

**All signs** are subject to rules, standards, regulations, and requirements of the North Carolina Building Code, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina General Statutes, and the Camden County Unified Development Ordinance.

- Sections 151.5.14 and 151.10.2.14 in the Unified Development Ordinance reference SIGNS

**Documents Needed:**

- Sign and Electrical (if applicable) Building Permit Application
- A drawing with details showing size, height, lighting, electrical, and site location relative to property lines and right of way

<b>Signs which DO NOT REQUIRE a sign permit. (Section 5.14.6)</b>	
A. Government Signage (Temporary or permanent) (5.14.6.A)	
B. Safety Signage (32 Sq. Ft. or less, 16 or less individual signs, 5ft. high or less, no illumination)	
C. Flags (2 flags or less, 60 sq. ft. or less, out of site triangle, flag pole 30ft. or less in height)	
D. Political Signs (in accordance NCGS 136-32 and other regulations)	
E. Alterations to Existing Signs which does not change size, height or lighting	
<b>EXEMPT SIGN TYPES/EXCLUSIONS Section 5.14.3</b>	
A. Fence-Wrap sign affixed to fences surrounding Construction Site in accordance with North Carolina General Statues	
B. Governmental Agency Flags and Insignia	
C. Government, Public Utilities or Civic Assoc. required Legal Notice	
D. Historical markers, memorial signs, plaques, or grave markers	
E. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings without moving parts or moving lights	
F. Signs that are not visible from ANY off-site areas	
G. Accessible Parking Space Signs	
H. One incidental sign 4 sq. ft. or less on a residential structure or a commercial establishment with the top of the sign five feet above grade elevation or less;	
I. In a non-residential district 1 or 2 non-permanent, professionally manufactured sandwich board-style signs of up to six square feet in sign area per side for each business establishment	
<b>PROHIBITED SIGNS, SIGN CONSTRUCTION AND DISPLAYS (5.14.4)</b>	
A. Any sign obstructing the view of bicyclists, pedestrians, or motorist which is determined unsafe	
B. Vision hampering Illuminated, highly reflective signs or spot lights	
C. Signs, lights, rotating disk, words, and similar devices resembling emergency vehicle lights and traffic signs/signals	

<p>D. Signs (not government) which contain lights, rotating disk, words, and similar devices resembling government signs and/or emergency warning signs</p> <p>E. Sign obstructs fire escape, downspout, door, stairway, ladder, or opening intended as a means of ingress or egress or providing light, drainage, or air</p> <p>F. Sign placed on any curb, sidewalk, utility pole, street sign post, hydrant, bridge, tree, or public street paving</p> <p>G. Sign located intentionally denying visual access to an existing sign</p> <p>H. Flashing, fluttering, swinging, rotating signs</p> <p>I. Signage in or affixed to a motor vehicle, boat, or trailer 30 days or longer parked in the same location</p> <p>J. Roof signs or signs that extend above the parapet of a building;</p> <p>K. Electronic message boards in a residential district</p> <p>L. Any sign or flag the UDO Administrator deems to be significantly worn, torn, dilapidated, damaged, tattered, or otherwise in disrepair</p>	
<b>DETERMINE THE ZONING and PRINCIPAL USE (S)</b>	
<b>The maximum available sign area per development shall be 200 sf or less</b>	
<b>All signs must be installed according to NCDOT standards</b>	
<b>Mixed Use Commercial Districts see UDO Section 5.14.10</b>	
<b>In a Residential Districts (sign requirements section 5.14.9)</b>	
<p>A. Subdivision entrance: Only 1 ground mounted or monument sign (not to exceed 20 sq. ft. face area &amp; 7 Ft in height)</p>	
<p>B. Residential Structure: Principal structure may have only one (1) wall sign 4 sq. ft. or less</p>	
<b>Commercial Districts other than Mixed Use (Section 5.14.11)</b>	
<b>Standards apply to sign and its supporting structure (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Wall Sign (s) Fronting Street (Includes Awning Sign)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shall not cover any window or part of a window</li> <li>• Shall not extend on the roofline, parapet, or mansard roof</li> <li>• Must not be attached any architectural feature above roofline</li> <li>• Maximum Height - below the top of roof, soffit, eave, or parapet</li> <li>• Shall not project more than 12 inches outward from building wall</li> <li>• No limit on Number of Signs per lot</li> </ul> <p>A. Front Façade Wall Sign-Greater of: 1.5 sf per linear foot of wall frontage or 5% of wall area</p> <p>B. Fronting Street Side and Rear Façade Wall Sign-½ sf per linear foot of wall footage</p>	

