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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT CITY OF CONWAY COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD MEETING Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 4:00 P.M. Planning & Building Department – 196 Laurel Street

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November 15, 2023)

## **III. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- A. <u>1125 Third Ave. (Crafty Rooster)</u>: The applicant, Duplicates Ink, is requesting approval of the installation of 2 new wall signs for the business located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (PIN 368-04-02-0055).
- **B.** <u>323 Main St (Main 323 LLC):</u> The applicant, A1 Signs and Graphics, is requesting approval of the installation of a new address directory sign for the business located at 323 Main St (PIN 367-01-01-0023).
- C. <u>610 Main St (Demo)</u>: The applicant, Mike Wilson, is requesting approval demolish the structures located at 610 Main St (PIN 338-13-02-0035).

## IV. APPROVAL OF 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- V. PUBLIC INPUT
- VI. BOARD INPUT
- VII. STAFF INPUT

#### VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

<b>MEETING</b>	DATE	<u>TIME</u>	<b>LOCATION</b>	ADDRESS
Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)	December 14, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Planning & Building Dept. Conference Room	196 Laurel St.
City Council	January 2, 2024	4:00 p.m.	Council Chambers	229 Main St.
Planning Commission (PC)	January 4, 2024	5:30 p.m.	Planning & Building Dept. Conference Room	196 Laurel St.
Community Appearance Board	January 10, 2024	4:00 p.m.	Planning & Building Dept. Conference Room	196 Laurel St.

#### IX. ADJOURN

## CITY OF CONWAY COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 Planning & Building Dept. Conference Room – 196 Laurel Street

Present:	Duc Watts, George Ulrich, Jacqueline Kurlowski, Troy Roehm, Gerry Wallace
Absent:	Jamie McLain, McKenzie Jordan
Staff:	Jessica Hucks, Planning Director; Anne Bessant, Planning Assistant; Marcus Cohen, IT
Other:	Eddie Moore, Hillary Howard, Bucky Greene, Sean Kobos

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kurlowski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:03 p.m.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ulrich made a motion to accept the minutes as written and it was seconded by Watts to approve the October 25, 2023 minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

## III. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. <u>1125 Third Ave. (Crafty Rooster)</u>: The applicant, Sean Kobos, is requesting final approval of exterior façade changes for the business located at 1125 Third Ave. (PIN 368-04-02-0055).

Hucks stated that the applicant is proposing to renovate the exterior of the building at 1125 Third Ave for Crafty Rooster.

A rendering of the proposed renovations was included in the packet.

The building was constructed in 1950, according to county records. It is not listed on the National Register in the Downtown Historic District.

The applicant received conceptual review at the October 12, 2022 CAB mtg. During that meeting, the paint options that were presented were discussed, which included the bottom of the façade being painted teal in 3 different ways: Option A – no teal across the bottom; Option B – teal across the bottom of both entrances; and Option C – teal across the bottom of one entrance. The applicant's preference was Option B.

Paint colors include:

- Sherwin Williams (SW 0018) "Teal Stencil"
- Sherwin Williams (SW 7716) "Croissant"
- Sherwin Williams (SW 7069) "Iron Ore"

The applicant also discussed the rigid canopy awnings proposed for the building, across both entrances. He explained it would be like the one installed above the entrance of Rivertown Bistro, a few doors down from this establishment, which had been previously approved by CAB.

While signage is shown on the applicant's rendering, staff will require this to be submitted as a separate request so that details regarding the proposed signage are consistent with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) as well as the Community Appearance Guidelines.

- Should the board choose to grant final review of the applicant's request, staff recommends the following conditions: All applicable permits / licenses, etc. must be obtained by the applicant and/or contractor;
- Any deviation from what is approved shall be re-reviewed and subsequently approved by this board.

The applicant, Sean Kobos, was present to answer any questions.

The board and applicant discussed the request at length.

Watts made a motion to approve the request as presented, choosing option B with teal being painted across the bottom of both entrances. Ulrich seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**B.** <u>1011 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Anna Bug Boutique):</u> The applicant, Heritage Sign Company, is requesting approval of proposed wall sign for the business located at 1011 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. (PIN 368-04-02-0088).

Hucks stated that the applicant, Heritage Sign Company, is requesting to install a wall sign for the business located at 1011 4th Ave.

This applicant proposes to install a 2'(h) x 10' (w) mounted wall sign, totaling 20 Sq. Ft. The sign will include  $\frac{1}{2}$ " raised lettering and outline to meet the requirement of dimension. The wall faced the sign is to be affixed to measures 17'(h) X 20'(w), totaling 340 Sq. Ft. This permits a max coverage (15% max) of 51 Sq. Ft.

The proposed size of the sign is compliant with the standards of the UDO for Wall signs.

Renderings were included in the packet.

Should the board choose to grant final review of the applicant's request, staff recommends the following conditions:

- The applicant must obtain all applicable permits
- Any deviation from what is approved shall require a re-review from this board and subsequent approval.

Bucky Greene, applicant was present to answer any questions.

The board and applicant discussed the request at length.

Wallace made a motion to approve the request as presented. Roehm seconded the motion and the motion

carried unanimously.

C. <u>210 Elm St. (Sandye Hicks Law Firm)</u>: The applicant, A1 Signs and Graphics, requests approval of proposed signage for the business, located at 210 Elm Street (368-04-02-0050).

Hucks stated that the applicant, A1 Signs and Graphics, requests approval of proposed hanging bracket sign for the business located at 210 Elm St for Sandye Hicks Law Firm.

The proposed hanging bracket sign is to measure 24" (W) X 12" (H), totaling 2 Sq. Ft. The hanging bracket sign will be approximately 11' from the bottom of the sign to the top of the sidewalk. The sign will be a double sided 2" thick routed HDU w/ Blue Border, Blue Logo and black letters all raised to me dimensional.

The proposed size of the sign is compliant with the standards of the UDO for hanging bracket signs.

The mural is proposed to be painted by City staff and to read "Conway is right up your Alley" the mural will be white and will measure 8' in diameter, totaling approximately 50.27 Sq. Ft.

Renderings were included in the packet.

Eddie Moore, applicant was present to answer any questions.

The board, staff, and applicant discussed the request at length.

Wallace made a motion to approve the request as presented contingent upon the sign mounted to the UDO requirements. Watts seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT**

Hillary Howard stated that with the board's approval to the renovations to Crafty Rooster, that brings them into compliance to received their awarded \$5,000 façade matching grant from Conway Alive. So they are excited as well for their approval to begin work.

## V. BOARD INPUT

None

#### VI. STAFF INPUT

Hucks noted that the Planning Commission date has been moved to November 27<sup>th</sup>. Staff anticipates that the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting date will be canceled because the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting rescheduled due to no quorum. She also mentioned that tomorrow November 16<sup>th</sup> in Scarborough Ally at 11am is the Arbor Day Celebration.

#### VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the

meeting at 4:19 pm. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Approved and signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Jacqueline Kurlowski, Chairperson

## DATE: December 13, 2023 ITEM: III. A.

## ISSUE:

<u>**1125** 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (Crafty Rooster)</u>: The applicant, Duplicates Ink, is requesting approval of the installation of 2 new wall signs for the business located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (PIN 368-04-02-0055).

#### ZONING DISTRICTS / HDRD:

Central Business District (CBD); Historic Design Review District (HDRD)

## **SCOPE OF WORK:**

The applicant, Duplicates Ink, is requesting approval of the installation of 2 new wall signs for the business located at 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (PIN 368-04-02-0055).

Recently Crafty Rooster received final approval for façade improvements including paint, new lighting fixtures, and awnings. The applicant is now requesting final approval on signage that will complement the new façade improvements.

The sign reading "Crafty Rooster" measures 20' (W) X 18" (H), totaling approximately 30 sq. ft. The wall the sign is to be affixed to measures 25' (W) x 20' (H), totaling 500 sq. ft. with a max coverage area of 15%, allowing for 75 sq. ft. total.

The sign reading "The Bird on Third" measures 8' (W) X 8" (H), totaling approximately 5.36 sq. ft. The wall the sign is to be affixed to measures 25' (W) x 20' (H), totaling 500 sq. ft. with a max coverage area of 15%, allowing for 75 sq. ft. total.

Typically, 2 wall signs are not allowed for one tenant. However, there are a few instances when a second wall sign would be allowed 1) if there is more than one tenant. 2) if the building is located on a corner lot 3) if the sign is installed on another façade or 4) if there is a second public entrance. This business has 2 of the 4 options that are applicable. There is a second public entrance and the sign is also installed on another façade. Allowing the installation of the second wall sign.

The proposed size of the signs is compliant with the UDO.

Renderings are included in your packet

#### **Applicable Standards**

#### City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):

- Section 2.2.2, Sign-Related Definitions
- Section 11.3.2, Sign Standards by Zoning District
- ➢ Section 11.4.1 Wall Signs

#### Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines:

- Section C, Ch 5: 5.1 Marketing and Sign Basics
- Section C, Ch 6: 6.1 The Primary Sign
- Section C, Ch. 6:6.2 Secondary Signs

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

If the board chooses to grant the request, staff recommends the following conditions:

- The applicant must obtain all applicable permits
- Any deviation from what is approved shall require a re-review from this board and subsequent approval.



# City of Conway

Community Appearance Board APPLICATION / CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS



