

## CHAPTER 147

### SIGNS, AWNINGS AND CANOPIES

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**147.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide that all signs, awnings and canopies are constructed and kept in a safe condition and that signs shall not be located as to cause a safety hazard.

**147.02 SAFETY; OBSTRUCTION OF SIGNALS.** All signs, awnings and canopies extending over any public sidewalk, street, alley or other public place must be securely fastened and constructed so that there will be no danger of the same being dislodged by ordinary winds or falling from other cause. No sign or canopy shall be erected or maintained extending over any public sidewalk, street, alley or other public place in such a location as to obstruct the view of any traffic light or other traffic sign or signal.

**147.03 CLEARANCE OF SIGNS.** Projecting signs shall have a clear space of not less than ten feet below all parts of the sign; provided, signs extending two feet or less from the building and containing three square feet or less of exposed surface area on one side may have a clear space of not less than eight feet below all parts of the sign. Projecting signs extending into the limits of an alley shall have a clear space of not less than sixteen feet above the alley grade.

**147.04 CLEARANCE OF CANOPIES.** All projecting canopies or marquees shall have the clear space of not less than eight feet below all parts of the canopy or marquee.

**147.05 MOVABLE AWNINGS.** Movable awnings supported throughout on metal frames may extend out over the sidewalk portion of the public street a distance of not to exceed two-thirds of the width of the sidewalk space; provided, every such awning frame shall be not less than seven feet six inches from the sidewalk immediately below and that any fringe attached to the awning shall not be less than seven feet from the sidewalk below.

**147.06 SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.** No advertising signs of any kind shall be allowed within any areas zoned for residential purposes, except as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance, and except temporary signs carrying civic or community announcements which shall be in place no longer than thirty days; all not exceeding three square feet in area.

**147.07 INSPECTION.** It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector, or other officer designated by the Mayor, to inspect or cause to be inspected every sign, canopy or awning that extends over any sidewalk, street, alley or other public way. If any such sign or canopy is found to be insecurely fastened, or if such sign or canopy is found to obstruct the view of any motorist or pedestrian of any traffic light or other traffic signal, such officer shall report this fact to the owner of the sign, canopy or marquee or to the owner or occupant of the premises upon which it is fastened. If the condition of the sign is not corrected to comply with the provisions of this chapter within ten days after such notice, it is to be torn down by the Fire Department or other City employees as directed by the Mayor. The Council is authorized to have signs and awnings inspected, to notify owners of changes and repairs needed and to order the removal of signs, awnings or canopies not conforming to this chapter.