<p><b>Window Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max sign area is 50% of total glass area on façade wall facing street (window/door)</li> <li>• Max height is top of window or door on ground floor</li> <li>• No limit on Number of Signs per lot</li> </ul>	
<p>One <b>Projecting Commercial Sign</b> per lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12sf per side</li> <li>• Max Height below roof, soffit or parapet</li> <li>• Minimum Height eight (8) feet of clearance above grade or a walkway</li> <li>• Located three (3) feet from street paving/curb</li> <li>• Shall not project more than 4 feet outward from building</li> <li>• Shall not extend vertically above the roofline or parapet of building</li> <li>• Shall not project into any required setback or yard</li> <li>• One projecting sign per business entrance</li> </ul>	
<p>One <b>Awning Sign</b> per lot on ground floor only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counted as Wall Signage</li> <li>• Front Façade Wall Sign-Greater of: 1.5 sf per linear foot of wall frontage or 5% of wall area</li> <li>• Fronting Street Side and Rear Façade Wall Sign-½ sf per liner foot of wall footage</li> <li>• Signs may be painted or printed onto a canopy or awning</li> <li>• A canopy or awning sign shall not extend into a Street Right of Way</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Commercial Freestanding Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 ft from Street Right of Way</li> <li>• Maximum Sign Face 64sf</li> <li>• Maximum Height 20 ft</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Commercial Freestanding Sign serving other than multi-building use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not to be located closer than 5 feet from the street right of way</li> <li>• Less than 10 ft to 5 ft away from Street Right of Way</li> <li>• Maximum Height 12 ft above adjacent road grade</li> <li>• Sign greater than 3.5 ft shall be outside required sight triangle</li> <li>• Maximum Sign Face 48 sf</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Commercial Freestanding Sign serving multi-building use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not to be located closer than 5 feet from the street right of way</li> <li>● Less than 10 ft to 5 ft away from Street Right of Way</li> <li>● Maximum Height 15 ft above adjacent road grade</li> <li>● Greater than 3.5 feet sign shall be outside required sight distance triangle</li> <li>● Maximum Sign Face <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 68 sf for 2-6 tenants</li> <li>○ 88 sf for 7-14 tenants</li> <li>○ 108 sf for 15 or more</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vertical Skirt minimum width of 25% of sign face width</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Commercial Monument Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maximum sign face 50 sf per side</li> <li>● Maximum Height 6 feet above grade</li> <li>● Greater than 3.5 feet shall be outside required sight distance triangle</li> <li>● Limit 2 signs per lot</li> <li>● Minimum distance from lot line is 5 feet</li> <li>● Minimum distance from street right of way is 10 feet</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Portable Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maximum sign face 24 inches in width and 36 inches in height</li> <li>● Maximum height above grade is 4 feet</li> <li>● Maximum 2 signs per lot</li> <li>● Minimum distance from lot line is 5 feet</li> <li>● Minimum distance from street right of way is 10 feet</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Electric Signs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No electric sign shall be so located with relation to pedestrian traffic as to permit it to be easily reached by any person</li> <li>● The bottom of such sign shall be located a minimum of ten feet above the grade if the sign is within 15 feet of the edge of the street right-of-way</li> <li>● All illuminated signs shall be installed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the North Carolina State Electrical Code</li> </ul>	