

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPENDIX A ZONING, ARTICLE XXXIX SIGN CODE, SECTION 39.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, SECTION 39.2 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 39.3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 39.4 REQUIRED SIGNS, SECTION 39.5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT PERMANENT SIGNS, SECTION 39.6 NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICT PERMANENT SIGNS, SECTION 39.7 TEMPORARY SIGNS, SECTION 39.8 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 39.9 NUISANCE, SECTION 39.10 UNIFORM SIGN PLAN, SECTION 39.11 IMPROPER SIGNS, SECTION 39.12 REMOVAL OF IMPROPER SIGNS, SECTION 39.13 EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF SIGNS BY CITY, SECTION 39.14 LEGAL NONCONFORMING SIGNS, NONCONFORMING SIGNS, ABANDONED SIGNS, SECTION 39.15 PERMITTING PROCESS, SECTION 39.16 SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 39.17 PROHIBITED SIGNS, SECTION 39.18 ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 39.19 WAIVERS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.1 Statement of purpose is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 39.1 Statement of purpose.

The purpose of this article is to create the framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of sign control, 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:

5
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.

16
17 (e)Provide for the aesthetic appearance of the
18 community and consistency with architecture.

19
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:

33
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.

38
39 *Address sign:* A sign listing at least the numerical
40 prefix of the street address of a building. ~~In certain~~
41 ~~eases the bay, suite, or unit number must also be included.~~

42
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.

3
4 *Advertising balloon:* Any balloon of any size
5 containing a display of advertising.

6
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.

11
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.

16
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.

20
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.

26
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.

32
33 *Bench sign:* Any sign painted on or attached to a
34 bench.

35
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.

5
6 Blank panel: 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. ~~7 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.~~

15
16 Bunting: Any kind of pennant, streamer or other
17 similar fabric or flexible plastic.

18
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.

22
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
28 calculating lineal feet of building frontage for purposes
29 of determining wall sign size, canopies shall not be
30 included.

31
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.

37
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 electronic messaging or LED.

43
44 City: The City of Margate, Florida.
45

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

4
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.

9
10 Clubhouse identification sign: A sign identifying a
11 ~~community and/or~~ its clubhouse.

12
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.~~

17
18 Community identification sign: A sign identifying a
19 community.

20
21 Complex: A group or cluster of buildings with a common
22 access from a dedicated roadway.

23
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.

27
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.

31
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.

36
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.

43
44 Façade: 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.
4

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.
14

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.~~
18

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.~~
23

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.~~
27

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.
34

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.
39

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.
44

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.

5
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.

10
11 *Identification sign:* A sign used to identify a place,
12 location, building or name.

13
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.

24
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.

28
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.

34
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.

40
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.

1
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.
6

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.
15

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.
20

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.
24

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.
28

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].
40

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).
45

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

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

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

20
21 Opinion sign: A sign which indicates a belief
22 concerning an issue, name, cause, or affiliation which is
23 not scheduled for an election. This includes, but is not
24 limited to, signs advertising political parties, or any
25 political information.

26
27 Outdoor public telephone: For purposes of this sign
28 code, any exterior telephone located either freestanding or
29 affixed to a building which is intended for use by the
30 general public. This definition is also to include any
31 structure which is intended for the purpose of supporting
32 said telephone.

33
34 Parapet or parapet wall: That portion of the building
35 that rises above the roof level.

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

38
39 Permanent sign: Any sign which, when installed, is
40 intended for permanent use. For the purposes of this
41 chapter [article], any sign with an intended use in excess
42 of twelve (12) months from the date of installation shall
43 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.)
4

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.
8

9 *Portable sign:* Any sign not permanently attached to
10 the ground or building.
11

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.~~
15

16 *Project:* A group or cluster of buildings with a
17 common access from a dedicated roadway.
18

19 ~~*Project sign:* A sign which identifies the construction~~
20 ~~of a building, structure or group thereof.~~
21

22 *Projecting sign:* A sign attached to and supported by a
23 building or other structure and which extends at any angle
24 therefrom.
25

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.
29

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; ~~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.
38

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.~~
45

1 Promotional advertising banner: a sign placed on a
2 permanent pole being used on a rotating basis to provide
3 greater visibility to multi-tenant developments.
4

5 *Real estate sign:* A sign erected by the owner, or his
6 agent, indicating property which is for rent, sale or
7 lease.
8

9 Rear identification sign: A sign that is located in
10 the rear portion of the building containing the service or
11 secondary service entrance that is not one the same
12 building side as a customer entrance.
13

14 *Replaceable tenant panel:* An individual sign panel
15 with the name of a single tenant of a multi-tenant complex
16 or the name of the multi-tenant complex for use in a
17 monument sign of a multi-tenant complex where said panel is
18 designed for easy installation into the monument sign's
19 cabinet or frame in the field without any other alteration
20 to any other portion of the monument sign's sign face or
21 structure.
22

23 ~~*Residential district:* For purposes of this code, all~~
24 ~~zoning districts within the City of Margate prefixed with~~
25 ~~an "R," or "T" designation as well as PRC districts and~~
26 ~~residential areas of PUD districts shall be considered~~
27 ~~residential districts.~~
28

