Other Signs

Signs such as Real Estate, window, construction and election

may be placed on private property without a permit however must comply with the sign code with regard to quantity, height, square footage, and limits are placed on the amount of time you can post a sign.

Signs no longer in use

Any sign including the structural framing which no longer advertises a bona fide business shall be removed within ten (10) days.

Mobile Signs Prohibited

Mobile signs are prohibited in all districts due to the instability and other potential hazards to the public.

Limitations on Public Property

All signs are prohibited on any Public right-of-way. Signs will be removed if placed in the Public right-of-way.

For more information contact the Community Development Department at 816.724.6006.
Sign Regulations

The City of North Kansas City regulates signs in an effort to provide adequate means of expression and to promote the economic viability of the business community, while preventing a proliferation of signs of a type, size, location and character that would adversely impact the community.

Signs are also regulated in order to ensure compliance with minimum construction standards and does not present any public safety issues, along with protecting property values by ensuring that signs are compatible with the surrounding properties, allow for the safe and free flow of traffic, and that new signs do not block existing signs.

When to get a sign permit?

A permit is required if you plan to erect, repair, structurally alter, relocate or maintain within the city any sign or other advertising structure as defined in the City Code Chapter 15.44 – Sign Ordinance.

*Businesses new to NKC must first obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and a Business License before applying for a sign permit.

Are some signs exempt from permits?

Repairs and changes within the painted or printed area are permitted on conforming and nonconforming signs, as long as such repairs and changes do not alter the structure. Structural alterations involving minor extensions shall require a permit.

Do I need any other permits?

An electrical permit is required on signs that are illuminated.

Where can I find the Sign Ordinance and application?

The Sign Ordinance and application may be found at www.nkc.org. For more information please contact the Community Development Department at 816.274.6006.

Information that must be included when submitting an application:

- Drawings showing position of sign on the building or on the lot.
- Method of construction and attachment to the building or ground (Blueprint/Drawing) (Wind Pressure/Dead Load).
- Letter or consent from the building owner.
- The City may require additional information.

Sign types

Temporary signs - any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed from cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.

Permits for temporary signs erected shall be authorized for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days, no more than three (3) times per calendar year. Temporary signs shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet or more than fifty pounds. Advertising content shall pertain only to the business, industry or business conducted within the premises.

Off Premise Signs - a sign that directs attention to a business, profession, product, commodity or service that is not the primary business on site on which the sign is located.

Off-premise signs are prohibited in the Residential district, Armour Road district, Downtown business district and General business district.