City of Conway Planning Department 196 Laurel Street, 29526

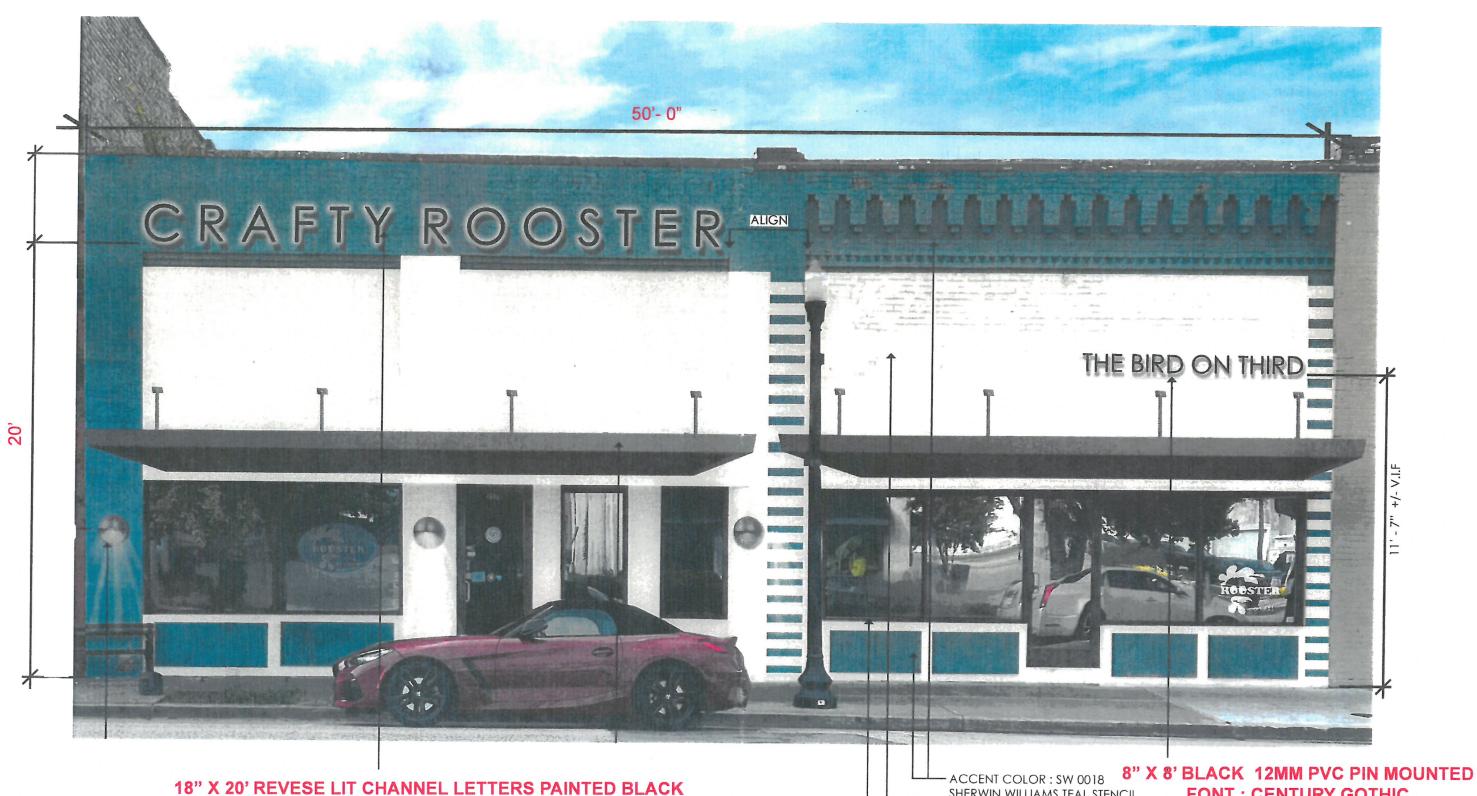
Phone: (843) 488-9888 Conway, South Carolina

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Property Address: 1125 Third Avenue Conway			PIN#: 368	804020054
Project Type:	HDRD:		Meeting [	Date:12/13/2023
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Property Owner: Girard LLC Daytime phone:301-252-1094				
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Agent's mailing address:       2408 Main Street       Agents's e-mail address:       jbruno@sccoast.net				
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Submittal Requirements: (See attached CAB Requirements)         ****Digital copies of all supporting materials must be submitted along with two hard copies; <ul> <li>Zoning approval obtained and/or initial TRC review completed</li> <li>Completed CAB application</li> <li>Two (2) copies of all relevant information (As deemed necessary by CAB and/or Planning Director)</li> <li>Site plans illustrating of existing structures and proposed new structures and/or additions</li> <li>Landscape plans illustrating the location of existing landscaping and proposed new landscaping;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Building designs and facade drawings of the front, sides, and rear of all proposed new structures and/or facades proposed to be renovated;</li> <li>Plans for existing signage and proposed new signage;</li> <li>Color samples of paint, brick, shingles, siding;</li> <li>Topographic surveys;</li> <li>Tree surveys;</li> <li>Lighting plans;</li> <li>Specifications for miscellaneous architectural elements (lighting fixtures, hardware and finishes, etc.)</li> </ul>
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hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the ubject property or the authorized representative of the owner. I authorize the subject property to be inspected, and that all required naterial will be submitted to the City of Conway Planning Department no later than ten(10) days prior to the meeting date. The Community Appearance Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. in the Building & Planning Department, 96 Laurel Street. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals from other city departments, and that all zoning equirements must be satisfied prior to the project's being placed on a Community Appearance Board agenda. A REPRESENTATIVE	
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## 2.2.2 Sign-related Definitions

#### Refer to Article 11 for Signage Regulations.

**Animation:** The movement, or the optical illusion of movement of any part of the sign structure, design or pictorial including the movement of any illumination or the flashing, scintillating or varying of light intensity. The automatic changing of all or any part of the facing of a sign or any part of a sign shall be considered to be animation. Also, included in this definition are signs having "chasing action" which is the action of a row of lights commonly used to create the appearance of motion. Time and temperature units and electronic message centers are not included in this definition.

**Sign:** Any device designed to attract the attention of the public for commercial or advertising purposes that is attached, painted or otherwise affixed to, or a part of a building, structure, material, surface, vehicle, or object. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings except letters or trademarks, fences, walls and works of art, which are noncommercial in nature, are not to be construed as being a sign. Sign shall include any artificial light source, time or temperature units, clocks and any device that animates or projects a visual representation that attracts the attention of the public for commercial purpose.

**Sign Area** (also referred to as the gross surface area): The square foot area individual symbols, letters, figures, illustrations, messages, forms, or panels, sign area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs and symbols, together with the background on which they are displayed, any frame around the sign and any "cutouts" or extensions, but shall not include any supporting structure or bracing. The aggregate sign area is the summation of the area of all sign faces combined.

**Sign Copy:** The portion of a sign which contains the name, logo, advertising message, or business identification and consists of all such symbols, letters, figures, insignia, illustrations, messages or forms. Sign copy does not include the border, molding or decorative framing.

**Sign Face:** The part of the sign that is or can be used to identify, advertise, communicate information or for visual representation which attracts the attention of the public for any purpose. Sign face includes any background material, panel, trim, color, and direct or self-illumination used that differentiates that sign from the building, structure, backdrop surface or object upon which or against which it is placed. The sign structure shall not be included as a portion of the sign face provided that no identifying/advertising message, symbol or any of the aforementioned sign face criteria are displayed on or designed as part of the sign structure, whether structurally necessary or not. In the case of signs designed with integral sign face and sign structure, the blank (support) area equivalent to a maximum of 50% of the allowable sign area shall be exempt from computations of sign area.

**Sign Height:** The vertical distance measured from the lowest adjacent street crown grade to the top of the sign face or sign structure, whichever is greater.



**Sign Panel:** The primary surface of a sign that carries the identifying/advertising message.

**Sign Structure:** A supporting structure erected or intended for the purpose of identification or advertising with or without a sign thereon, situated upon or attached to the premises upon which any sign may be fastened, affixed, displayed or applied, provided however, said definition shall not include a building or fence. If the total width of the sign structure exceeds fifty (50) percent of the total width of the sign face, the sign structure area shall be included as part of the sign area.

## <u>Sign Types</u>

**Abandoned Sign:** Any sign that advertises a business, owner, product, service, or activity that is no longer located on the premises where the sign is displayed.

**Arm Post Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on one post not exceeding 8 feet in height, that is placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the off centered structure for support. (Section 11.4.8)

Awning Sign: Signage or text located on the front face of an awning projection. (Section 11.4.3)

**Banner:** A sign or outside advertising display having the character, letters, illustrations, ornamentations, symbol, color, or visual representation applied to cloth, paper, vinyl, fabric, plastic, or like kind of flexible material with or without frame. The term banner shall include flags, pennants, life rafts, floats, spinners, streamers, kites, balloons, (but not dirigibles) and/or similar types of lighter than air objects, or any other material or outside advertising display fastened in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to movement of the atmosphere or any mechanical device.

**Billboard (Traditional):** A traditional sign identifying/advertising and/or directing the public to a business or merchandise or service or institution or residential area or entertainment which is located, sold, rented, leased, produced, manufactured and/or furnished at a place other than the real property on which said sign is located. Traditional Billboards do not display messages by electronic means but instead utilizes materials such as paint, vinyl and/or paper substrates. The advertisement does not rotate, but is stationary. Such signs are also known as outdoor advertising display signs. (Section 11.4.14)

**Billboard (Digital):** A digital billboard sign identifying/advertising and/or directing the public to a business or merchandise or service or institution or residential area or entertainment which is located, sold, rented, leased, produced, manufactured and/or furnished at a place other than the real property on which said sign is located, by utilizing a mechanism to allow advertisements to rotate in succession. Such display changes the static message or copy of the sign by electronic (digital) means. (Section 11.4.14)

**Building Identification Sign:** A sign bearing only the name, number(s), letter(s), and/or symbol(s) which identifies a particular building or occupant.



**Changeable Copy:** An element of a sign in which a message is changed manually in the field, through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols, and other similar characters of changeable pictorial panels.

**Directional Sign:** A sign permanently erected or permitted in the public right-of-way or private property by the state of South Carolina, or other governmental agency to denote the name of any thoroughfare, the route to any city, town, village, educational institution, public building, historic place, shrine, or hospital, to direct and regulate traffic, to denote any railroad crossing, bridge, or other transportation or transmission company for the direction or safety of the public.

**Directory Sign:** A sign listing the names and/or use, or location of more than one (1) business, activity or professional office conducted within a building, group of buildings or commercial center. Such a sign contains no other identifying/advertising message than that listed above. (Section 11.4.8)

**Drive-Thru Sign:** Drive-Thru signs shall be allowed only with a restaurant having a drive-through window. The color of such signs shall be similar to the main building or other signage for the development. (Section 11.4.16)

**Electronic Message Center (EMC)**: A type of sign that presents its message through internal illumination of flashing, intermittent, or moving lights forming the letters, numbers, or symbols of the message, whether or not the message appears to move across the sign face. (Section 11.4.9) [ZA2019-03-18 9 (C)]

Fixed Projecting Sign: A plaque mounted on a wall, projecting 90 degrees from the building wall.

**Freestanding Post Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on two posts that are placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the structure for support. (Section 11.4.7)

**Grandfathered Signs:** Signs, or sign hardware, of historic significance, such as those relating to an original business, that have a built-in nature to a significant form or style of historic architecture, or the nostalgic name of a business that has come to define a site for a long period of time.

**Handbill (circular):** A sign that is distributed to the public or placed on vehicles, buildings, structures, objects or surfaces as part of said distribution.

**Hanging (suspended) Sign:** Hanging signs and suspended signs, sometimes called "blade signs", are used to help define entries and identify business names to pedestrians. They are small and can hangover a building entry if the appropriate clearance is provided (Section 11.4.5).

**Historic Identification Signs:** Small date markers, "National Register" identification plaques, history signs or site identification markers that are part of a local or regional tourism initiative.



**Iconic Sign:** A sign whose form suggests its meaning. It may be sculptural in style and demonstrates extraordinary aesthetic quality, creativity or innovation. They typically have characteristics of art, going beyond simply advertising the why and where. It typically refers to an object in symbolic form.

**L.E.D. Digital Sign:** A sign or portion thereof that displays electronic images, graphics, numbers, prices, or other text information using different combinations of light emitting diodes (LEDs). (Section 11.4.9). These types of signs do not include signs which use LED lights for illumination only. [ZA2019-03-18 9 (C)]

**Monument Sign:** A sign in which the entire bottom of the sign face is in contact with a solid and continuous structure which is attached to the ground and made of brick, stone, or other material architecturally compatible with the principal building on the lot with which it pertains. (Section 11.4.6)

**Nonconforming Signs:** Any sign, which was granted a permit and was erected or displayed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments thereto which does not conform to the standards of this Ordinance.