29 *Roof sign:* A sign erected over or on the roof, or
30 extending above the roof line, which is dependent upon the
31 roof, parapet or upper walls of any building, or portion
32 thereof, for support.
33

34 ~~*Sandwich or sidewalk sign:* A moveable sign not secured~~
35 ~~or attached to the ground, but which is not being carried~~
36 ~~by an individual, nor moving or animated in any other~~
37 ~~fashion.~~
38

39 *Sign:* A device, structure or representation for visual
40 communication that is used for the purposes of bringing the
41 subject thereof to the attention of the general public. For
42 the purposes of removal, "sign" shall also include all sign
43 structures.
44

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~~
8 ~~a sign is a~~ For monument signs, the square foot area from
9 the ground, excluding first twelve (12) inches, to the
10 maximum height times width is the sign area.

11
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.

16
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.

21
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.

27
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.

32
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).

39
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.~~

4
5 *Subdivision identification sign:* A sign designating a
6 recorded subdivision, residential complex or neighborhood
7 with definable boundaries.

8
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.

12
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."

18
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.

23
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 (+).)

29
30 ~~*Use related information sign:* A sign which relates to~~
31 ~~an activity on the premises upon which it is located.~~

32
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.

40
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.
4

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.
8

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.
13

14 *Window sign, exterior:* A sign affixed or applied to
15 the exterior of a window.
16

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:
21

22 **Section 39.3 General requirements for signs in all zoning**
23 **districts.**
24

25 ~~Section. 39.3.1. Construction requirements.~~
26

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.~~
31

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.
38

39 ~~(Cc) Permanent s~~ 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~~

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

9
10 (~~Dd~~) All wood permitted to be used, whether for new
11 permanent signs, for replacement of existing permanent
12 signs, or for any part thereof, shall be rot and termite
13 resistant, through open-cell preservation methods as
14 specified by the American Wood Preservation Association,
15 or by any other open-cell preservation treatment
16 approved by the ~~h~~Building ~~d~~Department.

17
18 (~~Ee~~) No face jumping or wires visibly connected to
19 individual letters shall be permitted.

20
21 (~~Ff~~) Interior angle of V-shaped signs shall be no greater
22 than thirty (30) degrees.

23
24 (~~Gg~~) All signs permitted by this code shall be
25 professionally drawn and constructed.

26
27 (~~Hh~~) Location of the sign ~~is~~ shall not ~~to~~ interfere with
28 public alarms, signals or signs. No sign or support
29 shall be placed in such a position or manner as to
30 obstruct or interfere, either physically or visually,
31 with any fire alarm, police alarm, traffic signal or
32 sign or any devices maintained by or under public
33 authority.

34
35 (~~Ii~~) No ~~S~~signs, except interior window signs, shall not be
36 constructed of cardboard or any other paper products.
37 ~~except interior window signs.~~

38
39 (~~Jj~~) All letters or ~~of~~ symbols two (2) inches or larger on
40 permanent identification signs must extrude or intrude
41 into the sign face a minimum of three-eighths (3/8) of
42 an inch. Signs which are nonconforming due to this
43 requirement only shall not be subject to section
44 39.14.5(E) of this sign code. The following signs shall
45 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.

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

(~~L~~) 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.

(~~M~~) 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.~~

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

Section 39.4 Required signs.

The following signs must be placed where relevant:

(~~Aa~~) Fire lane markings, no smoking, locked doors, blocked, apartment identification, not an exit, warning signs at gasoline stations and others as may be prescribed by the fire marshal.

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

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

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

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

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

(2)The petition category, date of hearing and information number shall be displayed in bold font a minimum of six (6) inches in height. Signs shall be posted on the property proposed for the hearing facing all road frontages, and shall be set back five (5) feet from the property line, and top of sign shall be six (6) feet above grade. The petitioner shall submit a dated photograph of all signs to the Economic Development Department ~~department of environmental and engineering services.~~

(3)Petitioner shall execute a public hearing sign bond agreement acknowledging 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, and forfeiting the bond fee.

(4)In the event that a hearing as provided for in this section is continued, then petitioner is required within seventy-two (72) hours of the order of continuance to either:

(a)Post a new sign, as provided for in this section, at a time designated by the tabling body; or

(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:

Section 39.5 Residential district permanent signs.

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

(A) Neighborhood block sign:

- (1) Number maximum: One (1) per major neighborhood entrance
- (2) Location: The sign shall be located at the intersection of two roadways.
- (3) Setback minimum: 2 feet
- (4) Area maximum: six (6) square feet per each sign
- (5) Height maximum: seven (7) feet from base of sign
- (6) Lines of copy maximum: 2 lines

(B) Subdivision identification sign:

- (1) Number maximum: 1 monument or 2 entrance wall signs (if symmetrical to one another) per entrance
- (2) Location: Must be located on common property near said entrances
- (3) Setback minimum: 5 feet from right-of-way or placed on subdivision perimeter wall
- (4) Sign copy area maximum: 32 square feet per sign face and an aggregate area of 64 square feet
- (5) Height maximum: 7 ½ feet above established grade

(C) Clubhouse identification sign:

1 (1) **Number maximum:** 1 monument or 1 entrance wall sign

2
3 (2) **Location:** Must be located on common property near
4 said entrance

5
6 (3) **Setback minimum:** 5 feet from right-of-way or placed
7 on clubhouse wall

8
9 (4) **Sign copy area maximum:** 32 square feet per sign
10 copy including border

11
12 (5) **Height maximum:** 7 ½ feet above established grade

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14
15 (D) *Multi-family identification signs:*

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17 (1) **Number maximum:** 1 wall sign

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19 (2) **Area maximum:** 20 square feet

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21 (3) These signs are available to multifamily buildings
22 greater than 5 units that are not part of a larger
23 complex.

