neon bulb, LED, or other bare bulb signs or  
19 building embellishment (except as provided for in  
20 section 39.8.7 (c)).

21 (N17) Any sign not permitted by this article.

22 (O18) Signs exceeding the height of a façade.

23 (19) Any sign that is within four (4) feet of, and extends  
24 ever, the exterior surface of a window other than those  
25 described in section 39.8.6 (b).

26 (P20) Vehicle signs when a vehicle displaying a vehicle sign  
27 is:

(1æ) Parked for more than three hours in a 24 hour period within 100 feet of any public right-of-way; and

(2b) Visible from the street right-of-way that the vehicle is within 100 feet of; and

(3e) Not regularly "used in the conduct of the business advertised" on the vehicle (A vehicle used primarily for the purpose of advertising, or for the purpose of providing transportation for owners or employees of the occupancy advertised on the vehicle, shall not be considered a vehicle used in the conduct of business); and

(4d) Not parked in the rear of the parking lot or in the rear of the building which contains the business. On properties which do not provide a rear parking area, vehicle signs are parked in parking spaces immediately adjacent to the street right-of-way when other parking spaces are available on the premises, and are displayed in a manner that constitutes a prohibited sign per Section 39.17 of the Margate Zoning Code.

(This section is not intended to prohibit any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus, lettered on a motor vehicle or attached to or displayed from a taxicab which is not consistently used as a stationary sign or advertisement. In the instance where a sign advertising the sale of the vehicle itself on the residential property of the registered owner of the vehicle, said sign shall be considered a personal gain sign and shall be subject to all applicable provisions of such signs on the owner's property. Furthermore vehicles displaying a

vehicle sign parked on properties with physical constraints which cannot accommodate location requirements provided for in sections 1-4 and above shall be exempt from said requirements.)

(Q21) Signs projecting horizontally in excess of twelve (12) inches from the structure upon which it is constructed.

(R22) Bench or bus shelter signs except those permitted by section 39.8.1 (e) (A) (4).

(23) Changeable copy signs except as specifically permitted  
(see section 39.8.2).

(S24) Signs painted directly upon any wall surface or exterior of a door or window.

(25) Signs painted, affixed or otherwise attached to the surface of an opaque door when said sign is visible from outside the structure for periods exceeding five (5) continuous minutes at any time during a twenty-four-hour period except building address signs, or rear identification signs where said signs do not exceed one square foot each.

(T26) Signs which are erected upon private property and extend into or above, or are anchored or placed in any portion of the right-of-way of a city street or public sidewalk, except grand projecting signs located in the Transit Oriented Corridor zoning districts.

(27) Monument or freestanding signs, where otherwise permitted, closer than one hundred fifty (150) feet to another previously permitted and conforming monument, freestanding or pole sign which is in conformance with all the provisions and regulations of this article.

(U28) Signs attached to trees or other vegetative landscaping material.

(29) Incidental signs attached or affixed in any way to any pole, fence, bench, or freestanding structure other than a building, or attached perpendicular to any wall other than certification and affiliations signs as allowed in section 39.8.15.

(V30) Signs that emit sound, odor, visible matter or project onto a structure or into the atmosphere any visual image by means of current or future technology including searchlights.

(31) Signs, excluding any registered logo and/or logotype registered with the State of Florida or U.S. Government, which do not conform with uniform sign plan requirements if applicable.

(32) Signs attached to any awning or canopy except those outlined in sections 39.8.3 and 39.8.9.

(33) ~~Balloons, flags, pennants, streamers, spinners, tinsel, bunting, neon lights or other similar devices shall not be applied to any building or structure, or strung on wires, or otherwise used on any site except as otherwise permitted in this article.~~

(W34) Human signs., when the person holding a sign or other display is seated, when the person holding a sign or other display is seated or standing on a prop, and also anytime a person shakes, swings, oscillates, waves, rotates, twirls, or throws the sign or display. Human signs shall not be permitted on any public street, public median, or public swale. Human signs shall not be permitted to hold or display any sign that is larger than six (6) square feet in area.