**Off-Premises Sign:** A business sign which directs the attention of the public to a business, activity conducted, or a product sold or offered at a location not on the same premises where such business sign is located. (Section 11.4.14)

**Official Business Directional Sign:** A sign erected and maintained by the state or any entity authorized by the state to indicate to the traveling public the route and distance to public accommodations or commercial services for the traveling public.

**Pole Sign:** A large sign, typically facing an arterial or collector road, which is in excess of eight (8) feet in height and centered on a single support.

**Political Sign:** A sign erected by a political candidate, group or agent thereof, for the purpose of advertising a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the city shall vote. (Section 11.4.19).

**Pole Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on one pole that is placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the structure for support.

**Political Sign:** A sign erected by a political candidate, group or agent thereof, for the purpose of advertising a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the city shall vote. (Section 11.5.6).

**Portable Sign:** Any sign designed or intended to be readily relocated whether or not it is permanently attached to a building, structure or on the ground. The term includes on wheels or on portable structures, tent signs, A-frame signs, sidewalk and sandwich signs and similar devices and any sign not secured or securely affixed to the ground or a permanent structure.



**Private Traffic Directional Sign:** A sign which is on-premise consisting of type and/or an arrow and is designed, sized and erected solely for the purpose of vehicular or pedestrian traffic direction or safety.

**Projecting Sign:** Projecting signs are attached to a building face and project out perpendicular to the building wall (Section 11.4.4)

**Pylon Sign**: A freestanding sign in excess of eight (8) feet in height that is detached from a building and is supported by one or more structural elements which are architecturally similar to the design of the sign.

**Residential Subdivision Sign:** The purpose of residential subdivision signs is to identify the name of a subdivision, provided the subdivision is not an in-fill project within an established neighborhood. They are usually monument signs or wall signs placed on a wall feature in a landscaped open space area at the entry of the development. (Section 11.14.11)

**Roof Sign:** A sign erected over or on, and wholly or partially dependent upon thereof of any building for support, or attached to the roof in any way.

**Sandwich Board Sign:** Sandwich-board signs can be effective for certain types of uses, such as markets, restaurants, or bakeries that have changing specials and menus. These sign may have rewritable surfaces, such as chalkboards or dry-erase boards. (Section 11.4.16)

**Shopping Center Identification Sign:** Shopping center identification signs are used to identify the name of a shopping center as well as the tenants within the shopping center (Section 11.4.17).

**Snipe Sign:** A sign which is tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued or otherwise poles, stakes, or fences, or to other objects, and the advertising matter appearing thereon is not applicable to the present use of the premises upon which such sign is located.

**Swinging Projecting Sign:** A sign projecting from the outside wall or walls of any building which is supported by only one (1) rigid support, irrespective of the number of guy wires used in connection therewith.

**Time and Temperature Sign:** An electrical sign utilizing lights going on and off periodically to display the current time and temperature in the community. (Section 11.4.12)

**Vehicle Sign:** A permanent or temporary sign affixed, painted on, or placed in or upon any vehicle, trailer or other device capable of being towed, the primary purpose of which is to attract the attention of the public rather than to serve the business of the owner thereof in the manner which is customary for said vehicle, provided that this definition does not include any signs which are required by any unit of government and does not include a single sign placed on a single vehicle or trailer at a residence of an individual which sign identifies the vehicle or trailer as being for sale.



**Wall Sign:** Any sign that shall be affixed parallel to the top of the wall or printed on the wall of any building in such a manner as to read parallel to the wall on which it is mounted; provided however, said wall sign shall not project above the tip of the wall or beyond the end of the building. Any sign that is affixed to the face of a building marquee, building awning, or a building canopy shall be considered a wall sign. (Section 11.4.1)

**Window Sign:** Any sign which is painted on, applied to, or projected upon or within the exterior or interior of a building glass area, including doors, or located within twelve (12) inches of the interior of a building glass area, including doors, whose identification, message, symbol, insignia, visual representation, logotype, or any form which communicates information, can be read from off premises contiguous property or public right-of-way. (Section 11.4.2) [ZA2021-08-16(C)]

## 2.2.3 Industrial District Definitions

**Agricultural Processing:** Processing of foods and beverages from agricultural commodities, but excludes animal slaughtering. Typical uses include canning of fruits and vegetables, processing of dairy products, and the production of prepared meats (from purchased, previously slaughtered animals).

**Agricultural Research:** Agricultural research use type refers to establishments for experimental greenhouse and field growing of agricultural commodities, landscaping and seeds, including experimental use of herbicides, pesticides and other agricultural practices.

Alternative Energy Production: Energy production sites dedicated to the commercial production of electricity by means of wind, solar, or other non-petroleum energy sources.

**Custom Manufacturing:** Custom manufacturing refers to the on-site production of goods by hand manufacturing or artistic endeavor, which involves only the use of hand tools, individually powered tools or domestic mechanical equipment and the incidental sale of these goods directly to consumers. Typical uses include ceramic studios, custom cabinet making, crafts making, candle making, custom jewelry manufacturers, woodworkers, custom furniture craftsmen, metal craftsmen, blacksmiths, and glass blowers.

**High Technology (Hi-Tech) Industry:** Research, development and controlled production of hightechnology electronic, industrial or scientific products. Typical uses include biotechnology firms and computer component manufacturers.

**Light Industrial:** Production processes which use already manufactured components to assemble, print or package a product such as cloth, paper, plastic, leather, wood, glass or stones, but not including such operations as paper, saw or mills, steel, iron or other metalwork's, rolling mills, or any manufacturing uses involving primary production of commodities from raw materials. By the nature of the activity performed and/or the scale of the operation, these uses can be located near residential or commercial uses with minimal impact to adjacent uses. Typical uses include apparel manufacturing, paper products finishing, furniture production and production of fabricated metal products.



**Heavy Industrial:** Heavy industry refers to production processes, which should not be located near residential or commercial uses due to the insensitive nature of the industrial activity and/or the scale of the operation. These uses may be located near other manufacturing uses exhibiting similar characteristics although special control measures may be required for some extremely intensive operations to ensure compatibility with similar industrial uses. Typical uses include equipment or vehicle manufacturing, sawmills, textile dying, leather tanning, hazardous chemical production, petroleum refining, primary metal processing and production of explosives or propellants.

Wholesaling, Storage, and Distribution. Wholesaling, storage and distribution use type refers to establishments or places of business primarily engaged in wholesaling, storage and bulk sale distribution including but not limited to, air handling of material and equipment other than live animals and plants. The following are wholesaling, storage, and distribution use types:

- Light: Wholesaling, storage and warehousing services within enclosed structures. Typical uses include wholesale distributors, storage warehouses, or moving and storage firms.
- **Heavy:** Distribution and handling of materials and equipment. Typical uses include monument sales, stone yards or open storage yards.



## Section 11.3 – Sign Standards by Zoning Districts

## 11.3.1 Signs in Residential Zoning Districts

- A. <u>Signs Permitted in Residential Zoning Districts:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific requirements. Additionally, some Conditional Uses in Article 5 include specific requirements for signage.
- B. <u>Residential Subdivision and Multifamily Unit Signs:</u> See Section 11.4.11.
- C. <u>Religious Institutions, Educational Facilities, Cemeteries, Country Clubs, Parks, and Similar</u> <u>Recreational Uses:</u> Shall be permitted one (1) wall sign or one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage. This shall not exceed a cumulative sign surface area of fifty (50) square feet. The freestanding sign shall be a monument or freestanding post type and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

Religious institutions and educational facilities shall have the option of internally illumination or ground lighting; all other permitted signs shall not be internally illuminated. Such signs shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any adjoining property boundary.

## 11.3.2 Signs in Non-Residential Zoning Districts

- A. <u>Signs Permitted in Non-Residential Zoning Districts:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific requirements. Some Conditional Uses in Article 5 also include specific requirements for signage. Additionally, some Conditional Uses in Article 5 include specific requirements for signage.
- B. <u>Religious Institutions, Educational Facilities, Cemeteries, Country Clubs, Parks, and Similar</u> <u>Recreational Uses:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific dimensions of signs permitted in non-residential districts.



## Section 11.4 – Sign Standards by Sign Type

## 11.4.1 Wall Signs

Wall signs include most types of signage that are attached to the face of a building wall. These include channel letters made out of wood, metal or plastic. Wall signs may be painted on a wall, or on a board that is attached to a wall.

Wall signs should be oriented to achieve balanced composition and harmony with other architectural elements of a building façade. Wall signs should be placed on a flat building surface and should not be placed over or otherwise obscure architectural building features. Changeable copy signs are not permitted as a wall sign, except for cinemas, theaters, and auditoriums.



## A. Location and Number Permitted

Only one wall sign per tenant will be allowed and shall be located at the Public Entrance. A second wall sign will be allowed if the building is located on a corner lot, installed on another facade or if there is a second public entrance. The maximum number of wall signs permitted is two (2) per tenant space.

## B. Size

Wall signs may be a maximum of 15% of the building face where the sign is attached. The changeable copy if included in wall signs shall be limited to six (6) square feet.

## C. Illumination

Wall signs may be illuminated by any means consistent with Section 11.1.8.

## D. Zoning

Wall signs are allowed in all zoning districts.

## 11.4.2 Window Signs

Window signs should be scaled to the pedestrian and oriented to window shoppers on the sidewalk, as opposed to vehicles passing by. Window signs should be limited to small graphics and text that serve to frame a window or to provide information. A window sign should not obscure the view into a store or place of business.

## A. Location and Number Permitted

There is no specific location requirement or limit to the number of window signs allowed. A window sign is a sign that is painted on or attached to a window. Window signs



do not include business hours of operation or open/closed signs. Window displays, including merchandise displays, graphics and text, that are located twelve (12) inches or more from the face of a window are not considered signs. <u>Window signs shall not count towards the cumulative number of signs permitted</u>.



INTRODUCTION TO SIGN BASICS Chapter 5

## **5.1. Marketing and SIGN BASICS**

The City of Conway has a sign ordinance, (*City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance*, Article 11) which takes precedent. These guidelines have been designed to work as a suppliment of visual suggestions for traditional commercial building owners throughout all local Historic Design Review Districts (HDRDs). Significant focus is given to buildings in the historic commercial HDRD. It is the intent of this section to help building owners understand their building features and how the best scale, type, materials and placement of signage will benefit their businesses.

The quality and amount of signs on buildings has a great impact on the appearance of a downtown area, either positive or negative. Each and every storefront should be an individual statement for its intended market and audience, while also appearing in harmony with neighboring businesses.

Different types of signs serve different purposes in a downtown area. In most areas of any downtown, first impressions may be from an automobile, and certain signs are designed to be seen from that vantage point. Other signs are intended for the pedestrian to read while

## "Keep It Simple"

While these guidelines are intended to prevent sign and visual "clutter" in the downtown district, they are primarily meant to guide the business owner as to traditional placement and good design. Keeping information and expression within established guidelines not only helps each business but the entire district as a whole.