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25
26 (E) *General information signs:*

27
28 (1) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet

29
30 (2) **Height maximum:** 6 feet

31
32 (3) No advertising copy

33
34 (4) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with
35 size, color, copy and other regulations contained
36 the regulating statutes.

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39 (F) *Directional signs:*

40
41 (1) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet

42
43 (2) **Height maximum:** 4 feet

44
45 (3) No advertising copy

(G) Model signs:

(1) Model office lot

(a) Number maximum: 1 sign

(b) Area maximum: 24 square feet

(2) Model lot

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

(b) Area maximum: 8 square feet

(3) Model directional signs

(a) Number maximum: 3 per development

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

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

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

maximum	
Multi family identification signs:	
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
General information signs:	
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
Directional signs:	
Height maximum	4 feet
Area Maximum	4 square feet
Other regulations	No advertising copy
Model signs:	
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
8

9 (b) 10 feet above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to
10 the sign for all other multi-tenant (72 square
11 feet) signs
12

13 (c) 9 feet above the sidewalk elevation adjacent to
14 the sign for single occupant (49 square feet)
15 signs
16

17 **(6) Width maximum: 8 feet**
18

19 **(7) Address:**
20

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
25

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.
30

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

37 **(8) Landscaping:**

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,
shall be irrigated, and shall be shown on the

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

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

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8 (B) Main identification wall sign:
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10 (1) Number maximum:
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12 (a) One 1 sign located on a side with right-of-way
13 frontage or frontage on the main circulation
14 route of a multi-tenant shopping center.
15

16 (b) If no frontage as previously listed exists, the
17 occupancy will be allowed 1 sign.
18

19 (c) One (1) additional sign will be allowed per
20 occupancy if an occupancy has two identical
21 storefronts, one in front and one in rear where
22 both storefronts either have right-of-way
23 frontage or frontage on a main circulation route
24 of a multi-tenant shopping center.
25

26 (2) Location: Ground-level occupancy where said
27 occupancy has its own direct customer/client
28 entrance from the exterior of the building.
29

30 (3) Area maximum: 1 square foot per liner foot of
31 building frontage
32

33 (a) In calculating liner feet of building frontage
34 for purposes of determining wall sign size,
35 canopies shall not be included.
36

37 (4) Height maximum: Top of façade or wall
38

39 (5) Height minimum: 9 feet
40

41 (6) Lines of copy maximum: 2 lines
42

1 (7) Signs installed flat on building may not extend
2 over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not
3 extend over edge of mansard
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6 (C) Secondary identification wall sign:
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8 (1) **Number maximum:** 1 sign per side (other than that on
9 which the main identification wall sign exists)
10 with right-of-way frontage, frontage on the main
11 circulation route of a multi-tenant shopping
12 center, façade facing oncoming traffic on near side
13 of adjacent major roadway, or has high visibility
14 from a major roadway and does not conflict with
15 neighboring properties. Signs shall be posted on
16 the wall with said frontage.
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18 (2) **Location:** Only available for occupancies that are
19 allowed a main identification wall sign. Building
20 rear is excluded from having secondary
21 identification wall sign.
22

23 (3) **Area maximum:** 1.0 square foot for each linear foot
24 of building frontage not to exceed size of main
25 identification wall sign
26

27 (4) **Height maximum:** Top of façade or wall
28

29 (5) **Height minimum:** 9 feet
30

31 (6) **Length maximum:** 100% of main identification wall
32 sign or 75% of building frontage whichever is less
33

34 (7) **Lines of copy maximum:** 2 lines
35

36 (8) Signs installed flat on building may not extend
37 over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not
38 extend over edge of mansard
39

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41 (D) Rear identification sign:
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43 (1) **Number maximum:** 1 sign per occupancy
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1 (2) **Location:** The sign may be wall mounted and needs to
2 either be located on or within three (3) feet of a
3 service or secondary entrance.
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6 (E) Building identification wall sign:
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8 (1) **Number maximum:** 2 signs per building, based on the
9 limitation of (2) Location, below.
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11 (2) Location:
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13 (a) Building frontages facing corridor or regional
14 arterial roadways
15

16 (b) Installed within five (5) feet of the top of
17 the façade and no less than twenty (20) feet
18 above the established grade.
19

20 (c) Not permitted above the main roofline of a
21 building.
22

23 (3) **Area maximum:** 0.5 square foot for each linear foot
24 of building frontage not to exceed size of main
25 identification wall sign
26

27 (4) **Height maximum:** Tope of façade or wall
28

29 (5) **Length maximum:** Fifty (50) per cent of the building
30 frontage on which they are installed
31

32 (6) Letter height:
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34 (a) Twenty-four (24) inches for one- and two-story
35 buildings
36

37 (b) An additional six (6) inches of letter height
38 shall be permitted for each additional story.
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40 (7) Signs installed flat on building may not extend
41 over a mansard, signs installed on mansard may not
42 extend over edge of mansard
43

44
45 (F) General information signs:

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

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4 (2) **Height maximum:** 6 feet

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

11
12 (4) No advertising copy.

