

Standard	Existing Charlotte County Code	Existing Charlotte Harbor Overlay	South County Overlay	Existing U.S. 41 Overlay	Existing Manasota Key Overlay	Existing City of Punta Gorda Standards	Existing City of North Port Standards
<b>Signs</b>		This section shall supercede the general County sign code unless stated	All signage shall conform to the general County sign provisions unless stated otherwise	All signage shall conform to the general County sign provisions unless stated otherwise	All signage shall conform to the general County sign provisions unless stated otherwise		
<b>Architecture</b>			Shall be comptatible with building design with respect to color, material, and sylistic elements				
<b>Total signage calculation</b>	3 square feet per linear foot of frontage						
<b>Minimum signage allocation</b>	200 square feet						
<b>Maximum signage allocation</b>	750 square feet				60 square feet		
<b>Ground-mounted signs</b>							
Size of sign base			Not less than 75% the width of the sign face			Not less than 75% the width of the sign face	
Multi-sided signs	Both sides shall be identical	Both sides shall be identical	Both sides shall be identical		Both sides shall be identical	Both sides shall be identical	Both sides shall be identical
Number of signs allowed	1 sign per unit	1 primary Class A sign for each street frontage	1 sign per lot or parcel	On lots not fronting U.S. 41, 1 sign per right-of-way frontage	1 sign per unit	1 per street frontage	1 sign per collector or arterial road frontage
	1 additional sign per unit along other right-of-way frontages		1 additional sign per parcel or lot provided it has a second frontage on a street within the South County Overlay			1 additional sign per project for frontage on a second street, provided that the frontage is at least 150 feet and has an entrance to the project	
			Outparcels shall not have ground signs			Outparcels shall not have ground signs	
Sign separation	100 feet		100 feet			Signs on the same parcel shall be separated by at least 300 feet	50 feet, 2,000 feet for billboards and only along I-75
Maximum height	20 feet above the crown of the adjoining right-of-way	15 feet for pole or pylon signs, 10 feet for monument signs	15 feet		4 feet above the crown of the road	15 feet	6-40 feet, depending on zoning district
Maximum area	150 square feet	25-75 square feet, depending on zoning district	100 square feet	On lots not fronting U.S. 41, 50 square feet	25 square feet	64 square feet	75-120 square feet, depending on zoning and building frontage; 400 square feet for billboards
Architecture			Shall have a distinct capital, columns, and base				
<b>Window signs</b>							
Where allowed			Only on glass areas on first and second floors			Only on glass areas on first and second floors	
Maximum area	No limit		No more than 25% of each window section or pane			No more than 33% of each window section or pane	Shall not obstruct the transaction area
			Shall provide a minimum of 8 feet vertical clearance from the grade to the bottom of the sign face				Shall not exceed 50% of the window
							Shall only be located in the upper portions
<b>Wall signs</b>							
Where allowed			Only on the street frontage			Only on the street frontage	
Numer of signs allowed	No limit as to total number	1 secondary Class A sign per occupant of the lot for each street frontage	No limit as to total number			No limit as to total number	1 sign per occupant per collector or arterial road frontage
Maximum height	Shall not be located above the upper line of the parapet or the peak of a pitched roof	Shall not project vertically above the roof or the top of the parapet wall	Shall not project above the highest point of the building wall on the same side of the building as the sign		Shall not rise above the peak of th roof or highest constructive element	Shall not project above the highest point of the building wall on the same side of the building as the sign	Shall not project vertically above the roof or the top of the parapet wall
							No higher than above the bottom of the second floor window line, although building identification signs may be located immediately below the roofline
Maximum extension		Shall not project horizontally beyond the end of the wall					Shall not project horizontally beyond the end of the wall
Maximum area	300 square feet	8-50 square feet, depending on zoning district	Shall not exceed one square foot in area for each linear foot of building frontage	On lots not fronting U.S. 41, 4 square feet	32 square feet	Shall not exceed one square foot in area for each linear foot of building frontage	
			On corner lots an additional sign is permitted, not to exceed 50% of the allowance			On corner lots an additional sign is permitted, not to exceed 50% of the allowance	
			For multi-tenant/entrance buildings, each tenant shall be allowed one wall sign located on the side of the building with the primary entrance not to exceed one square foot in area for each linear foot of tenant space			For multi-tenant/entrance buildings, each tenant shall be allowed one wall sign located on the side of the building with the primary entrance not to exceed one square foot in area for each linear foot of tenant space	
<b>Portable signs</b>							
Number of signs allowed						One per business	
Hours of display						Only during hours of operation of the business	
Sign location						Clear of pedestrian and sight triangle interference	
						No more than 20 feet from the wall of the business and within the same lot	
Maximum area						24 inches wide by 48 inches high	
<b>Additional signs</b>							
Number of signs allowed	No limit						
Maximum area	32 square feet						
<b>Prohibited sign types</b>							
		Class B signs	Billboards		Billboards	Billboards	
		Roof signs	Roof signs			Roof signs	Roof signs
						Beacons	
		Wind signs			Wind signs	Windblown devices of any type	Wind signs
			Pole and pylon signs	On lots not fronting U.S. 41, pole signs		Pole and pylon signs	Pole signs
						Pennants and/or streamers	
						Feather flags or flutter flags	
						Inflatable signs or inflatable advertising devices	
						Temporary electronic or electric signs	

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						Moving or non-stationary signs including signs being carried by a person (other than political signs)	
						Canopy signs	
	Portable signs which are manifestly designed to be transported as a trailer is transported	Portable illuminated signs			Portable illuminated signs	Portable signs	Portable illuminated signs
			Off-premises signs			Off-premises signs	
	Any sign designed with mechanized or electric changeable copy to display more than one image on an ongoing basis where any information flashes, fades, dissolves, or scrolls	Flashing signs		Flashing signs		Signs with flashing lights, or lights of changing degree of intensity or color or signs with electrically scrolled messages or have flashing or reflective disks	Changeable copy signs
	Signs that move or create the illusion of movement	Revolving or whirling signs			Whirling signs		Whirling signs
	Signs that are or appear to be animated or projected	Animated signs			Animated signs		Animated signs
		Any sign prohibited by Ch. 479, FS					Any sign prohibited by Ch. 479, FS
		Any sign that constitutes a traffic hazard				Any sign that constitutes a traffic hazard	Any sign that constitutes a traffic hazard
		Any sign that constitutes a pedestrian hazard					
		Any sign that prevents ingress or egress from any building				Any sign that prevents ingress or egress from any building	Any sign that prevents ingress or egress from any building
		Obscene signs				Obscene signs	Obscene signs
		Class A signs advertising businesses no longer in operation					
		Snipe signs					Snipe signs
		More than 2 national or state flags per principal building					
		Signs attached to vehicles					Signs attached to vehicles
		Blank temporary signs					Blank temporary signs
		Signs that emit sound, odor, or visible matter					Signs that emit sound, odor, or visible matter
		Serial signs					Serial signs
		Neon signs			Neon signs		
				On lots not fronting U.S. 41, internally lighted signs			
						Any sign that imitates an official sign	
						Illuminated tubes or strips of lights	
						Signs attached to accessory structures	
						Abandoned signs	
						Unsafe signs	
						Bench signs	Bench signs
							Off-site signs in Activity Center #3
							Bus shelter signs
							Non-relevant signs
							Paper or cardboard signs
			All signs prohibited by Sec. 3-5-85				