

ARTICLE 11 – SIGN STANDARDS

Section 11.4. Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. All words and terms not specifically defined in this Section shall be given their common, ordinary meanings, as the context may reasonably suggest, unless defined in Chapter 26, Article 19, Section 19.2, Punta Gorda Code, in which case said definition may be used, if appropriate to the context. The reference for common, ordinary meanings shall be the online version of the Merriam-Webster dictionary found at www.merriam-webster.com.

- (23) Freestanding sign means a sign on a frame, pole, or other support structure that is not attached to any building, located in a commercial or mixed-use zoning district.
- (67) Yard signs means signs located within the following zoning districts: General Single-Family District (GS); General Multi-Family District (GM), which includes the Special Residential Overlay (SRO) Districts; Manufactured Home District (MH); ~~Neighborhood Residential District (NR)~~; Planned Development Neighborhood (PDN) and (PD-GS), Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) except for the Downtown Core, Flex Commercial Corridor, and Maker Village regulating districts, and Environmental Preserve District (EP). Yard signs do not include ground signs.

[no changes to any other definitions]

Section 11.10. Signs: Residential Properties

Except as otherwise provided for in this Article, no yard signs will require a permit from the City of Punta Gorda. Signs on property, within the following zoning districts are allowable pursuant to the regulations contained in this Section: General Single-Family District (GS); General Multi-Family District (GM), which includes the Special Residential Overlay (SRO) Districts; Manufactured Home District (MH); ~~Neighborhood Residential District (NR)~~; Planned Development Neighborhood (PDN) and (PD-GS), Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) except for the Downtown Core, Flex Commercial Corridor, and Maker Village regulating districts, and Environmental Preserve District (EP).

[no changes to subsections (a) through (h)]

Section 11.11. Signs: Mixed Use and Commercial Properties

Except as otherwise provided for in this Article, all signs require a permit. Signs on property within the following zoning districts are permissible pursuant to the regulations contained in this Section: Neighborhood Center District (NC); ~~City Center District (CC)~~; Highway Commercial District (HC); and ~~Special Purpose District (SP)~~; in the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG), the Downtown Core, Flex Commercial Corridor, and Maker Village regulating districts only,

[no changes to subsections (a) through (d)]

- (e)(4) Signs within the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) shall not be internally illuminated.

[no changes to subsections (f) through (g)]

- (h) **Façade Signs.** Permittable only within the ~~City Center (CC) Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) with a permit subject to the following limitations: *[no further changes to subsection (h)]*
- [no changes to subsections (i) through (j)]*
- (k) **Ground Signs.** Permittable subject to the following limitations:
- [no changes to subsections (k)(1) through (k)(10)]*
- (11) For locations within the Environmental Preserve Zoning District (EP), ~~and the Neighborhood Center Zoning District (NC) and the Special Purpose Zoning District (SP),~~ ground signs shall not exceed 10 feet in height and 40 square feet in area.
- (12) For buildings within the ~~City Center (CC) Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) with a setback of more than 10 feet from the fronting right-of-way, a single ground sign may be allowed subject to the following limitations:
- a. Signs shall not exceed 16 square feet in area and a height of 5 feet.
 - b. Signs shall be designed to architecturally match the associated main building.
 - c. Internally illuminated ground signs are not allowed within the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG).
- (l) **Mini-Ground Signs.** Permittable in addition to ground signs on the same parcel subject to the following limitations:
- [no changes to subsections (l)(a) through (l)(f)]*
- g. Internally illuminated mini-ground signs are not allowed within the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG).
- (m) **Projecting Signs.** Permittable only within the ~~City Center (CC)~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) and Neighborhood Center (NC) Zoning Districts subject to the following limitations:
- [no changes to subsections (m)(1) through (m)(4)]*
- (5) Signs within the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) shall not be internally illuminated.
- (n) **Suspended Signs.** Permittable subject to the following limitations:
- [no changes to subsections (n)(1) through (n)(3)]*
- (4) Signs within the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG) shall not be internally illuminated.
- (o) **Wall Signs.** Permittable subject to the following limitations:
- [no changes to subsections (o)(1), (o)(2), (o)(3), (o)(5), or (o)(6)]*
- (4) All uses, outside the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG), shall be allowed wall signs, provided total area does not exceed 1 square foot of wall sign for each linear foot of building

frontage.

- (7) In the ~~City Center Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG), the cumulative total of permissible signage for both façade and wall signs shall not exceed 1.5 square feet of signage per each linear feet of right of way frontage.
 - a. Illuminated wall signs that are externally or indirectly illuminated are allowed.
 - b. Illuminated wall signs that are internally illuminated are prohibited.

- (p) **Window Signs.** Permissible subject to the following limitations:
 - [no changes to subsections (p)(1), (p)(2), (p)(3), or (p)(5)]*
 - (4) In the ~~City Center (CC) Zoning District~~ Downtown Core regulating district of the Traditional Punta Gorda District (TPG), signs may not exceed 12 square feet of each window unit, not just of a section or pane therein.