13
14 (5) Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with
15 size, color, copy and other regulations contained
16 in the regulating statutes.

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19 (G) *Directional signs:*

20
21 (1) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet

22
23 (2) **Height maximum:** 4 feet

24
25 (3) No advertising copy.

26
27 (4) Permitted on properties that have multiple tenants,
28 more than one (1) entrance, a drive-thru facility,
29 or an accessory use available to the public.

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

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36 (H) *Under awning and canopy identification sign:*

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

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

44
45 (2) **Area maximum:** 4 square feet

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2 (3)Maximum letter height: 10 inches

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4 (4)Minimum clearance: 9 feet

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

8
9 (6)Signs shall not be permitted where blade signs are
10 utilized.

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

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15 (8)Gasoline station signs subject to section 39.8.3

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18 (I)Awning sign:

19
20 (1)Number maximum: 1 per establishment

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

24
25 (3)Area maximum: Fifty (50) per cent of total awning
26 area

27
28 (4)Awning signs are not required to comply with
29 subsection 39.3.(J).

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32 (J)Site directory sign:

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

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38 (2)Location: On a wall or freestanding

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

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42 (4)Area maximum: Total sign area to be no more than 32
43 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

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

3
4 (b)Businesses with less than thirty (30) feet of
5 building frontage may install one (1) blade
6 sign per building frontage with a direct
7 customer entrance, provided that no other
8 blade sign is within twenty (20) feet.

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

12
13 (3)Area maximum: six (6) square feet

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15
16 (M) Grand projecting sign:

17 (a) Regulations:

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

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

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

26 (4)Height maximum: 15 feet

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

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

32 (5)Width maximum: 3 feet

33 (6)Signs may be illuminated.

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36 (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.

<i>Identification monument sign:</i>	
Minimum Sseparation	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
	10 feet from any interior property line
Area maximum	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

area maximum	
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.
Main identification wall sign:¹	
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 façade or wall
Height minimum	9 feet
Length	75% of building frontage

maximum	
Other regulations	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:²</i>	
Occupancies allowed sign	6 feet
Number maximum	4 square feet
Area maximum	No advertising copy
Height maximum	Signs regulated by State Statutes must comply with size, color, copy and other regulations contained in the regulating statutes
Height minimum	9 feet
Length maximum	100% of main identification wall sign or 75% of building frontage whichever is less
Other regulations	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>	
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.</u>

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
Site directory sign:	
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
Building Ddirectory sign:	
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 Ssection 39.8.6 of this article
Window signs:	See Ssection 39.8.7 of this article
Rear of building signs:	See Ssection 39.8.8 of this article

Hospital signs:	See Ssection 39.8.14 of this article
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¹ ~~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.~~

² ~~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

22 (A) Announcing sign:

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

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

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

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

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37 (B) Contractor sign:

38 (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per project on site
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1 (2) Area maximum: six (6) square feet and a maximum of
2 sixteen (16) square feet for properties exceeding
3 ten (10) acres in size

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

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

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14 (C) Election sign:

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

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

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

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

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38 (D) Opinion sign:

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

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

1 (E) Personal gain sign:

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

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

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

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

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

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17 (F) Grand opening event sign:

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

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

23
24 (3) **Setback minimum:** Banner sign may only be hung from
25 the front of the building

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

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

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

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36 (7) If balloon and grand opening banner sign are to be
37 displayed, the balloon must be displayed within the
38 60 day time period the banner is displayed.

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

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

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

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

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

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11 (2) Non-residential Districts

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13 (A) Announcing sign:

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

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

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19 (3) An announcing sign may be displayed from the date
20 of site plan approval until the date that the
21 certificate of occupancy is issued, for a length of
22 18 months, or for a change in tenant during build
23 out.

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

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29 (B) Contractor sign:

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

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

34
35 (3) Contractor signs may be displayed from the issuance
36 date of a building permit until said permit expires
37 or date of the certificate of occupancy is issued,
38 whichever is less.

