

The following is a proposed amendment to the Tucson Sign Code to allow canopy signs by right, as recommended by the Citizen Sign Code Committee on April 18, 2013. Within the body of the proposed amendment, new text is underlined, deleted text is ~~strikethrough~~. The final version of the ordinance would include a sunset provision for one year after Mayor and Council adoption.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

Sec. 3-11. Definitions.

The terms used in this Sign Code shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

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Awning. A durable or fabric structure, attached to and supported in part or in whole by a building, which provides shade to the entries, windows, and walls of the building.

Attached Canopy. A rooflike structure, that provides shade and/or ornamentation, projecting from and attached to a building wall below the highest point of the top of parapet, and supported in whole or in part by the building.

Canopy Sign. A permanent sign on or affixed to the top or front of an attached canopy.

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**ARTICLE V
SIGN TYPES AND GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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Sec. 3-51. Generally permitted signs.

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- F. Portable construction signs. Portable construction signs to advertise those businesses immediately adjacent to and affected by road or water construction are allowed in all districts subject to the compliance with section 3-~~6465~~.

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Sec. 3-53. Prohibited signs enumerated.

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F. Moving signs:

1. No sign or any portion thereof shall be permitted that moves or assumes any other motion constituting a non-stationary or non-fixed condition, except as allowed as a historic landmark sign (HLS) per Sec. 3-~~70~~71.

- G. Roof signs: Signs that are erected upon, against, or directly above a roof, or on top of or directly above the parapet of a building, except as allowed as
- a canopy sign per Sec. 3-59, or
- a historic landmark sign (HLS) per Sec. 3-
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Sec. 3-58. Billboards.

- A. Permitted locations: On undeveloped property in the C-2, C-3, I-1, and I-2 zoned property and only within the general business district and the industrial district as set forth in section 3-
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- and section 3-
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- of Article VI of this sign code.

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Sec. 3-59. Canopy signs.

- A.
- Maximum number of faces: Canopy signs shall have one (1) face per sign; they shall not be a double faced sign.

B. Maximum number.

1. One (1) per tenant for each tenant elevation up to 150 feet in length.
2. Two (2) per tenant for each tenant elevation over 150 feet in length.

C. Dimensional standards:

1. Maximum size: The vertical measure of the sign face shall not exceed 18 inches except for individual letters with descenders that are proportionate to the remaining text but in no case larger than six (6) inches. The horizontal measure of the sign face shall not exceed 75 per cent of that for the building or tenant elevation that backs the canopy sign and shall not exceed the width of the canopy to which it is attached.
2. Maximum height:

- a. The top of the canopy sign shall be no more than two (2) feet above the top surface of the canopy directly below the canopy sign, and no more than 15 feet in height above finished grade immediately below the canopy sign.
 - b. The wall behind the canopy sign shall be vertical and at least six (6) feet higher than the top of the canopy sign, or
 - c. The angle from horizontal formed by a line connecting the top of the canopy sign and the top of the wall backing the canopy sign shall be no less than 20 degrees.
 - d. Canopy signs that do not exceed the height of the roof or parapet wall immediately behind the canopy sign but not in compliance with 3-59.C.2.b or .c above may be considered as integrated architectural features per Sec. 3-42.
3. Float: The bottom of a canopy sign (excluding descenders) shall be placed directly on the top surface of the canopy directly below the canopy sign.
 4. Location: Within 20 feet of the building wall that backs the canopy sign.
 5. Maximum projection: Canopy signs shall not project from the canopy fascia unless the the sign copy includes descenders, in which case canopy signs may project up to six (6) inches from the fascia.
 6. Maximum recess: Canopy signs may be recessed up to a maximum of six (6) inches from the fascia of the canopy.
- D. Orientation: The face of the canopy sign shall be vertical and shall be parallel to the building wall that backs it except if it is affixed to a horizontally curved or other irregularly shaped canopy and no individual letter is angled more than 25 degrees from the building wall.
- E. Copy: Limited to letters or numbers in outline form, except for one logo or symbol.
- F. Canopy signs are not permitted on any canopy elevation that also has a wall sign on the canopy.

Sec. 3-~~5960~~. Directory signs.

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Sec. 3-~~6061~~. Freestanding signs.

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Sec. 3-~~6162~~. Freeway sign.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6263~~**. Menu boards.

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| **Sec.3-~~6364~~**. Parking signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6465~~**. Portable (A-frame) signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6566~~**. Real Estate signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6667~~**. Special event signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6768~~**. Temporary signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6869~~**. Traffic directional signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~6970~~**. Wall signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~7071~~**. Historic Landmark Signs (HLS).

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C. Historic landmark sign (HLS) designation.

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3. Conditional HLS designation

a. The decision to approve or deny an HLS treatment plan that meets each of the HLS designation guidelines is rendered per Sec. 3-~~7071~~.G.9.a (administrative).

- b. The decision to approve or deny an HLS treatment plan that does not meet each of the HLS designation guidelines is rendered per Sec. 3-~~7071~~.G.9.b (legislative).

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**ARTICLE VI
SIGNS BY DISTRICT**

| **Sec. 3-~~7172~~.** Sign districts

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**DIVISION 1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

| **Sec. 3-~~7273~~.** Single family residential district.

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| **Sec. 3-~~7374~~.** Multiple family residential district.

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| **Sec. 3-~~7475~~.** Park district.

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**DIVISION 2
NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

| **Sec. 3-~~7576~~.** O-1 zone district.

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| **Sec. 3-~~7677~~.** General business district.

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C. Permitted signs:

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| 14. Canopy signs.

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Sec. 3-~~777~~8. Planned area development (PAD) district

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E. Permitted signs:

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12. Canopy signs.

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Sec. 3-~~787~~9. Medical-business-industrial park district

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C. Permitted signs:

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10. Canopy signs.

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Sec. 3-~~798~~0. Industrial district.

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C. Permitted signs:

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14. Canopy signs.

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**DIVISION 3
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

Sec. 3-~~808~~1. Historic district.

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H. Permitted signs:

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10. Canopy signs, limited to properties zoned HO-2, HO-3, HNC, HC-1, HC-2, HC-3, HO-CR-1 and HO-CR-2.

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| **Sec. 3-~~8182~~. Pedestrian business district.**

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D Permitted signs:

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| 13. Canopy signs.

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| **Sec. 3-~~8283~~. Scenic corridor zone (SCZ) district.**

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E. Permitted signs:

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| 10. Canopy signs.

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| **Secs. 3-~~8384~~ – 3-90. Reserved.**