Primary Signs Home, Yard Placement & Lighting: pg.D.17

strolling the sidewalk. The building or retail owner's choice of materials, size, scale and type of signage are reflective of the way that the business is intended to be portrayed. A general rule of identification is that any patron needs only to recognize where a business is once. These traditional commercial sign guidelines provide for the multiple types of commonly used signs that are required for the best business visibility. This chapter suggests how to "read" individual buildings in order to identify proper sign placement depending on each primary facade and divide the facade area for "business divisions" if there might be multiple sign users.

With the City of Conway's rich architectural history, exemplified by distinct building styles over many periods of its history, simple "marketing" rules related to signage remain basic:

- "KEEP IT SIMPLE"
- STAY IN CONTEXT
- USE APPROPRIATE SCALE
- FOLLOW GOOD SIGN PLACEMENT
- CREATE A "HIERARCHY" OF SIGN TYPES

#### APPROPRIATE:



Keeping sign clutter down, information simple, and aligned in traditional "signband" locations is important in the CBD where businesses are close together. Bold lettering or sign boards within prescribed architectural space is key.

**INAPPROPRIATE:** 



This is an example of a downtown commercial district that lacks signs where signs are meant to be. This does nothing to help these businesses promote themselves.

## **C** TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL SIGN GUIDELINES

Chapter 5

INTRODUCTION TO SIGN BASICS

## 5.1. Sign Basics (continued)

## The Context of Signs

Beyond City sign ordinances, these guidelines should help identify and the use of sign construction appropriate to the building style and how the sign will be seen within the surrounding environment. Signs should work in context with the architecture of the individual building. Use fundamental features of the facade such as building piers, storefront cornices, and storefront framing for traditional and best placement of signs (Figure 3.2 next pg). Many upper facade features and stylized materials will provide built-in framing. Any new or reproduction sign should be consistent with the placement and type of signage that would historically have been used (or intended to be used) with that building. A building should not be adorned with signs that change the construction of the facade or the storefront. For example, overly "built" theme fronts and amenities that change the character of the architecture. The sign should be considered an expression of the type of business and therefore an extension of that individual business's identity, but also take in consideration the historic architecture.

If the storefront or business model is designed to utilize contemporary sign materials, a traditional approach with respect to placement, size and scale relative to the building features should still be followed. (Especially see "Scale" below.) In addition, the sign and its method of attachment should be reversible to the building itself to the greatest extent possible in order to maintain the integrity of significant building materials.

## Use Appropriate Scale

Scale can be fairly subjective. Size limits set within City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, Article 11 and additional suggestions, based on "sign types" in these guidelines, should help guide maximum scale on historic buildings. To judge "scale" each business must weigh the overall coverage of all signs being used on its facade, the perception the business is going to create, and how the signage aligns with neighboring signs. The average size of other signs in the immediate downtown environment might determine whether sign scale in a particular part of a district is smaller or larger than allowable. A marketing rule for scale is generally the smaller the sign and less information provided, the more sophisticated the business will be perceived. Businesses that cram type on out-of-scale signs are often perceived as lower-end or discount.

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**APPROPRIATE:** 



A single-bay contemporary framed storefront with traditional construction is shown here with an appropriate amount of signs. The design of a primary blade sign and secondary sign band over the door is in-context with the character of the space, the architecture and business.

#### APPROPRIATE:



Scale of signs work in a pedestrian oriented district and must not dominate the architecture. Note how upper facade architecture pre-defines size.

#### **INAPPROPRIATE:**



Flat vinyl letters applied to an out-of-scale signboard construction are shown above. The entire sign is set across facade elements such as building piers, banding and slightly over the storefront opening edge. This becomes out of context to the traditional architecture.

#### **INAPPROPRIATE:**



A sign that is too small for the large area of the upper facade is out of scale. This may interrupt the rhythm viewing signs and horizontal continuity of the block. The entire business may be overlooked.

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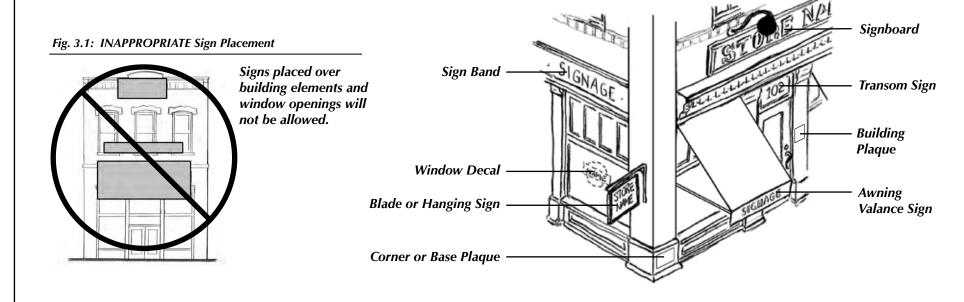
5.1. Sign Basics (continued)

## Follow Good Sign Placement

5.1.1 In no case shall a sign applied to a building be allowed to obscure any significant architectural details of a building face, nor shall a wall sign be designed to cover existing windows.

## Fig. 3.2: Contextual Types and Placement of Signs

For example only, all signs shown would not be allowed on one building:



## Create a Hierarchy of Sign Types

These guidelines use three different sign category terms to suggest a traditional system of sign "hierarchy" per business division, rather than per facade (see also Section C, Chapter 5.4 "Dividing the Facade for Clearer Signage"):

- PRIMARY SIGN
- SECONDARY SIGN(S) .
- SUBORDINATE SIGNS .

## **Quick Reference Guide to These Sign Guidelines:**



Primary Signs: pg. C.8-C.9 Secondary Signs: pg. C.10 Chapter 6 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL SIGN SUGGESTIONS

## 6.1. The Primary Sign

## Description and Use:

The PRIMARY SIGN is NOT expressly defined as such in the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance*. This sign "category" is exemplary within these guidelines ONLY for the most traditional use and placement of the most dominant sign (i.e. largest in size and prominently placed on the upper facade, hung from public exterior, brightest lit, etc.). (Fig. 3.6)

- 61.1 The Primary Sign should ONLY be the business name, logo or business type (i.e. "Bicycles," "PIZZA," "Food," "EAT," "Loans," etc.).
- 6.1.2 The Primary Sign may be a dimensional icon, graphically depicting the type of business.
- 6.1.3 A side wall mural may become the Primary Sign and will probably exceed the suggested size on that facade. A variance may be granted for a wall mural sign if the CAB determines it appropriate; however, any other signs on any facade will be "secondary" to this sign. Painting on unpainted historic, natural brick surface may not be allowed.
- 6.1.4 **Awnings should NOT be used for Primary Signs,** as they are a building amenity; however, awning valances may be used for Secondary or Subordinate Signs.

## Significant Historic "Grandfathered" Signs:

# (As identified by the CAB) these signs MUST be retained as they are part of the history of the facade, storefront or building in some way.

6.1.5 Grandfathered historic signs may be covered with new board or neon re-worked to accommodate a new business as long as modifications are "reversible" to the historic sign.

## Suggested Amount:

ONE Primary Sign per "business division" of the primary 6.1.6 facade (see Section C, Chapter 5.4 "Dividing the Facade for Clearer Sign-age" to see suggestions on visually dividing the facade per usage). A SECOND Primary Sign may be used on a corner building with 2 facades.

## General Size Suggestions:

<sup>6.1.7</sup> Primary signs, with the exception of projecting hanging signs, may be a maximum of 100 square feet or 15% of the building face where the sign is attached, whichever is less.

- 6.1.8 The widest point of ONE dimension (vertical or horizontal) of the Primary Sign should not exceed three (3) feet, or fit into a circular diameter of five (5) feet. No Primary Sign should exceed 100 square feet.
- <sup>61.9</sup> Window signs (as Primary Signs) on or above the second floor may obtain a variance to cover no more than 30% of any <u>one</u> window.
- 6.1.10 A hanging or projecting sign, known as a "blade" sign, will usually be much smaller than the allowed general size based on construction limitations. The size of a blade sign depends on the room for, and style of, the bracket hardware, adequate space for stabilization (if wires are needed), and weight/stress on the building. These factors, plus the projecting space over the storefront coupled with potential right-of-way liabilities, will usually lead to this reduction in size from a mounted Primary Sign. **Generally, blade sign size is within eight to ten square feet.**

## SPECIAL NOTES:

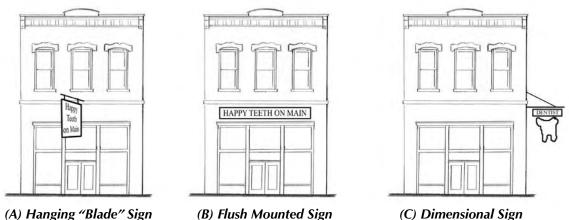
6.1.11 The Community Appearance Board may determine, in specific cases or in general that the full size suggestion is too large "in-scale-to" or obstructing significant architecture. The CAB will suggest an appropriate size. Primary "blade" signs will usually be much smaller than the maximum allowed size. Awnings should generally not be used as primary signs, however if granted the lettering placement and size will require additional review (see below).



In very few circumstances should Primary Signs be mounted on an awning. If the business should happen to change the entire awning becomes irrelevant. In the example there is room for a horizontal sign board above and the awning can be mounted slightly lower for more sign room. If the only option is an awning sign, scale and placement of the lettering must not be obtrusive. <u>Awning lettering</u> should follow primary sign suggestions.

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#### Fig. 3.6: Suggested Primary Sign Types



(A) Hanging "Blade" Sign

(B) Flush Mounted Sign

In the example above, a dental practice may have a Primary Sign that will read "HAPPY TEETH ON MAIN" which is the actual name of the business - or simply "DENTIST." It will be the most predominant sign on the facade in one of three configurations shown:

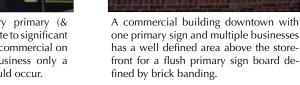
- (A) a perpendicular hanging sign, or "blade" sign, over the sidewalk and storefront, side or corner mount,
- (B) mounted or painted to a flush surface on the building designated for sign use, or

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(C) the sign may just be a large fiberglass tooth hung from the side, front or corner of the building. NOTE: a second Primary Sign may be used on aditional facade of a corner building.



Combination mid-century primary (& secondary) sign appropriate to significant (ca.1940s) auto-oriented commercial on Elm Street. With new business only a change in the panels should occur.



The above images are for example only. This does not represent the only application and design of signs possible, as every building and allowable sign area is individually unique.



Flush primary signs centered to the front of the main storefront and a second, primary sign centered over a display on a side facade. Signband area is defined by the architecture. These primary signs are scaled well with the largest over front.



Businesses in Conway are starting a trend of elaborate, artistic blade sign brackets and hardware for primary signs. This is a unique feature to Conway as a district and the dimensions of the hardware add another level to the signage.