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

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44 (C) Walkway sign:

- 1 (1) **Number maximum:** One (1) per business with a direct
2 customer entrance from the exterior of the building
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4 (2) **Area maximum:** Six (6) feet
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6 (3) **Location:** Must be located within fifteen (15) feet
7 of the customer entrance and not permitted in any
8 parking lot.
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10 (4) **Width maximum:** Not permitted to reduce the walkway
11 to less than five (5) feet in width.
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13 (5) Walkway signs are not permitted on any public
14 sidewalk, except for urban greenways located within
15 the TOC.
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17 (6) The sign must be freestanding. It is not permitted
18 to be tied, or otherwise secures, to any structure
19 or landscaping, etc. for support.
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22 (D) Election sign:
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- 24 (1) **Area maximum:** Thirty-two (32) square feet
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26 (2) Election signs may be displayed for a maximum of 60
27 days prior to the election and must be removed
28 within 48 hours after.
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30 (3) Each person wishing to post signs pursuant to this
31 subsection shall provide the city with a list of
32 the locations and descriptions of each sign, a
33 written consent from the property owner of his
34 authorized agent for each sign, and a local address
35 and telephone number at which s/he (the person
36 wishing to post the sign) may be contacted
37 regarding violations or requirements of this
38 subsection.
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40 (4) Property owners, individuals filing for a permit
41 and the party erecting the sign shall each be
42 liable for violation of this subsection.
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45 (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.

25
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.
18

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

~~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 or 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.	

~~Opinion Signs:~~

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

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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

~~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	

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	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	
		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
Other regulations	Approval must be obtained within 60 days of the release of a model home certificate of occupancy	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
	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	
	All banners must contain the words <u>"grand opening."</u>	All banners must contain the words <u>"grand opening"</u> or <u>"reopening."</u>
	No advertising of specific products or	

	pricing shall be included on any grand opening ground sign, banner, or balloon	
	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.	
	All banners not removed after the approved 60 days shall forfeit the \$75 bond to the city.	
	All banners found to be installed without approval shall be immediately removed until such time that approval is granted.	
	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.	
Reopening Event		All non-residential properties shall be entitled to install a banner to announce a reopening.
		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.
		Reopening banners shall be subject to all rules and regulations

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		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	

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	

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
Real estate signs	See 39.8.10 of this article	
Holiday decorative signs	See 39.8.16 of this article	
Window Signs	See 39.8.7 of this article	

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

Section 39.8 Supplemental regulations.

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

~~39.8.1.~~ (A) Special signs.

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

- ~~(a)~~ (1) Entrance signs at or near the eCity limits;
- ~~(b)~~ (2) Community bulletin boards;
- ~~(c)~~ (3) Signs determined to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- ~~(d)~~ (4) Bench signs and/or bus shelter signs as permitted and approved by the city manager;
- ~~(e)~~ (5) Signs displaying the "Margate Millennium" City logo and appropriate verbiage which are approved by the city manager or designee and the holder of the registered service mark of the logo;
- ~~(f)~~ (6) Wayfinding signs.

~~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:

32
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:

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

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

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

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17 (d) The sign must be affixed to a wall of the
18 establishment adjacent to the drive-thru window or
19 located freestanding between the building and
20 drive-thru lane.

21
22 (e) The sign face must not be visible from any portion
23 of right-of-way which abuts the establishment.

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

37 ~~(b) Drive thru establishments, in addition to other~~
38 ~~permitted signs, may be permitted to have a single-~~
39 ~~faced moveable letter sign showing menu or featured~~
40 ~~items. Said sign must have a transparent protective~~
41 ~~locked cover and all items of information must be~~
42 ~~contained within the area under the locked cover. The~~
43 ~~sign (combined with the sign structure) may not exceed~~
44 ~~six (6) feet in height and may not exceed forty-two~~
45 ~~(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 ~~(c) 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.~~
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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.

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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.

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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.

29
30 (3b) ~~In addition to the gasoline service building wall sign~~
31 ~~and the company logo wall sign, 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.~~

38
39 (4e) One monument sign may be permitted per site. This sign
40 shall comply with all the provisions of §section 39.6 ~~(+)~~
41 Identification Monument Sign except that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21 (~~4d~~)Signs may be placed on gasoline pumps in order to
22 provide information to the public; however such signs
23 may not exceed one and one-half (1½) square feet per
24 sign face with a maximum of two (2) back-to-back faces
25 (total of three (3) square feet in area) per
26 freestanding pump cluster.

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

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

38
39 (~~5f~~)Signs designating a group of pump dispensers as "self-
40 service" or "full-service" shall be no larger than one
41 (1) square foot in area and said signs shall only be
42 placed at the ends of an aisle of pump dispenser units.

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

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

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6 (6~~g~~) One (1) sign displaying prices shall be required of all
7 establishments selling fuel to power motorized vehicles
8 within the City.
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10 (a) The size of said sign shall be a minimum of twelve
11 (12) square feet.
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13 (b) Said sign shall be prominently placed and readily
14 visible during daylight hours from a passing motor
15 vehicle on at least one (1) abutting street.
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17 ~~(c)~~ The lowest price for at least two (2) grades of
18 gasoline, diesel fuel or other product sold to power
19 motorized vehicles shall be posted. ~~Each sign as~~
20 ~~provided in subsection (i) shall have~~
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22 (d) ~~Unit prices shall be~~ displayed in Arabic numerals no
23 smaller than ten (10) inches high.
24

25 (e) ~~If a unit price is in increments of less than one~~
26 ~~(1) gallon or a unit price is measured in other than~~
27 ~~gallons, said unit measure shall be clearly displayed~~
28 ~~in numerals no less than eight (8) inches high on the~~
29 ~~sign as provided for above.~~
30

31 ~~(2) Should gasoline, diesel fuel or other product sold~~
32 ~~to power motorized vehicles be sold by any unit~~
33 ~~measure other than by gallons or fraction thereof,~~
34 ~~a table or chart shall be provided within view of~~
35 ~~each pump showing the equivalent of each unit to a~~
36 ~~gallon.~~
37

38 (7) The adoption of mandatory regulations regarding gasoline
39 pricing signs by the federal, state or local government
40 shall preempt and govern gasoline pricing signs
41 permitted by the code.
42

43 ~~39.8.4.~~ (E) Automatic teller machines (ATM).

