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**RE: Sign Regulations**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We have had some trouble with signage in the County and feel that some correspondence is needed between us. We have included some of our sign regulations that pertain to you and your businesses. Please take the time to go over these points and feel free to contact our office at the number listed above with any questions or concerns that you may have. Thank you so much in advance for your cooperation and help in this matter.

**Article IX, Section 901.11** Sign locations: Except as other wise provided, no sign, whether temporary or permanent, except by a public agency, is permitted within any street or highway right-of-way. Signs shall not be painted or attached to trees, fence posts, telephone or utility poles, rocks or other features. No sign shall be painted or attached to the roof of any structure.

**Article IX, Section 901.19** Signs Prohibited In All Districts: Except as otherwise specifically stated, the following signs are hereby expressly prohibited within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance:

- Portable
- Sandwich
- Banner
- Inflatables
- Balloons
- Unshielded light
- Search lights
- Roof signs
- Poster handbill
- Motor Vehicle/Semi-trailer

**Article III, Section 361.38** Real Estate Sign. Any sign pertaining to the sale, lease or rent of the premises, or portion of the premises, on which the sign is located.

**Article IX, Section 904.5** Real Estate Signs are limited to 1 sign per property not exceeding 4 square feet in area and 6 feet in height for residential areas and 32 square feet in area and 8 feet in height in all others areas. Such signs shall be removed upon sale of property. Real Estate signs are exempt from permit requirements.

- 1) **We know that some of you use balloons and open house signs. These are both prohibited because you are only allowed one real estate sign per property and it is to be placed on the subject property and balloons are strictly prohibited.**
- 2) **We have also noticed that many of you are using the agent on duty signs in front of your offices. We would like to point out that these signs are on the prohibited list also. If you can get that information on your main ID signs that would be ok, but most of these signs tend to be the portable ones.**

These are some ordinances that may be beneficial for you to know.

**Article IX, Section 901.15** Sign Maintenance Required: All signs, together with all of their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in good repair and in proper state of preservation. The display surfaces of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times.

**Article IX, Section 904.3** Commercial Subdivision Signs are limited to the total area permitted by the main identification sign. Such signs shall be a minimum of 10' feet from the property line and shall not exceed 25' feet in height. In the presence of a commercial subdivision sign a main identification shall not be permitted.

**Article IX, Section 904.4** Residential Subdivision Signs are limited to 2 signs per entrance and shall not exceed 40 square feet in area per entrance. Such signs shall not exceed 12' in height and shall be set back a minimum of 10' from the property line.

Please understand that it is our job to enforce these ordinances. We would greatly appreciate your help with this task.

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