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#### Chapter 6 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL SIGN SUGGESTIONS

## 6.2. Secondary Signs

## Description and Use:

SECONDARY SIGNS are NOT expressly defined as such in the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance. This sign "category" is exemplary within these guidelines ONLY for the most traditional suggested use and placement of additional signs, generally secondary, to the Primary Sign or "supporting signage" to the business name or identity (Fig. 3.7).

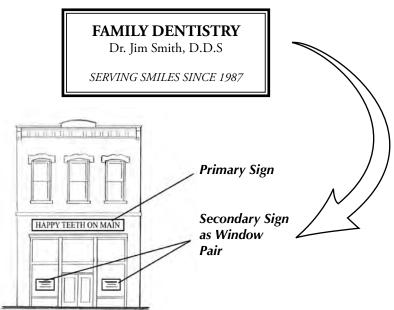
- 6.2.1 Secondary Signs can be located in many places on the facade, and they must be approved by the CAB to be "secondary" in nature to the Primary Sign. This includes repeated, matching signs in display windows
- 6.2.2 The Secondary Sign may be the business name or the type of business applied to the valance or "skirt" of the primary awning.
- 6.2.3 The Secondary Sign may include tag lines below the name, graphics, or proprietor / professional's name and title, or slogan.
- 6.2.4 The Secondary Sign could be a dimensional icon graphically depicting the type of business; however it SHOULD be smaller than the Primary Sign as described below.
- 6.2.5 Neon, channel letter or any internally-lit signs are NOT permitted as Secondary Signs.

## Suggested Amount:

- 6.2.6 Generally ONE per "business division" of the primary facade, with the exception of matching window signs (see Section C, Chapter 5.4 "Dividing the Facade for Clearer Signage" for suggestions on visually dividing the facade per usage).
- 6.2.7 An identical PAIR (set) of window signs (on multiple display windows) can be counted as one Secondary Sign. (Fig. 3.7)

## General Size Suggestion (each):

- 6.2.8 Suggested at 20% or less of the square footage of the Primary Sign.
- At any time, no single window should be covered more than 25% and 6.2.9 no single door glass more than 50% (City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, Article 11). Window signs on or above the second floor (if upper levels are used as part of the primary business at street level) should be limited to one or two words (i.e. "PUB," "Dentist," "TAT-TOO," or "Law Firm"), or simply not used at all to avoid clutter.



Additional Sign Suggestion (to reduce clutter):

above, then the pair (set) might be used.

Fig. 3.7: EXAMPLE of Suggested Secondary Signs

graphics might be exempt from this limitation.

6.2.10 If the business is located on a corner, occupies multiple storefronts, or

business should still have only one (1) Primary Sign, however.

62.11 If there is an identical window sign (to create a pair) within a separate

6.2.12 When using multiple lines of type or full logos in mass, at their wid-

in a stand-alone structure, then EACH facade (storefront) might have

one (1) additional Secondary Sign upon that facade. NOTE: The entire

display window pane, and each conforming to the size limitations listed

est point, should not exceed three (3) feet. Single lines of type or line

Using the Flush Primary Sign, from the previous Figure 3.6, the Primary Sign reads "HAPPY TEETH ON MAIN," The Secondary Signs are applied as a pair of signs to the two storefront windows. NOTE: This is a matching pair of signs as suggested to count together as one Secondary Sign - the dentist may still place "Subordinate Signs" described next.

## DATE: December 13, 2023 ITEM: III. B.

## ISSUE:

<u>323 Main St (Main 323 LLC)</u>: The applicant, A1 Signs and Graphics, is requesting approval of the installation of a new address directory sign for the business located at 323 Main St (PIN 367-01-01-0023).

## ZONING DISTRICTS / HDRD:

Central Business District (CBD); Historic Design Review District (HDRD)

## **SCOPE OF WORK:**

The applicant, A1 Signs & Graphics, is requesting approval of the installation of a new address directory sign for the business located at 323 Main St (PIN 367-01-01-0023).

The sign will be a cast metal sign with dimension and plates that are to be screwed on according to tenant placement. The sign measures 15" (W) X 20" (H), totaling approximately 2 sq. ft. The wall the sign is to be affixed to measures 30' (W) x 35' (H), totaling 1050 sq. ft. with a max coverage area of 15%, allowing for 157 sq. ft. total.

The proposed size of the sign is compliant with the UDO. The sign is not required to obtain a permit according to section 11.2.1(I) of the UDO but due to the location within the HDRD the applicant was required to request CAB approval.

Renderings are included in your packet

#### **Applicable Standards**

City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):

- Section 2.2.2, Sign-Related Definitions
- Section 11.3.2, Sign Standards by Zoning District
- Section 11.2.1, Signs Exempt from Permit Procedures
- Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines:
  - Section C, Ch 5: 5.1 Marketing and Sign Basics
  - Section C, Ch. 6:6.2 Secondary Signs

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

If the board chooses to grant the request, staff recommends the following conditions:

- The applicant must obtain all applicable permits
- Any deviation from what is approved shall require a re-review from this board and subsequent approval.



# City of Conway Community Appearance Board

APPLICATION / CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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#### Submittal Requirements: (See attached CAB Requirements) <u>\*\*\*Digital copies of all supporting materials must be submitted</u> <u>along with two hard copies;</u>

- Zoning approval obtained and/or initial TRC review completed
- Completed CAB application
- Two (2) copies of all relevant information (As deemed necessary by CAB and/or Planning Director)
- Site plans illustrating of existing structures and proposed new structures and/or additions
- Landscape plans illustrating the location of existing landscaping and proposed new landscaping;

- Building designs and facade drawings of the front, sides, and rear of all proposed new structures and/or facades proposed to be renovated;
- Plans for existing signage and proposed new signage;
- Color samples of paint, brick, shingles, siding;
- Topographic surveys;
- □ Tree surveys;
- Lighting plans;
- Specifications for miscellaneous architectural elements (lighting fixtures, hardware and finishes, etc.)

I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the subject
property or the authorized representative of the owner. I authorize the subject property to be inspected, and that all required material will be
submitted to the City of Conway Planning Department no later than ten(10) days prior to the meeting date. The Community Appearance
Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. in City Hall, 229 Main Street. I understand that it is my responsibility
to obtain all necessary approvals from other city departments, and that all zoning requirements must be satisfied prior to the project's being
placed on a Community Appearance Board agenda. A REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAVE YOUR
REQUEST HEARD.

Applicant's signature: Caldie Moore

\_\_\_\_\_date:\_\_\_

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# **PROPOSED SIGN REQUEST**

<u>SIGN A:</u> Sq. Ft:



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## 2.2.2 Sign-related Definitions

#### Refer to Article 11 for Signage Regulations.

**Animation:** The movement, or the optical illusion of movement of any part of the sign structure, design or pictorial including the movement of any illumination or the flashing, scintillating or varying of light intensity. The automatic changing of all or any part of the facing of a sign or any part of a sign shall be considered to be animation. Also, included in this definition are signs having "chasing action" which is the action of a row of lights commonly used to create the appearance of motion. Time and temperature units and electronic message centers are not included in this definition.

**Sign:** Any device designed to attract the attention of the public for commercial or advertising purposes that is attached, painted or otherwise affixed to, or a part of a building, structure, material, surface, vehicle, or object. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings except letters or trademarks, fences, walls and works of art, which are noncommercial in nature, are not to be construed as being a sign. Sign shall include any artificial light source, time or temperature units, clocks and any device that animates or projects a visual representation that attracts the attention of the public for commercial purpose.

**Sign Area** (also referred to as the gross surface area): The square foot area individual symbols, letters, figures, illustrations, messages, forms, or panels, sign area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs and symbols, together with the background on which they are displayed, any frame around the sign and any "cutouts" or extensions, but shall not include any supporting structure or bracing. The aggregate sign area is the summation of the area of all sign faces combined.

**Sign Copy:** The portion of a sign which contains the name, logo, advertising message, or business identification and consists of all such symbols, letters, figures, insignia, illustrations, messages or forms. Sign copy does not include the border, molding or decorative framing.

**Sign Face:** The part of the sign that is or can be used to identify, advertise, communicate information or for visual representation which attracts the attention of the public for any purpose. Sign face includes any background material, panel, trim, color, and direct or self-illumination used that differentiates that sign from the building, structure, backdrop surface or object upon which or against which it is placed. The sign structure shall not be included as a portion of the sign face provided that no identifying/advertising message, symbol or any of the aforementioned sign face criteria are displayed on or designed as part of the sign structure, whether structurally necessary or not. In the case of signs designed with integral sign face and sign structure, the blank (support) area equivalent to a maximum of 50% of the allowable sign area shall be exempt from computations of sign area.

**Sign Height:** The vertical distance measured from the lowest adjacent street crown grade to the top of the sign face or sign structure, whichever is greater.



**Sign Panel:** The primary surface of a sign that carries the identifying/advertising message.

**Sign Structure:** A supporting structure erected or intended for the purpose of identification or advertising with or without a sign thereon, situated upon or attached to the premises upon which any sign may be fastened, affixed, displayed or applied, provided however, said definition shall not include a building or fence. If the total width of the sign structure exceeds fifty (50) percent of the total width of the sign face, the sign structure area shall be included as part of the sign area.

## <u>Sign Types</u>

**Abandoned Sign:** Any sign that advertises a business, owner, product, service, or activity that is no longer located on the premises where the sign is displayed.

**Arm Post Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on one post not exceeding 8 feet in height, that is placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the off centered structure for support. (Section 11.4.8)

Awning Sign: Signage or text located on the front face of an awning projection. (Section 11.4.3)

**Banner:** A sign or outside advertising display having the character, letters, illustrations, ornamentations, symbol, color, or visual representation applied to cloth, paper, vinyl, fabric, plastic, or like kind of flexible material with or without frame. The term banner shall include flags, pennants, life rafts, floats, spinners, streamers, kites, balloons, (but not dirigibles) and/or similar types of lighter than air objects, or any other material or outside advertising display fastened in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to movement of the atmosphere or any mechanical device.

**Billboard (Traditional):** A traditional sign identifying/advertising and/or directing the public to a business or merchandise or service or institution or residential area or entertainment which is located, sold, rented, leased, produced, manufactured and/or furnished at a place other than the real property on which said sign is located. Traditional Billboards do not display messages by electronic means but instead utilizes materials such as paint, vinyl and/or paper substrates. The advertisement does not rotate, but is stationary. Such signs are also known as outdoor advertising display signs. (Section 11.4.14)

**Billboard (Digital):** A digital billboard sign identifying/advertising and/or directing the public to a business or merchandise or service or institution or residential area or entertainment which is located, sold, rented, leased, produced, manufactured and/or furnished at a place other than the real property on which said sign is located, by utilizing a mechanism to allow advertisements to rotate in succession. Such display changes the static message or copy of the sign by electronic (digital) means. (Section 11.4.14)

**Building Identification Sign:** A sign bearing only the name, number(s), letter(s), and/or symbol(s) which identifies a particular building or occupant.



**Changeable Copy:** An element of a sign in which a message is changed manually in the field, through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols, and other similar characters of changeable pictorial panels.