ATM's are permitted one wall sign for sites with less than two (2) machines and may have up to two (2) wall signs if there are more than (2) machines on site. Each sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet. An opaque lighted cabinet sign with lighted sign letters is permitted in this instance. The sign shall not be higher than eight (8) feet high and said sign must be adjacent to the machine. Signs in existence prior to the adoption of this code need not comply with this subsection or section 39.3.4 ~~(j)~~ (J) but must meet all other sections of this code and any other applicable codes and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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.~~

25
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.

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

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

(b) Shall be professionally drawn or constructed~~;~~i

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

(d) Shall be nonilluminated~~;~~i

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

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

(2b) Exterior window signs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3e) Illuminated window signs

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

bays being determined by the number of water meters on record for any subject property*τi*

(b)~~provided~~ ~~τ~~The sign(s) ~~does~~ shall not exceed ~~two (2)~~ four (4) square feet in area*τi*

(c)~~has a~~ A maximum of ~~three (3)~~ five (5) colors are permitted on the sign*τi*

(d)~~has~~ Letters shall be no greater than twelve (12) inches in height*τi*

(e)~~and~~ ~~τ~~The total area of signs in the window ~~does~~ shall not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the total window area per window.

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

(i)~~provided~~ ~~τ~~The sign does not exceed ~~two (2)~~ four (4) square feet in area*τi*

(ii)The sign has a maximum of ~~three (3)~~ five (5) colors*τi*

(iii)~~has~~ The letters are no greater than twelve (12) inches in height*τi*

(iv)~~and~~ ~~τ~~The total area of signs in the window does not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the total window area per window*τi*

(v)No flashing or strobe illumination is permitted. The installation and display of an illuminated window sign shall require a permit to insure compliance with the South Florida Building Code 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.~~

~~One (1) rear identification sign, not to exceed one (1) square foot is permitted for each occupancy. For purposes of this section, the rear is that portion of the building containing the service or secondary service entrance that is not on the same building side as a customer entrance. This sign may be wall mounted. This sign must conform with any applicable uniform sign plan and be located on or within three (3) feet of a service or secondary entrance. 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.~~

~~39.8.9. Under canopy signs.~~

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

~~39.8.10.~~ (H) Real estate signs.

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

(1a) Residential Districts:

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

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

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

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

(e5) Undeveloped residential land parcels greater than two (2) acres shall be permitted one non-illuminated freestanding sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square 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.

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

~~39.8.1012.~~ (J) Trash receptacles and dumpsters.

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

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

~~39.8.1113.~~ (K) Public telephones.

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

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

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

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

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

3 This subsection is not intended to regulate any letters or
4 symbols ~~no greater than~~ one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch or less in height
5 and/or width on the body of the telephone (not on the telephone
6 structure) which describe instructions for use of the telephone
7 or other information required by state or federal law.

8
9 ~~39.8.1214.~~ (L) Hospitals.

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

16
17 (a)Maximum height: 13 feet

18
19 (b)Maximum: 8 feet

20
21 (c)Maximum square footage: 96 square feet

22
23 (2)Signs may also be placed on building sides without
24 roadway frontage provided one hundred (100) per cent of
25 the sign face is visible from a main roadway and said
26 signs conform to all other applicable sections of this
27 code.

28
29 (3)A hospital must submit a uniform sign plan which shall
30 conform with and be subject to all of the provisions of
31 section 39.10 ~~(+)~~ (Uniform Sign Plan) of this Code.

32
33 ~~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.

11
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.

26
27 ~~39.8.17.~~ (O) Replaceable tenant panels.

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

16
17 (P) Car dealerships.

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

20
21 (1) Prohibited from displaying any attention attracting
22 devices as described in section 39.9(c);

23
24 (2) Permitted to display all industry required tags in
25 vehicle windows;

26
27 (3) permitted to have "feature cars" based on the following
28 criteria:

29
30 (a) Lots with less than 100 cars are permitted up to
31 one (1) feature car.

32
33 (b) Lots with 101-300 cars are permitted up to three
34 (3) feature cars.

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

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

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

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

(c) May be hung from rear view mirror;

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

~~39.8.18.~~ (Q) Nonresidential Temporary decorative lighting.

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

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

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

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

6
7 (d)Prior to issuing a permit for ~~temporary~~ decorative
8 lights, a letter of authorization from the property
9 owner must be submitted with the permit application as
10 well as all inspection and reinspection fees associated
11 with the permit.

