**6-2-14 Sign Regulations**. The following regulations shall apply to all zoning districts:

(1) No sign may be lighted in a manner which impairs the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle. No sign may obstruct the view of any roadway so as to render dangerous the use of the roadway.

(2) No advertisement or advertising structure shall be posted, erected or maintained which simulates any official, directional or warning sign erected or maintained by the State, County, Municipal or other governmental subdivision or which incorporates or makes use of lights simulating or resembling traffic signals or control signs. No sign may obscure or physically interfere with an official traffic control sign, signal or device.

(3) Signs shall not encroach or extend over public right-of-way.

(4) No advertisement shall be posted or maintained on fences, trees, or other perennial plants.

(5) No advertisements shall be allowed on, or attached to, a vehicle or trailer parked on public or private property. The prohibition of this section does not prohibit the identification of a firm or its principal product operating during the normal course of business or being taken home.

(6) All signs shall be non-flashing and non-strobing, and they shall not contain rotating, oscillating, or revolving beams or other similar types of light transmission.

(7) All signs shall be kept in good repair. Repairs shall be made within 30 days of damage to said sign.

(8) Signs bearing only property numbers, postal box numbers, names of occupants of premises, private parking, or other identification of premises are permitted within all districts; and

(a) Shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area.

(b) E911 signs and numbers are specifically excluded from this section.

(9) The following regulations shall apply to all A, R-1, R-2, R-3, and PUD zoning districts:

(a) Off-premises signs are not permitted, except for temporary signs such as political, real estate, garage sale and certain construction signs, as specified in this paragraph. Political signs shall conform to State law. Real estate signs shall be removed upon the closing of the sale of the property. Construction signs relating to the vendor and services provided for the construction or remodeling of a dwelling unit on the premises shall be permitted during the time of construction and shall be removed upon project completion. All allowed temporary signs shall be located within the front yard. The total square feet of surface area of all temporary signs on any one property shall not exceed 32 square feet.

(b) **Front Yard Setbacks.** All signs shall be setback from the property line as follows:

1. All “R” Districts: no requirement
2. All “A” Districts: 20 feet

(c) **Height Requirements.** All signs shall be no higher than the following:

1. All “R” Districts: 5 feet
2. All “A” Districts: 25 feet

(d) Parade home signs shall be are specifically excluded from this section.

(10) The following regulations shall apply to all P, C and I zoning districts:

(a) Off-premises and on-premises signs are permitted as follows.

(b) On-premises signs shall not to exceed seventy-five (75) square feet in area and shall be attached to the structure being advertised. On-premises signs shall not be within thirty (30) feet of any residential district or use.

(c) Off-premises signs are allowed in all C and I zoning districts and shall not to exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area. Off-premises signs shall not be within five hundred (500) feet of any residential district or use. Off-premises signs shall meet all applicable IDOT highway sign requirements.

(d) **Front Yard Setbacks.** All signs shall be setback from the property line as follows:

(1) All “P”, “C” and “I” Districts: 10 feet

(e) **Height Requirements.** All signs shall be no higher than the following:

(1) All “P”, “C” and “I” Districts: 25 feet

1. **Application for Permit**. All permanent signs shall require a permit. Each application for a sign permit shall be submitted prior to the installation of the sign and shall be approved or denied by the Zoning Administrator. There will be no fee for a sign permit.
2. **Grandfather Clause.** Any permanent sign in existence at the time of adoption of this ordinance that does not meet the requirements herein, shall be legally non-conforming until the following:
   1. If such non-conforming sign should enter into a state of disrepair, it shall be made to conform to the regulations of this ordinance. The sign owner will receive a certified letter from the Mayor stating that the sign has entered into a state of disrepair and that it must be permanently removed or made to conform to the regulations of this ordinance.
   2. If an owner of such a non-conforming sign should go out of business, the sign shall be taken down within 90 days of said owner going out of business.