**Directional Sign:** A sign permanently erected or permitted in the public right-of-way or private property by the state of South Carolina, or other governmental agency to denote the name of any thoroughfare, the route to any city, town, village, educational institution, public building, historic place, shrine, or hospital, to direct and regulate traffic, to denote any railroad crossing, bridge, or other transportation or transmission company for the direction or safety of the public.

**Directory Sign:** A sign listing the names and/or use, or location of more than one (1) business, activity or professional office conducted within a building, group of buildings or commercial center. Such a sign contains no other identifying/advertising message than that listed above. (Section 11.4.8)

**Drive-Thru Sign:** Drive-Thru signs shall be allowed only with a restaurant having a drive-through window. The color of such signs shall be similar to the main building or other signage for the development. (Section 11.4.16)

**Electronic Message Center (EMC)**: A type of sign that presents its message through internal illumination of flashing, intermittent, or moving lights forming the letters, numbers, or symbols of the message, whether or not the message appears to move across the sign face. (Section 11.4.9) [ZA2019-03-18 9 (C)]

Fixed Projecting Sign: A plaque mounted on a wall, projecting 90 degrees from the building wall.

**Freestanding Post Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on two posts that are placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the structure for support. (Section 11.4.7)

**Grandfathered Signs:** Signs, or sign hardware, of historic significance, such as those relating to an original business, that have a built-in nature to a significant form or style of historic architecture, or the nostalgic name of a business that has come to define a site for a long period of time.

**Handbill (circular):** A sign that is distributed to the public or placed on vehicles, buildings, structures, objects or surfaces as part of said distribution.

**Hanging (suspended) Sign:** Hanging signs and suspended signs, sometimes called "blade signs", are used to help define entries and identify business names to pedestrians. They are small and can hangover a building entry if the appropriate clearance is provided (Section 11.4.5).

**Historic Identification Signs:** Small date markers, "National Register" identification plaques, history signs or site identification markers that are part of a local or regional tourism initiative.



**Iconic Sign:** A sign whose form suggests its meaning. It may be sculptural in style and demonstrates extraordinary aesthetic quality, creativity or innovation. They typically have characteristics of art, going beyond simply advertising the why and where. It typically refers to an object in symbolic form.

**L.E.D. Digital Sign:** A sign or portion thereof that displays electronic images, graphics, numbers, prices, or other text information using different combinations of light emitting diodes (LEDs). (Section 11.4.9). These types of signs do not include signs which use LED lights for illumination only. [ZA2019-03-18 9 (C)]

**Monument Sign:** A sign in which the entire bottom of the sign face is in contact with a solid and continuous structure which is attached to the ground and made of brick, stone, or other material architecturally compatible with the principal building on the lot with which it pertains. (Section 11.4.6)

**Nonconforming Signs:** Any sign, which was granted a permit and was erected or displayed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or subsequent amendments thereto which does not conform to the standards of this Ordinance.

**Off-Premises Sign:** A business sign which directs the attention of the public to a business, activity conducted, or a product sold or offered at a location not on the same premises where such business sign is located. (Section 11.4.14)

**Official Business Directional Sign:** A sign erected and maintained by the state or any entity authorized by the state to indicate to the traveling public the route and distance to public accommodations or commercial services for the traveling public.

**Pole Sign:** A large sign, typically facing an arterial or collector road, which is in excess of eight (8) feet in height and centered on a single support.

**Political Sign:** A sign erected by a political candidate, group or agent thereof, for the purpose of advertising a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the city shall vote. (Section 11.4.19).

**Pole Sign:** A sign supported by a structure on one pole that is placed in the ground and which is wholly independent of any building, fence, vehicle or object other than the structure for support.

**Political Sign:** A sign erected by a political candidate, group or agent thereof, for the purpose of advertising a candidate or stating a position regarding an issue upon which the voters of the city shall vote. (Section 11.5.6).

**Portable Sign:** Any sign designed or intended to be readily relocated whether or not it is permanently attached to a building, structure or on the ground. The term includes on wheels or on portable structures, tent signs, A-frame signs, sidewalk and sandwich signs and similar devices and any sign not secured or securely affixed to the ground or a permanent structure.



**Private Traffic Directional Sign:** A sign which is on-premise consisting of type and/or an arrow and is designed, sized and erected solely for the purpose of vehicular or pedestrian traffic direction or safety.

**Projecting Sign:** Projecting signs are attached to a building face and project out perpendicular to the building wall (Section 11.4.4)

**Pylon Sign**: A freestanding sign in excess of eight (8) feet in height that is detached from a building and is supported by one or more structural elements which are architecturally similar to the design of the sign.

**Residential Subdivision Sign:** The purpose of residential subdivision signs is to identify the name of a subdivision, provided the subdivision is not an in-fill project within an established neighborhood. They are usually monument signs or wall signs placed on a wall feature in a landscaped open space area at the entry of the development. (Section 11.14.11)

**Roof Sign:** A sign erected over or on, and wholly or partially dependent upon thereof of any building for support, or attached to the roof in any way.

**Sandwich Board Sign:** Sandwich-board signs can be effective for certain types of uses, such as markets, restaurants, or bakeries that have changing specials and menus. These sign may have rewritable surfaces, such as chalkboards or dry-erase boards. (Section 11.4.16)

**Shopping Center Identification Sign:** Shopping center identification signs are used to identify the name of a shopping center as well as the tenants within the shopping center (Section 11.4.17).

**Snipe Sign:** A sign which is tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued or otherwise poles, stakes, or fences, or to other objects, and the advertising matter appearing thereon is not applicable to the present use of the premises upon which such sign is located.

**Swinging Projecting Sign:** A sign projecting from the outside wall or walls of any building which is supported by only one (1) rigid support, irrespective of the number of guy wires used in connection therewith.

**Time and Temperature Sign:** An electrical sign utilizing lights going on and off periodically to display the current time and temperature in the community. (Section 11.4.12)

**Vehicle Sign:** A permanent or temporary sign affixed, painted on, or placed in or upon any vehicle, trailer or other device capable of being towed, the primary purpose of which is to attract the attention of the public rather than to serve the business of the owner thereof in the manner which is customary for said vehicle, provided that this definition does not include any signs which are required by any unit of government and does not include a single sign placed on a single vehicle or trailer at a residence of an individual which sign identifies the vehicle or trailer as being for sale.



**Wall Sign:** Any sign that shall be affixed parallel to the top of the wall or printed on the wall of any building in such a manner as to read parallel to the wall on which it is mounted; provided however, said wall sign shall not project above the tip of the wall or beyond the end of the building. Any sign that is affixed to the face of a building marquee, building awning, or a building canopy shall be considered a wall sign. (Section 11.4.1)

**Window Sign:** Any sign which is painted on, applied to, or projected upon or within the exterior or interior of a building glass area, including doors, or located within twelve (12) inches of the interior of a building glass area, including doors, whose identification, message, symbol, insignia, visual representation, logotype, or any form which communicates information, can be read from off premises contiguous property or public right-of-way. (Section 11.4.2) [ZA2021-08-16(C)]

## 2.2.3 Industrial District Definitions

**Agricultural Processing:** Processing of foods and beverages from agricultural commodities, but excludes animal slaughtering. Typical uses include canning of fruits and vegetables, processing of dairy products, and the production of prepared meats (from purchased, previously slaughtered animals).

**Agricultural Research:** Agricultural research use type refers to establishments for experimental greenhouse and field growing of agricultural commodities, landscaping and seeds, including experimental use of herbicides, pesticides and other agricultural practices.

Alternative Energy Production: Energy production sites dedicated to the commercial production of electricity by means of wind, solar, or other non-petroleum energy sources.

**Custom Manufacturing:** Custom manufacturing refers to the on-site production of goods by hand manufacturing or artistic endeavor, which involves only the use of hand tools, individually powered tools or domestic mechanical equipment and the incidental sale of these goods directly to consumers. Typical uses include ceramic studios, custom cabinet making, crafts making, candle making, custom jewelry manufacturers, woodworkers, custom furniture craftsmen, metal craftsmen, blacksmiths, and glass blowers.

**High Technology (Hi-Tech) Industry:** Research, development and controlled production of hightechnology electronic, industrial or scientific products. Typical uses include biotechnology firms and computer component manufacturers.

**Light Industrial:** Production processes which use already manufactured components to assemble, print or package a product such as cloth, paper, plastic, leather, wood, glass or stones, but not including such operations as paper, saw or mills, steel, iron or other metalwork's, rolling mills, or any manufacturing uses involving primary production of commodities from raw materials. By the nature of the activity performed and/or the scale of the operation, these uses can be located near residential or commercial uses with minimal impact to adjacent uses. Typical uses include apparel manufacturing, paper products finishing, furniture production and production of fabricated metal products.



**Heavy Industrial:** Heavy industry refers to production processes, which should not be located near residential or commercial uses due to the insensitive nature of the industrial activity and/or the scale of the operation. These uses may be located near other manufacturing uses exhibiting similar characteristics although special control measures may be required for some extremely intensive operations to ensure compatibility with similar industrial uses. Typical uses include equipment or vehicle manufacturing, sawmills, textile dying, leather tanning, hazardous chemical production, petroleum refining, primary metal processing and production of explosives or propellants.

Wholesaling, Storage, and Distribution. Wholesaling, storage and distribution use type refers to establishments or places of business primarily engaged in wholesaling, storage and bulk sale distribution including but not limited to, air handling of material and equipment other than live animals and plants. The following are wholesaling, storage, and distribution use types:

- Light: Wholesaling, storage and warehousing services within enclosed structures. Typical uses include wholesale distributors, storage warehouses, or moving and storage firms.
- **Heavy:** Distribution and handling of materials and equipment. Typical uses include monument sales, stone yards or open storage yards.



- I. <u>Name and Address Plates</u>: Signs, not exceeding two (2) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face nor exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of four (4) square feet, indicating the name of the occupant, the address of the premises, and identification of any legal business or operation which may exist at the premises.
- J. <u>No Trespassing, No Dumping, No Parking, Towing, Directional and Other Similar Signs</u>: No trespassing, no dumping, no parking, towing, directional and other similar signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of four (4) square feet and not exceeding two (2) in number per zoning lot in residential areas, not exceeding four (4) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding four exceeding four (4) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding four (4) in number per zoning lot in non-residential areas. However, under proven special circumstances, the Planning Department, may authorize additional such signs if determined to be warranted.
- K. <u>Symbols or Insignia</u>: Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies, or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies not exceeding two (2) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding four (4) square feet in aggregate gross surface area.
- L. <u>Vending Machines and ATM Signs</u>: Permanent, non-flashing signs on vending machines, gasoline pumps, ice containers, ATMs or other similar machines indicating only the contents of such devices, the pricing of the contents contained within, directional or instructional information as to use, and other similar information not exceeding four (4) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of eight (8) square feet.
- M. <u>Changeable copy signs and marquees</u>: The changing of letters or numbers on signs designed for changeable lettering or numbering provided the signs were legally erected and maintained for such purposes.
- N. <u>Political Signs:</u> Political signs, which announce political candidates seeking public office, political parties, and/or political and public issues on a ballot, provided such signs comply with the provisions of Section 11.4.19 of this ordinance.