12
13 (e)All lights shall be professionally installed in
14 accordance with the Florida Building Code, the Florida
15 Fire Prevention Code, and the National Electric Code.
16 All lighting must have a permanent power source that has
17 been professionally installed and independently
18 permitted by the Margate Building Department. ~~Connection~~
19 ~~of lighting to power source via extension cords is~~
20 ~~strictly prohibited.~~

21
22 ~~(f)Light strings permitted to be displayed for said ninety~~
23 ~~(90) day period shall only emit white illumination.~~

24
25 ~~(g)Multicolored lights may be displayed for a maximum of~~
26 ~~forty-five (45) days in connection with any of the legal~~
27 ~~public holidays designated by the United States~~
28 ~~Congress. The temporary decorative multi-colored lights~~
29 ~~shall be removed no later than fifteen (15) days after~~
30 ~~the identified holiday has passed.~~

31
32 (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.

4
5 (A) General program requirements:

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

10
11 (b) One set of poles per 100 feet is permitted.

12
13 (c) The property owner shall submit a site plan of
14 property showing dimensioned location of
15 promotional advertising banners.

16
17 (d) Dimensioned drawing, photograph or detailed
18 description of promotional advertising display
19 shall be submitted to the Economic Development
20 Department.

21
22 (e) Each tenant may display the banner for a maximum of
23 thirty (30) days, up to six (6) times per year.

24
25 (f) Banners shall be the appropriate size for the
26 provided poles.

27
28 (g) Banners shall not display any pricing.

29
30 (h) The permanent pole shall require any applicable
31 permits through the Building Department.

32
33 **SECTION 9:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of
34 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign

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

Section 39.9 Nuisance.

~~39.9.1.~~ (A) Illumination.

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

~~39.9.2.~~ (B) Utility pole signs.

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

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

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

~~No door, hatch, hood, trunk, or other part or appendage of any stock-in-trade merchandise which is stationary and outdoors shall be left in the open or extended position except when said merchandise is being repaired in an area approved for such 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.~~

4
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.~~

11
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.

16
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:

21
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:

30
31 ~~(a) That all signs shall conform to this code.~~

32
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.~~

25
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

1 City. The Department shall issue a written approval or
2 rejection for any proposed uniform sign plan within ten
3 (10) calendar days of receiving a complete application.
4 Uniform sign plans for existing developments that are
5 consistent with or stricter than the Code of the City of
6 Margate shall be considered an administrative approval.
7

8 (c) Once the uniform sign plan, excluding any signs
9 comprised of registered logos or logotype, has been
10 established for a multi-tenant center or complex, the
11 criteria shall apply to the entire center, as well as
12 each individual occupant, and shall remain as long as
13 the center exists, regardless of change of ownership
14 or management. The criteria of the uniform sign plan
15 may only be changed if all signs in the center are
16 changed to conform to the new approved criteria within
17 a period of no more than one (1) year from the date of
18 approval of the new plan.
19

20 (C) Upon adoption of a new or revised uniform sign plan, all
21 signs in the center shall be changed to conform to the
22 new approved criteria within one (1) year from the
23 date of approval of the new or revised plan.
24

25 (f) Businesses that wish to use a logo or logotype
26 registered either with the State of Florida or U.S.
27 Government must comply with the provisions set forth
28 in Section 39.6 () of this Article.
29

30 **SECTION 11:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of
31 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign
32 Code Section 39.11 Improper signs is hereby amended to read
33 as follows:
34

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.

10
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.~~

28
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 ~~(+)~~.

6
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.

10
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.

16
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:
21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27
28 **SECTION 13:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of
29 Margate, Florida, Appendix A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign
30 Code Section 39.13 Emergency removal of signs by city is
31 hereby amended to read as follows:
32

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 (c):~~

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.

17
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:
23

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.~~

8
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.~~

20
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 (1~~a~~) 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~~

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

(1)	Pole and monument signs ^{1,2}	July 8, 2002
(2)	Wall and awning sign ^{2,3}	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

¹ For the purposes of this section, changeable copy signs on pole or monument signs shall be deemed pole or monument signs respectively and changeable copy wall signs shall be deemed wall signs.

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

³ Except signs painted directly on a building. Such painted signs shall fall under the limitations of section 39.14 () (5) (3) of this article.

~~39.14.6. Permit fee waiver.~~

~~Permit fees may be waived for the installation of a sign determined by the city to be a replacement for a legal noneonforming 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.~~

10
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:
15

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 eCity. 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 eCity in
3 writing upon forms provided by the eCity 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~~ 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.

1 (10j) An elevation of the building on which said sign is to
2 be located showing dimensions of the building and the
3 sign as well as the proposed location of said sign.

4 (11k) If applicable, a copy of the uniform sign plan for the
5 building or center.

6
7 ~~39.15.3.~~ (C) *Permit fees.*

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

12
13 ~~39.15.4.~~ (D) *Permit issuance.*

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

29
30 ~~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.~~

8
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:
13

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.

(10j) 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 (O).

(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:

(~~A1~~) 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 ~~sings~~").

(~~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)).~~

(H8) Pole signs ~~sings~~.

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

~~(10) Projecting signs.~~

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

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

(J13) Snipe signs.

