

**City Code of Ordinance; Chapter 26,
Article 11, Section 11.3**

(r) Portable Signs [Permitted in all commercial zoning districts for commercial uses]

(1) All businesses located in any commercial zoning district may have one (1) portable sign located outside of the business after obtaining a no-charge sign permit for such sign. The sign must be designed and wind-proofed in a manner so as to withstand normal thunderstorm conditions or gusts of wind.

(2) The sign shall be displayed only during the business hours of operation specified on the issued sign permit.

(3) Sign Location. The sign must be located in a manner as to not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or the visibility triangle as defined in Section 8.18 of this Chapter. A minimum 48" clear pedestrian walkway shall be maintained at all times. Signs may not be placed within twelve (12) inches of any curb or edge of pavement in the absence of curbs. Signs shall not be located more than twenty (20) feet from the wall of the building within which the permittee's business is located. Signs must be placed within the side lot lines of the property upon which the permittee's

establishment is located, or within the extension of said side lot lines, if the sign is to be located in the right-of-way. Signs shall not be placed where they interfere with the opening of car doors, or interfere with the use of any exit, fire hydrant, loading zone, bicycle rack, sidewalk ramp, wheelchair ramp, or similar public facility .

a. Before a permit may be issued for a sign to be located within a public right-of-way, the business must provide the City of Punta Gorda with proof of Comprehensive General Liability insurance with limits of at least \$100,000 per occurrence naming the City of Punta Gorda as an additional insured and an agreement to indemnify and hold the City harmless in any claim or cause of action against the City arising from the placement of such signs. Failure to maintain such insurance shall be grounds for revocation of the sign permit.

b. Businesses located on the interior of an enclosed mall or building shall not be permitted to display portable signage outside of the confines of the mall or building unless they have ground floor public street frontage to accommodate such temporary signage.

c. Any business located on the corner of two public streets is permitted to have a portable sign on each street side of the business.

(4) The sign face area shall be of dimensions not to exceed twenty-four (24) inches

in width and forty-eight (48) inches in height. The sign together with its frame, including wheels, frames and handles shall not exceed thirty (30) inches in width and forty-eight (48) inches in height as measured from finished grade.

(5) Portable sign design shall be any professionally manufactured sign that meets the sign dimension and weight requirements as outlined herein such as, but not limited to, an 'A' frame sign, a portable chalkboard or whiteboard, a sign on a weighted stand, a 'spring' design or 'swinger' design. Corrugated plastic board with wire posts is not permitted to be used. Any sign that is designed to spin, twirl or rotate in the wind is prohibited.

(6) No sign may be electrically powered or internally illuminated.

(7) All portable signs must be maintained without chips, fading, tears, cracks, missing letters and must be cleaned on a regular basis to ensure they do not create visual blight on the neighborhood.

(8) Any business with a portable sign in use as of the effective date of this Subsection shall make said sign conform to the provisions of this Subsection and obtain a no-charge sign permit within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Subsection. After ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Subsection, all unpermitted signs shall be unlawful and must be removed immediately.

OTHER CITY

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| Building | 575-3324 option 1 |
| Canal Maintenance | 575-5050 |
| City Clerk | 575-3369 |
| City Manager | 575-3302 |
| Code Compliance | 575-3352 |
| Finance | 575-3318 |
| Fire Station | 575-5529 |
| Human Resources | 575-3308 |
| Legal Department | 575-3307 |
| Lot Mowing Program | 575-3393 |
| Park Rental | 575-3314 |
| Police | 639-4111 |
| Procurement | 575-3366 |
| Recycling Center | 639-4532 |
| Sanitation | 575-5069 |
| Urban Design/Zoning | 575-3372 |

Portable Sign Application
can be attained at the
City of Punta Gorda
Urban Design/Zoning

City Hall Annex

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