## 11.2.2 Prohibited Signs

- A. The following signs are hereby expressly prohibited from erection, construction, repair, alteration, or use within the City of Conway, except as otherwise permitted in this Article or approved by the Community Appearance Board (CAB):
  - 1. Roof signs or signs where any portion of the sign extends above the roofline of the building where the sign is located.
  - 2. Pole Signs and Pylon Signs.
  - 3. Any vehicle signs where the sign projects beyond the manufacturer's profile of the vehicle and is displayed in public view under such circumstances as to indicate that the primary purpose of such display is to attract the attention of the public rather than to serve the business of the owner thereof in the manner which is customary for such vehicle.



## Section 11.3 – Sign Standards by Zoning Districts

## 11.3.1 Signs in Residential Zoning Districts

- A. <u>Signs Permitted in Residential Zoning Districts:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific requirements. Additionally, some Conditional Uses in Article 5 include specific requirements for signage.
- B. <u>Residential Subdivision and Multifamily Unit Signs:</u> See Section 11.4.11.
- C. <u>Religious Institutions, Educational Facilities, Cemeteries, Country Clubs, Parks, and Similar</u> <u>Recreational Uses:</u> Shall be permitted one (1) wall sign or one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage. This shall not exceed a cumulative sign surface area of fifty (50) square feet. The freestanding sign shall be a monument or freestanding post type and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

Religious institutions and educational facilities shall have the option of internally illumination or ground lighting; all other permitted signs shall not be internally illuminated. Such signs shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any adjoining property boundary.

## 11.3.2 Signs in Non-Residential Zoning Districts

- A. <u>Signs Permitted in Non-Residential Zoning Districts:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific requirements. Some Conditional Uses in Article 5 also include specific requirements for signage. Additionally, some Conditional Uses in Article 5 include specific requirements for signage.
- B. <u>Religious Institutions, Educational Facilities, Cemeteries, Country Clubs, Parks, and Similar</u> <u>Recreational Uses:</u> See Section 11.4 for specific dimensions of signs permitted in non-residential districts.



INTRODUCTION TO SIGN BASICS Chapter 5

## **5.1. Marketing and SIGN BASICS**

The City of Conway has a sign ordinance, (*City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance*, Article 11) which takes precedent. These guidelines have been designed to work as a suppliment of visual suggestions for traditional commercial building owners throughout all local Historic Design Review Districts (HDRDs). Significant focus is given to buildings in the historic commercial HDRD. It is the intent of this section to help building owners understand their building features and how the best scale, type, materials and placement of signage will benefit their businesses.

The quality and amount of signs on buildings has a great impact on the appearance of a downtown area, either positive or negative. Each and every storefront should be an individual statement for its intended market and audience, while also appearing in harmony with neighboring businesses.

Different types of signs serve different purposes in a downtown area. In most areas of any downtown, first impressions may be from an automobile, and certain signs are designed to be seen from that vantage point. Other signs are intended for the pedestrian to read while

## "Keep It Simple"

While these guidelines are intended to prevent sign and visual "clutter" in the downtown district, they are primarily meant to guide the business owner as to traditional placement and good design. Keeping information and expression within established guidelines not only helps each business but the entire district as a whole.



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strolling the sidewalk. The building or retail owner's choice of materials, size, scale and type of signage are reflective of the way that the business is intended to be portrayed. A general rule of identification is that any patron needs only to recognize where a business is once. These traditional commercial sign guidelines provide for the multiple types of commonly used signs that are required for the best business visibility. This chapter suggests how to "read" individual buildings in order to identify proper sign placement depending on each primary facade and divide the facade area for "business divisions" if there might be multiple sign users.

With the City of Conway's rich architectural history, exemplified by distinct building styles over many periods of its history, simple "marketing" rules related to signage remain basic:

- "KEEP IT SIMPLE"
- STAY IN CONTEXT
- USE APPROPRIATE SCALE
- FOLLOW GOOD SIGN PLACEMENT
- CREATE A "HIERARCHY" OF SIGN TYPES

#### APPROPRIATE:



Keeping sign clutter down, information simple, and aligned in traditional "signband" locations is important in the CBD where businesses are close together. Bold lettering or sign boards within prescribed architectural space is key.

**INAPPROPRIATE:** 



This is an example of a downtown commercial district that lacks signs where signs are meant to be. This does nothing to help these businesses promote themselves.

## **C** TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL SIGN GUIDELINES

Chapter 5

INTRODUCTION TO SIGN BASICS

## 5.1. Sign Basics (continued)

## The Context of Signs

Beyond City sign ordinances, these guidelines should help identify and the use of sign construction appropriate to the building style and how the sign will be seen within the surrounding environment. Signs should work in context with the architecture of the individual building. Use fundamental features of the facade such as building piers, storefront cornices, and storefront framing for traditional and best placement of signs (Figure 3.2 next pg). Many upper facade features and stylized materials will provide built-in framing. Any new or reproduction sign should be consistent with the placement and type of signage that would historically have been used (or intended to be used) with that building. A building should not be adorned with signs that change the construction of the facade or the storefront. For example, overly "built" theme fronts and amenities that change the character of the architecture. The sign should be considered an expression of the type of business and therefore an extension of that individual business's identity, but also take in consideration the historic architecture.

If the storefront or business model is designed to utilize contemporary sign materials, a traditional approach with respect to placement, size and scale relative to the building features should still be followed. (Especially see "Scale" below.) In addition, the sign and its method of attachment should be reversible to the building itself to the greatest extent possible in order to maintain the integrity of significant building materials.

## Use Appropriate Scale

Scale can be fairly subjective. Size limits set within City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, Article 11 and additional suggestions, based on "sign types" in these guidelines, should help guide maximum scale on historic buildings. To judge "scale" each business must weigh the overall coverage of all signs being used on its facade, the perception the business is going to create, and how the signage aligns with neighboring signs. The average size of other signs in the immediate downtown environment might determine whether sign scale in a particular part of a district is smaller or larger than allowable. A marketing rule for scale is generally the smaller the sign and less information provided, the more sophisticated the business will be perceived. Businesses that cram type on out-of-scale signs are often perceived as lower-end or discount.

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**APPROPRIATE:** 



A single-bay contemporary framed storefront with traditional construction is shown here with an appropriate amount of signs. The design of a primary blade sign and secondary sign band over the door is in-context with the character of the space, the architecture and business.

#### APPROPRIATE:



Scale of signs work in a pedestrian oriented district and must not dominate the architecture. Note how upper facade architecture pre-defines size.

#### **INAPPROPRIATE:**



Flat vinyl letters applied to an out-of-scale signboard construction are shown above. The entire sign is set across facade elements such as building piers, banding and slightly over the storefront opening edge. This becomes out of context to the traditional architecture.

#### **INAPPROPRIATE:**



A sign that is too small for the large area of the upper facade is out of scale. This may interrupt the rhythm viewing signs and horizontal continuity of the block. The entire business may be overlooked.

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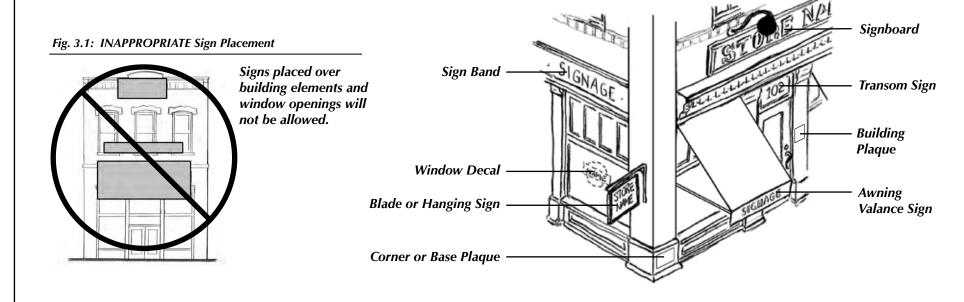
5.1. Sign Basics (continued)

## Follow Good Sign Placement

5.1.1 In no case shall a sign applied to a building be allowed to obscure any significant architectural details of a building face, nor shall a wall sign be designed to cover existing windows.

## Fig. 3.2: Contextual Types and Placement of Signs

For example only, all signs shown would not be allowed on one building:



## Create a Hierarchy of Sign Types

These guidelines use three different sign category terms to suggest a traditional system of sign "hierarchy" per business division, rather than per facade (see also Section C, Chapter 5.4 "Dividing the Facade for Clearer Signage"):

- PRIMARY SIGN
- SECONDARY SIGN(S) .
- SUBORDINATE SIGNS .

## **Quick Reference Guide to These Sign Guidelines:**



Primary Signs: pg. C.8-C.9 Secondary Signs: pg. C.10

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#### Chapter 6 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL SIGN SUGGESTIONS

## 6.2. Secondary Signs

## Description and Use:

SECONDARY SIGNS are NOT expressly defined as such in the City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance. This sign "category" is exemplary within these guidelines ONLY for the most traditional suggested use and placement of additional signs, generally secondary, to the Primary Sign or "supporting signage" to the business name or identity (Fig. 3.7).

- 6.2.1 Secondary Signs can be located in many places on the facade, and they must be approved by the CAB to be "secondary" in nature to the Primary Sign. This includes repeated, matching signs in display windows
- 6.2.2 The Secondary Sign may be the business name or the type of business applied to the valance or "skirt" of the primary awning.
- 6.2.3 The Secondary Sign may include tag lines below the name, graphics, or proprietor / professional's name and title, or slogan.
- 6.2.4 The Secondary Sign could be a dimensional icon graphically depicting the type of business; however it SHOULD be smaller than the Primary Sign as described below.
- 6.2.5 Neon, channel letter or any internally-lit signs are NOT permitted as Secondary Signs.

## Suggested Amount:

- 6.2.6 Generally ONE per "business division" of the primary facade, with the exception of matching window signs (see Section C, Chapter 5.4 "Dividing the Facade for Clearer Signage" for suggestions on visually dividing the facade per usage).
- 6.2.7 An identical PAIR (set) of window signs (on multiple display windows) can be counted as one Secondary Sign. (Fig. 3.7)

## General Size Suggestion (each):

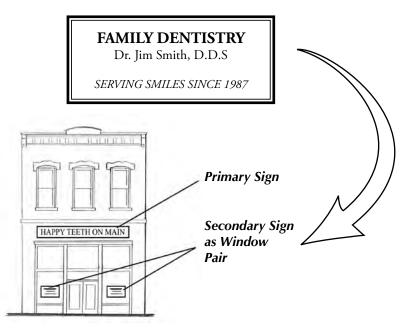
- 6.2.8 Suggested at 20% or less of the square footage of the Primary Sign.
- At any time, no single window should be covered more than 25% and 6.2.9 no single door glass more than 50% (City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, Article 11). Window signs on or above the second floor (if upper levels are used as part of the primary business at street level) should be limited to one or two words (i.e. "PUB," "Dentist," "TAT-TOO," or "Law Firm"), or simply not used at all to avoid clutter.