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2       **SECTION 18:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
3 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
4 Code Section 39.18 Enforcement is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows:  
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7       **Section 39.18 Enforcement.**

8       39.18.1-(A) Responsible parties.

9       The following parties shall be liable for any violation of  
10 this code:

11       (1) The individual or entity erecting or displaying a sign  
12       contrary to this code;

13       (2) The owner of the sign erected or displayed;

14       (3) The owner of the premises (other than any governmental  
15       entity) on which the sign has been unlawfully erected or  
16       displayed;

17       (4) The lessee (if any) of the premises;

18       (5) The person or entity contracted for erecting or  
19       displaying the sign if other than the owner of the sign,  
20       and;

21       (6) Any other person or entity in possession of said  
22       premises in which the sign has been erected or displayed  
23       unlawfully, shall be liable for any violation of this  
24       code.

25       39.18.2-(B) Permit revocation.

26       Any permit may be revoked at any time by the City upon a  
27 determination by a court of competent jurisdiction or code  
28 enforcement action that the sign is not in compliance with the  
29 provisions of this code. Further, if the sign authorized by any  
30 permit has not been constructed within the one hundred eighty

1 (180) day period after the date of issuance of any permit of if  
2 there is no request for final inspection within one hundred  
3 eighty (180) days of the issuance of the permit then said permit  
4 shall automatically be revoked.

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6 39.18.3.(C) Penalty.

7 In addition to revocation of a sign permit, any violation  
8 of the provision of this ~~e~~Code shall be determined to be  
9 unlawful and punishable as prescribed in section 37.16 ~~(4)~~ of  
10 [Appendix A to] the Code of the City of Margate. Signs installed  
11 without a permit or those for which there is no request for  
12 final inspection within one hundred eighty (180) days of the  
13 issuance of the permit shall also be subject to double fee  
14 penalties.

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16 39.18.4.(D) Civil remedies.

17 (1~~a~~) Injunction and abatement. They ~~e~~City may initiate  
18 injunction or abatement proceedings or other appropriate  
19 action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any  
20 person who violates or fails to comply with any  
21 provision of this code or the erector, owner or user of  
22 an unlawful sign, or the owner of the property on which  
23 an unlawful sign is located, to prevent, enjoin, abate  
24 or terminate violations of this sign code and/or the  
25 erection, use of display of an unlawful sign.

26 (2~~b~~) Should the ~~e~~City prevail in any civil action against a  
27 violator of this sign code, it shall be entitled to  
28 reasonable attorney's fees and all court costs therein.

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30 39.18.5.(E) Assurance of discontinuance.

1        As an additional means of enforcing this ~~e~~Code, the ~~e~~City  
2 may accept an assurance of discontinuance of any act or practice  
3 deemed in violation of this ~~e~~Code or of any rule or regulation  
4 adopted pursuant hereto, from any person engaging in, or who has  
5 engaged in, such act or practice.

6        (1) Any such assurance shall accomplish specify a time limit  
7                    ~~during which such discontinuance is to be accomplished~~  
8                    within ten (10) days of notice.

9        (2) Failure to perform the forms of any such assurance shall  
10                    constitute prima facie proof of a violation of this sign  
11                    code or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto,  
12                    which makes the alleged act or practice unlawful for the  
13                    purpose of securing any injunctive relief from a court  
14                    of competent jurisdiction.

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16        **SECTION 19:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
17                    Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign  
18                    Code Section 39.19 Waivers is hereby amended to read as  
19                    follows:

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21 **Section 39.19 Waivers.**

22        (A) ~~Whereas it is the attempt of this sign code to reduce~~  
23                    ~~the proliferation of the number, size and types of~~  
24                    ~~signs, and whereas it has been determined that less-~~  
25                    ~~obtrusive signs will ultimately lead to a healthier~~  
26                    ~~economy within the City of Margate, therefore no~~ No sign  
27                    shall be permitted to be erected or displayed contrary  
28                    to the provisions of this article unless a waiver is  
29                    approved by a majority vote ~~in favor of granting such a~~  
30                    ~~waiver by~~ of the members of the Board of Adjustment  
31                    Margate Community Redevelopment Agency Board if the  
32                    ~~proposed sign is located within the Margate Community~~  
33                    ~~Redevelopment Area or a majority of votes in favor of~~

granting such a waiver by the present members of the Board of Adjustment is the sign is located in the city but outside the Community Redevelopment Area.

