

A brief outline for a proposed
Friendly Sign Ordinance

1. Abandoned and/or dangerous signs to be removed per the present proposal.
2. No signs permitted on public property or right-of-way without prior written permission from the applicable government entity (city, county, or state).
3. No signs permitted on private property without the owner's consent, and the owner shall be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the signs on said property.
4. All signs must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. They must be legible and continue to serve the purpose of a sign. Otherwise, they will be handled as dilapidated signs.
5. Dilapidated signs to be treated per the present proposal, with notice, and then citation upon failure to correct the deficiency. Sign enforcement personnel shall document the condition of dilapidated signs photographically and such evidence shall be preserved for adjudication and all appeals. A dilapidated sign includes a sign with one or more of the following characteristics:
 - a. no longer legible;
 - b. partially or totally detached from its supports;
 - c. noticeably sags or has fallen askew;
 - d. tattered or ragged;
 - e. noticeably bent or damaged;
 - f. not maintained in the orderly and neat condition in which it was first installed.
6. Permits shall be required before the construction or modification of outdoor signs which meet at least one of the following conditions:
 - a. overhang a right-of-way or easement;
 - b. require temporary interference with traffic on a public street during installation;
 - c. installed value greater than \$500.