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Additional Sign Suggestion (to reduce clutter):

- 6.2.10 If the business is located on a corner, occupies multiple storefronts, or in a stand-alone structure, then EACH facade (storefront) might have one (1) additional Secondary Sign upon that facade. NOTE: The entire business should still have only one (1) Primary Sign, however.
- 62.11 If there is an identical window sign (to create a pair) within a separate display window pane, and each conforming to the size limitations listed above, then the pair (set) might be used.
- 6.2.12 When using multiple lines of type or full logos in mass, at their widest point, should not exceed three (3) feet. Single lines of type or line graphics might be exempt from this limitation.

Fig. 3.7: EXAMPLE of Suggested Secondary Signs



Using the Flush Primary Sign, from the previous Figure 3.6, the Primary Sign reads "HAPPY TEETH ON MAIN," The Secondary Signs are applied as a pair of signs to the two storefront windows. NOTE: This is a matching pair of signs as suggested to count together as one Secondary Sign - the dentist may still place "Subordinate Signs" described next.

## DATE: December 13, 2023 ITEM: III. C.

#### ISSUE:

<u>610 Main St (Demo)</u>: The applicant, Mike Wilson, is requesting approval demolish the structures located at 610 Main St (PIN 338-13-02-0035).

#### ZONING DISTRICTS / HDRD:

Central Business District (CBD); Historic Design Review District (HDRD)

## **SCOPE OF WORK:**

The applicant, Mike Wilson, is requesting approval to demolish the structures located at 610 Main St (PIN 338-13-02-0035).

The structure has been deemed unsafe by City Code Enforcement Officers and the owner was informed of the demolition that needed to take place. The applicant has stated that there were apartments in the rear structure in the past. This use is not allowed within the current zoning district or the requested zoning district, and would not be allowed to return to that type of use.

The applicant has requested a rezoning from R1, Low density residential to P, Professional. The rezoning will go before Planning Commission on January 4<sup>th</sup> for a recommendation.

Renderings are included in your packet

#### **Applicable Standards**

City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):

Section 6.5.1, Upper Main Street Overlay District (MSO)

Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines:

Section F, Ch 11: 4.1 Criteria for Demolition

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

If the board chooses to grant the request, staff recommends the following conditions:

- The applicant must obtain all applicable permits
- Any deviation from what is approved shall require a re-review from this board and subsequent approval.



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APPLICATION / CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Phone: (843) 488-9888 City of Conway Planning Department www.cityofconway.com Conway, South Carolina 196 Laurel Street, 29526 Property Address: main St. LT 264 PIN#: 338/3020035 Meeting Date: 12/13/23 HDRD: **Review Request:** Project Type: Conceptual Alterations / Additions Miscellaneous (Fencing, roofs, etc) New Construction Demolition / Moving of Structure Preliminary Signs Repairs / Repainting with no Change Final Landscape Appeal the Decision of Planning Staff Color Change Kirkland Melle Daytime phone: Property Owner: Wm & Basker 843-632-1312 Laura S Daytime phone: 843-833-1312 Agent: Mile Wallion Agent's mailing address: 369 Laborations Agents's e-mail address: Ave Zip Code: 29440 State: City: SC sevrae town Design **Real Estate** Agent's Other Contractor Owner Broker relationship: Professional Value of Project (As noted on Building Permit): \$ In your own words, describe what you are requesting: a disining apartmente Demolition A touse a Submittal Requirements: (See attached CAB Requirements) \*\*\*Diaital copies of all supporting materials must be submitted Building designs and facade drawings of the front, sides, and rear of all proposed new structures along with two hard copies: and/or facades proposed to be renovated; Zoning approval obtained and/or initial TRC review Plans for existing signage and proposed new completed signage; Completed CAB application R Color samples of paint, brick, shingles, siding; Two (2) copies of all relevant information (As deemed Topographic surveys; necessary by CAB and/or Planning Director) Tree surveys; Site plans illustrating of existing structures and Lighting plans; proposed new structures and/or additions Specifications for miscellaneous architectural Landscape plans illustrating the location of existing elements (lighting fixtures, hardware and finishes, landscaping and proposed new landscaping;

I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the subject property or the authorized representative of the owner. I authorize the subject property to be inspected, and that all required material will be submitted to the City of Conway Planning Department no later than ten(10) days prior to the meeting date. The Community Appearance Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. in the Building & Planning Department, 196 Laurel Street. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals from other city departments, and that all zoning requirements must be satisfied prior to the project's being placed on a Community Appearance Board agenda. A REPRESENTATIVE				
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## Section 6.5 – Overlay District Design Standards

## 6.5.1 Upper Main Street Overlay District (MSO)

The Design Standards of the Upper Main are supplementary to the regulations provided in the underlying zoning districts. The standards herein are stricter or more lenient only where specifically stated and do not provide relief of other sections of the code.

- A. <u>Applicability</u>. These standards apply to all new or infill development of properties fronting Main Street, between Fifth Avenue and Sixteenth Avenue, as indicated in the City of Conway's Official Zoning Map.
- B. <u>Design Guidelines</u>. In addition to the standards provided in this overlay district, all properties within the MSO district are also required to follow the Residential/Main Street Corridor Guidelines in the City of Conway Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines. [Amended 11-6-17 ZA#2017-11-06 (A)]
- C. <u>Reserved</u> [Amended 11-6-17 ZA#2017-11-06 (A)]
- D. Parking & Driveway Standards. [Amended 11-6-17 #ZA2017-11-06 (A)]
  - 1. Garage Locations. Garages, attached or detached shall be located to the rear of the primary structure.
  - 2. Parking Requirements. Parking requirements are determined by the underlying zoning, but shared parking is permitted between adjoining lots to provide the required parking allotment subject to the requirements stated in the Shared Parking section in Article 7. All shared parking agreements must be reordered at the Horry County Register of Deeds. There shall be no parking maximums. Expansion of existing parking is permitted so long as the primary use is a permitted use as determined by the underlying zoning and the design is approved by the Community Appearance Board. Parking expansions may not cross property lines without lot combinations and common ownership.
  - 3. **Driveways and Curb Cuts.** A maximum of one (1) curb cut per lot is allowed along Main Street. Existing curb cuts on Main Street may be allowed to continue, but no more than one (1) new curb cuts and driveways are permitted unless shared between two lots. Corner lots must also provide access to the secondary road.

## E. Landscaping and Buffer Requirements

- 1. Front Yard Buffer Requirements
  - a. The front buffer for parking Lots located in the front yard shall be ten (10') feet along corridor rights-of-way, both public and private. This buffer is intended for aesthetic, rather than screening purposes. The buffer shall contain the following minimum ornamental plantings per one hundred (100) linear feet of frontage:
    - i. Two (2) canopy trees two and one-half (2 1/2) inches caliper minimum.
    - ii. Two (2) understory trees six (6) --eight (8) feet height minimum.
    - iii. Eighteen (18) shrubs, three (3) gallon minimum.
  - b. The front buffer for parking Lots located in the side or rear yard shall be a minimum of eight (feet) and shall meet the requirements in Section 9.2.3.



- 2. Side Yard Buffer Requirements
  - a. Shall meet the requirements set forth in Article 9.
- 3. Rear Yard Buffer Requirements
  - a. Shall meet the requirements set forth in Article 9.
- F. <u>Building Placement on Lot</u>. All structures along Main Street shall be oriented towards Main Street, including corner lots. [Amended 11-6-17 ZA#2017-11-06 (A)]
- G. <u>Sidewalks</u>. Minimum width for sidewalks in the Main Street overlay shall be four (4) feet, or match the existing sidewalk. A minimum two (2) feet wide planting strip adjacent to Main Street between the street and the sidewalk shall be constructed, when applicable and shall be approved by the CAB. Damaged sidewalks shall be replaced.
- H. <u>Signage</u>. All signage within the MSO must meet signage standards provided in the City of Conway Historic Design Review Districts: Community Appearance Guidelines and Article 11, Signage of the UDO.
- I. <u>Drive-Thru Facilities</u>. Drive-thru facilities for financial institutions shall be permitted when approved by the CAB. [Amended 11-6-17 #ZA2017-11-06 (A)]



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## 11.4. Criteria for Demolitions

In making the determination to approve an application and issue of a certificate of appropriateness (COA) criteria shall be considered by the CAB for the act of demolition within the local historic district boundaries. The commission will weigh decisions based on findings that the proposed material change(s) (i.e. demolition wholesale or in parts) in the appear-

ance would not have a substantial adverse effect on the aesthetic, historic, or architectural significance and value of the structures and historic property in the portion of the historic district for which the demolition is being requested.

(From City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance, Article 14.1.3 (I), see Appendix II)

**Demolition**: A decision by the CAB approving or denying a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of buildings, structures, sites, or objects judged to be fifty years old or older, shall be guided by:

- **1.)** The historic, scenic, or architectural significance of the building, structure, site or object.
- 2.) The importance of the building, structure, site or object to the ambiance and/or recorded history of a district.
- **3.)** The difficulty or the impossibility of reproducing such a building, structure, site or object because of its unique design, texture, material, detail, craftsmanship or location.
- **4.)** Whether the building, structure, site or object is one of the last remaining examples of its kind in the neighborhood or the city or county.
- **5.)** Whether there are definite plans for use of the property (provided by the applicant) if the proposed demolition is carried out, and what the effect of those plans on the character of the surrounding area will be.
- 6.) Whether reasonable measures can be taken to save the building, structure, site or object from collapse.
- **7.)** Whether the owner is capable of earning reasonable economic return on the value of a building, structure, site or object (existing or its potential rehabilitated condition).

With any building removal gaps in the infrastructure or large vacant parcels of land are left. These can become areas that pedestrians do not cross and can become hot areas in the summer time.



Most well built structures from any era can be rehabilitated. (right) The building being removed for its materials can become a liability on the neighboring buildings (i.e. exposed partywall interior brick seen in the background). With this facade gone it will create an unpleasant gap in the overall downtown environment.



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# 2024 Community Appearance Board Meeting Schedule 4:00 p.m.

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE	MEETING DATE
December 29, 2023	January 10, 2024
January 12, 2024	January 24, 2024
January 26, 2024	February 14, 2024
February 16, 2024	February 28, 2024
March 1, 2024	March 13, 2024
March 15, 2024	March 27, 2024
March 29, 2024	April 10, 2024
April 12, 2024	April 24, 2024
April 26, 2024	May 8, 2024
May 10, 2024	May 22, 2024
May 24, 2024	June 12, 2024
June 14, 2024	June 26, 2024
June 28, 2024	July 10, 2024
July 12, 2024	July 24, 2024
July 26, 2024	August 14, 2024
August 16, 2024	August 28, 2024
August 30, 2024	September 11, 2024
September 13, 2024	September 25, 2024
September 27, 2024	October 9, 2024
October 11, 2024	October 23, 2024
October 25, 2024	November 8, 2024
November 29, 2024	December 11, 2024