(B) A decision to grant a waiver by the Board of Adjustment either body must be in conformance with the following criteria:

(1a) There is something unique about the building or site configuration that would cause the signage permitted by this article to be ineffective in identifying a use or structure that would otherwise be entitled to a sign.

(2b) The granting of a waiver is not contrary to the plan and intent of the sign code, or may the adopted community redevelopment plan, or policies the City of Margate Comprehensive Plan, the aesthetics of the area, or and does not create a nuisance or adversely affect effect any neighboring properties.

(C) Any person may petition the Community Redevelopment Agency Board or the Board of Adjustment (depending on the proposed sign location) for a waiver of the affecting provisions of this article provided they:

(1a) Complete a petition application form as provided by the Economic Development Department ~~city clerk~~;

(2b) Submit payment to the eCity in the amount specified by section 2-79  $\leftrightarrow$  of the Code of the City of Margate;

(3e) Prove that the proposed sign meets the criteria laid out above.

(D) An exception to this sign code shall only be granted pursuant to the above waiver provisions. Any waiver

1                   may be conditioned on requirements deemed necessary  
2                   in granting said waiver. Variances pursuant to any  
3                   other code shall not be available for signs (as  
4                   defined by this code). Except as provided herein,  
5                   waivers as provided for in this section shall be  
6                   heard and appealed pursuant to the procedures  
7                   contained in section 2-79 ~~(F)~~ through section 2-81 ~~(F)~~  
8                   of the Code of the City of Margate.

9                   (E) Any waiver granted pursuant to this section shall  
10                   become null and void if a building permit for the  
11                   approved sign is not applied for within 180 days of  
12                   the ~~written~~ ruling from the ~~Margate Community~~  
13                   ~~Redevelopment Agency~~, Board of Adjustment or Margate  
14                   City Commission. Additionally, said waiver shall  
15                   become null and void in the event that a permit  
16                   expires or is revoked.

17                   (F) All signs approved by this waiver process must be  
18                   constructed and installed ~~as~~ per the information  
19                   presented to the ~~Margate Community Redevelopment~~  
20                   ~~Agency Board~~, Board of Adjustment and/or Margate City  
21                   Commission both in writing and verbally. Failure to  
22                   construct a sign per the information presented shall  
23                   render the waiver null and void and any sign  
24                   installed in its places shall be immediately removed.

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27                   **SECTION 20:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of  
28                   Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article IX Transit  
29                   Oriented Corridor - City Center, Section 9.14 signage is  
30                   hereby deleted in its entirety.

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32                   **Section 9.14. Signage.**

33                   (A) ~~Signage standards.~~

1. One (1) address number no less than six (6) inches  
2. in height, and no more than twelve (12) inches in  
3. height shall be attached to all buildings in close  
4. proximity to the principal entrance or at a mailbox.
5. Each ground-floor occupancy with an arcade, gallery,  
6. or shopfront and awning type frontage may install one  
7. (1) blade sign for each thirty (30) feet of building  
8. frontage that has a direct entrance for customers.  
9. Fractional portions shall not be considered for  
10. additional blade sign(s). Businesses with less than  
11. thirty (30) feet of building frontage may install one  
12. (1) blade sign per building frontage with a direct  
13. customer entrance, provided that no other blade sign  
14. is within twenty (20) feet. Blade signs shall be  
15. installed perpendicular to the façade. Blade signs  
16. shall not exceed a total of six (6) square feet in  
17. area. (See illustration 28, Signage).
18. Signage may be lit externally, but only with  
19. shielded light sources that prevent nuisance  
20. lighting. No light source shall be permitted to face  
21. or intrude upon any residential use.
22. Grand projecting signs are only permitted on  
23. building frontages facing corridor or regional  
24. arterial roadways. See illustration 14, Recommended  
25. Connections. One (1) grand projecting sign may be  
26. permitted for ground-floor tenants with at least  
27. twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet of gross  
28. area. Grand projecting signs may be illuminated and  
29. permitted up to a maximum of forty-five (45) square  
30. feet, not to exceed three (3) feet wide by fifteen  
31. (15) feet tall, and shall not be permitted to  
32. protrude into any public right-of-way. No portion of  
33. a grand projecting sign shall be installed above

