8810.0900 SIGNS IN BUSINESS AREAS.

Subpart 1. Areas within corporate limits. Subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 173.16 (signs erected after June 7, 1971, in a business area within a corporate limit), the maximum area of a sign face shall not exceed 1,000 square feet including border and trim, but excluding base and apron supports and other structural members. Maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a sign structure and signs may be placed back to back, side by side, or in a V-type construction, but not more than two displays to each side of a sign structure.

Subp. 2. Areas outside corporate limits. Subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 173.16 (signs erected after June 7, 1971, outside of a corporate limit in a zoned or unzoned business area), the maximum area of a sign face shall not exceed 750 square feet including border and trim, but excluding base and apron supports and other structural members. Maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a sign structure and signs may be placed back to back, side by side, or in a V-type construction but not more than two displays to each side of a sign structure.

Subp. 3. **Nonrecognition of area.** For the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 173.02, subdivision 17, a business area shall not be recognized when the land on which the activity is conducted is operating on a grandfather clause, special use, variance, or temporary permit.

Subp. 4. **Termination of classification.** For the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 173.02, subdivision 17, if a business area is rezoned or ceases to meet the requirements of the law, these rules, or any other authority, such business area shall cease to exist and any then legal advertising device existing therein at such time shall become a legal nonconforming device.

Subp. 5. Unzoned areas. The establishment of an unzoned business area does not abrogate any more restrictive criteria established by law, this rule, or any other authority.

Statutory Authority: MS s 173.01; 173.06

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