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

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

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

(N17) Any sign not permitted by this article.

(O18) Signs exceeding the height of a façade.

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

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

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

4 (2~~b~~) Visible from the street right-of-way that the
5 vehicle is within 100 feet of; and

6 (3~~e~~) Not regularly "used in the conduct of the business
7 advertised" on the vehicle (A vehicle used
8 primarily for the purpose of advertising, or for
9 the purpose of providing transportation for owners
10 or employees of the occupancy advertised on the
11 vehicle, shall not be considered a vehicle used in
12 the conduct of business); and

13 (4~~d~~) Not parked in the rear of the parking lot or in
14 the rear of the building which contains the
15 business. On properties which do not provide a rear
16 parking area, vehicle signs are parked in parking
17 spaces immediately adjacent to the street right-of-
18 way when other parking spaces are available on the
19 premises, and are displayed in a manner that
20 constitutes a prohibited sign per Section 39.17 of
21 the Margate Zoning Code.

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

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

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

7 (R22) Bench or bus shelter signs except those permitted by
8 section 39.8.1 ~~(c)~~ (A) (4).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 39.18 Enforcement.

~~39.18.1.~~ (A) Responsible parties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6) ~~a~~ Any other person or entity in possession of said premises in which the sign has been erected or displayed unlawfully. ~~;~~ ; ~~shall be liable for any violation of this code.~~

~~39.18.2.~~ (B) Permit revocation.

Any permit may be revoked at any time by the ~~e~~City upon a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction or code enforcement action that the sign is not in compliance with the provisions of this code. Further, if the sign authorized by any 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.

5
6 ~~39.18.3.~~(C) *Penalty.*

7 In addition to revocation of a sign permit, any violation
8 of the provision of this eCode shall be determined to be
9 unlawful and punishable as prescribed in section 37.16 ~~(+)~~ 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.

15
16 ~~39.18.4.~~(D) *Civil remedies.*

17 (~~1a~~) Injunction and abatement. They eCity 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 (~~2b~~) Should the eCity 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.

29
30 ~~39.18.5.~~(E) *Assurance of discontinuance.*

1 As an additional means of enforcing this eCode, the eCity
2 may accept an assurance of discontinuance of any act or practice
3 deemed in violation of this eCode 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.

15
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:
20

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

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

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

7 (1a) There is something unique about the building or site
8 configuration that would cause the signage permitted
9 by this article to be ineffective in identifying a
10 use or structure that would otherwise be entitled to
11 a sign.

12 (2b) The granting of a waiver is not contrary to the ~~plan~~
13 ~~and~~ intent of the sign code, ~~or may the~~ adopted
14 community redevelopment plan, or policies the City of
15 Margate Comprehensive Plan, the aesthetics of the
16 area, ~~or and~~ does not create a nuisance or adversely
17 affect ~~effect~~ any neighboring properties.

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

22 (1a) Complete a petition application form as provided
23 by the Economic Development Department ~~city clerk~~;

24 (2b) Submit payment to the ~~e~~City in the amount
25 specified by section 2-79 ~~(+)~~ of the Code of the
26 City of Margate;

27 (3e) Prove that the proposed sign meets the criteria
28 laid out above.

29 (D) ~~An exception to this sign code shall only be granted~~
30 ~~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 ~~(+)~~ through section 2-81 ~~(+)~~
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 in height, and no more than twelve (12) inches in height shall be attached to all buildings in close proximity to the principal entrance or at a mailbox.~~

2. ~~Each ground-floor occupancy with an arcade, gallery, or shopfront and awning type frontage may install one (1) blade sign for each thirty (30) feet of building frontage that has a direct entrance for customers. Fractional portions shall not be considered for additional blade sign(s). 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. Blade signs shall be installed perpendicular to the façade. Blade signs shall not exceed a total of six (6) square feet in area. (See illustration 28, Signage).~~

3. ~~Signage may be lit externally, but only with shielded light sources that prevent nuisance lighting. No light source shall be permitted to face or intrude upon any residential use.~~

4. ~~Grand projecting signs are only permitted on building frontages facing corridor or regional arterial roadways. See illustration 14, Recommended Connections. One (1) grand projecting sign may be permitted for ground-floor tenants with at least twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet of gross area. Grand projecting signs may be illuminated and permitted up to a maximum of forty-five (45) square feet, not to exceed three (3) feet wide by fifteen (15) feet tall, and shall not be permitted to protrude into any public right-of-way. No portion of a grand projecting sign shall be installed above~~

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

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

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

27 ~~7. Under awning signs shall be permitted up to two (2)~~
28 ~~square feet in area. One (1) under awning sign shall~~
29 ~~be permitted for each direct entrance to a ground~~
30 ~~floor tenant space. Under awning signs shall not be~~
31 ~~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.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Margate Code, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 24. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption at its second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS _____ day of _____ 2015.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS _____ day of _____ 2015.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK

MAYOR JOANNE SIMONE

RECORD OF VOTE - 1ST READING RECORD OF VOTE - 2ND READING

Talerico	_____	Talerico	_____
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Simone	_____	Simone	_____
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