twenty-five (25) feet above the established grade, nor shall any grand projecting sign protrude above any roofline.

5. Wall signs are permitted for ground-floor occupancies on all building frontages with a direct customer/guest entrance, at a size not to exceed one (1) square foot of gross sign area per lineal foot of building frontage. No illuminated or externally lit signs are permitted to face residential uses.

6. Each ground floor tenant may install one (1) projected sign for each thirty (30) feet of building frontage that has a direct entrance for customers. Fractional portions shall not be considered for additional projecting sign(s). Businesses with less than thirty (30) feet of building frontage may install one (1) projecting sign per building frontage with a direct customer entrance, provided that no other projecting sign is within twenty (20) feet. Projecting signs shall be installed perpendicular to the façade. Projecting signs shall not be permitted to be installed under an arcade, gallery, or shopfront and awning type frontage overhang. Projecting signs shall not exceed a total of six (6) square feet. Projecting signs shall not be permitted to protrude into any public right-of-way, nor shall any projecting sign be internally illuminated.

7. Under awning signs shall be permitted up to two (2) square feet in area. One (1) under awning sign shall be permitted for each direct entrance to a ground floor tenant space. Under awning signs shall not be permitted where blade signs are utilized.

1                   8. Awning valance signs, awning face signs, and awning  
2                   side signs shall be permitted in only one (1) color  
3                   per building except for signs utilizing registered  
4                   trademarks, logos, and/or logotypes. Awning signs may  
5                   be permitted up to fifty (50) per cent of total  
6                   awning area. Awning signs are not required to comply  
7                   with subsection 39.3.1(j) of the Margate Zoning Code.

8                   9. Building identification wall signs are only  
9                   permitted on building frontages facing corridor or  
10                  regional arterial roadways. See Illustration 14,  
11                  Recommended Connection. Building identification wall  
12                  signs must be installed within five (5) feet of the  
13                  top of the façade, and no less than twenty (20) feet  
14                  above the established grade. No building  
15                  identification wall sign shall be permitted above the  
16                  main roofline of a building. Building identification  
17                  wall signs shall utilize a maximum letter height of  
18                  twenty-four (24) inches for one- and two-story  
19                  buildings. An additional six (6) [inches] of letter  
20                  height shall be permitted for each additional story.  
21                  The maximum width of a building identification wall  
22                  sign shall be fifty (50) per cent of the building  
23                  frontage on which they are installed.

24                  10. Temporary signs shall be permitted in accordance  
25                  with the regulations of Article XXXIX Signs Code.

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27                  **SECTION 21.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in  
28                  conflict herewith are, and the same is, here by repealed to  
29                  the extent of such conflict.

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31                  **SECTION 22.** If any section, clause or phrase of this  
32                  ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a  
33                  court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in  
34                  no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of  
35                  this ordinance.

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2       **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the City Commission  
3 that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be  
4 made a part of the City of Margate Code, and that the  
5 sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered  
6 and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section",  
7 "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order  
8 to accomplish such intentions.  
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10       **SECTION 24.** This ordinance shall become effective  
11 immediately upon adoption at its second reading.  
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13 PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.  
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PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.  
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ATTEST:  
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19       JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR JOANNE SIMONE

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