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1.	7-8	7A.10.2.A (Table 1 – Zone Categories and Permanent Sign Types)	<p>Clarify existing policy to allow Access Point signs, Awning signs, Canopy signs, and Freestanding Monument signs in the Non-residential O-1 Zone Category.</p> <p>Clarify existing policy to allow Canopy signs in Multifamily Residential Zone Category R-2, R-3, MH-2 and limit size of sign to 20 sq.ft.</p> <p>Ensure that rights previously afforded in the IR and MH-1 zone pertaining to Awning signs are reflected in current code.</p> <p>Remove home occupation use from table as it is separately covered by dwelling unit sign.</p>	<p>Agreement with amending Table 1 to reflect current policy. Suggestion to remove stated restriction of 20sq.ft for Canopy sign in O-1 Zone as this is redundant as the standard it depicted in Table 2 in 7A.10.2.B.</p> <p>Correct deletion of "use" in Note 3. of Table 1.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Permanent Signs</b></td> <td><b>Non-residential Category O-1 zone</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canopy</td> <td><u>P-7</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>3. Restricted to nonresidential <del>and home occupation</del> use</p>	<b>Permanent Signs</b>	<b>Non-residential Category O-1 zone</b>	Canopy	<u>P-7</u>	X		
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2.	16	7A.11.3.E.3.a.(1)-(3)	Change language to reflect current policy regarding maximum number of freestanding signs in the Scenic Corridor Zone (SCZ) District allowed per premise. The language reflected in the current code is confusing and does not reflect the application of freestanding signs in the SCZ district.	Proposed language does not clarify current policy, it is still confusing and does not explain reflect the Planning and Development Services Department policy.	<p>3. Freestanding signs, monument and low profile only.</p> <p>a. Maximum number per premises:                      (1) Scenic route: One for the first 450 feet of scenic route street frontage. <u>A second sign is permitted for a street frontage from 451 feet to 850 feet. A third sign is permitted for a street frontage from 851 feet to 1250. This rule applies for each subsequent 400 feet of scenic route street frontage. <del>with one additional sign for every 400 feet of additional scenic route street frontage.</del></u>                      (2) Arterial street: One for the first 450 feet of arterial street frontage. <u>A second sign is permitted for a street frontage of 451 feet to 700 feet. A third sign is permitted for a street frontage of 701 feet 950 feet. This rule applies for each subsequent 250 feet of arterial street frontage. <del>with one additional sign for every 250 feet of additional arterial street frontage.</del></u>                      (3) Collector <del>S</del>street: One for the first 450 feet of collector street frontage. <u>A second sign is permitted for a street frontage of 451 feet to 700 feet. A third sign is permitted for a street frontage of 701 feet 950 feet. This rule applies for each subsequent 250 feet of collector street frontage. <del>within the premises, with one additional sign for every 250 feet of additional collector street frontage.</del></u></p>	X		

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3.	8-9	7A.7.10.2.B (Table 2 Maximum Permanent Sign Area Per Zone Category and Special Zone Standards)	<p>Ensure that rights afforded to non-residential uses in the Residential Zone category for digital signs on local streets are preserved.</p> <p>Ensure that rights afforded to non-residential uses in the Multifamily Zone category for digital signs on local streets are preserved.</p> <p>Clarify that in the Non-residential zone category a multi-tenant complex is allowed a 20 sq. ft permanent sign per tenant.</p> <p>Clarify that a maximum of two freestanding signs are allowed per multi-tenant complex.</p> <p>Clarify that various types of down lighting are permitted for illumination of a sign in the non-residential zone category.</p> <p>Ensure that rights afforded to non-residential uses in the Residential Zone category for digital signs are preserved.</p>	<p>Agreement with ensuring rights for digital signs on local streets are preserved for non-residential uses in Residential and Multifamily zone categories.</p> <p>Agreement with clarifying that in a multi-tenant complex in the non-residential zone category each tenant may have a 20 sq. ft. sign.</p> <p>Need to clarify whether the two freestanding signs allowed in a multi-tenant complex are in addition to the allowed per tenant sign.</p> <p>Discussion involving emergency lighting and enforcement of 10:00pm-7:00am non-illumination time currently in the code. Emergency services such as domestic abuse shelters may need to illuminate signs during this non-illumination time period.</p> <p>Agreement with ensuring rights for digital signs for non-residential uses in the non-residential zone category are preserved.</p> <p>Remove reference to compatible color schemes as it is not reviewed for.</p>	<p>1. <u>A 20 sq. ft. sign is allowed per tenant in a multi-tenant complex. A multi-tenant complex may have no more than two freestanding signs, which may be a tenant sign or a sign for the entire complex.</u></p> <p>2. <del>illumination and color:</del> Signs on arterial and collector streets shall be illuminated <del>only</del> by <u>down lights only by</u> low pressure sodium lighting, <u>halo-effect illumination, full cut-off LED lighting or other similar lighting technologies compatible with the Tucson Outdoor Lighting Code.</u></p> <p>3. <del>Signs and</del> shall not be illuminated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (<u>non-illumination period</u>). Signs located on a local street frontage shall not be illuminated <u>at any time. Signs for emergency services may be illuminated during the non-illumination period whether on a local, collector or arterial street.</u></p> <p>4. <del>No digital signs are permitted except for non-residential uses. Color schemes for all sign components, including copy, shall be compatible with surrounding residential areas.</del></p>	X		X

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4.	8-9	7A.10.2.B (Table 2 Maximum Permanent Sign Area Per Zone Category and Special Zone Standards)	Review of use in the O-1 zone confirms that shelter care is not a permitted use. Review of existing uses within O-1 zone confirm that no nonconforming shelter care currently exist in the zone. Issue is moot.	Based on presentation of proposed changes on 12/19/19, SDRC suggested reviewing whether allowing additional lighting times for emergency services (shelter care) can be allowed.	<p>1. <u>A 20 sq. ft. sign is allowed per tenant in a multi-tenant complex. A multi-tenant complex may have no more than two freestanding signs, which may be a tenant sign or a sign for the entire complex.</u></p> <p>2. <del>illumination and color:</del> Signs on arterial and collector streets shall be illuminated <del>only</del> by <u>down lights only by</u> low pressure sodium lighting, <u>halo-effect illumination, full cut-off LED lighting or other similar lighting technologies compatible with the Tucson Outdoor Lighting Code.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Signs and</u> shall not be illuminated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Signs located on a local street frontage shall not be illuminated <u>at any time.</u></p> <p>4. <u>No digital signs are permitted except for non-residential uses. Color schemes for all sign components, including copy, shall be compatible with surrounding residential areas.</u></p>	X		X
5.	24	11.4.7	Define "Fixed Balloon Sign"	Fixed balloons should be defined.	<p><b><u>Fixed Balloon Sign (7A)</u></b>  <u>An airtight bag filled with helium, hot air, or other gas causing the bag to be lighter-than-air, that is anchored to any structure with rope, cable or similar material.</u></p> <p><b><u>A. Small Fixed Balloon (7A)</u></b>  <u>A fixed balloon that is less than 2 feet in diameter.</u></p>	X		X
6.	5	7A.7.1.G.1.e	Accept SDRC Comment	Remove "vehicle" and replace with "driver".	e. Enhances <u>driver</u> <del>vehicle</del> reaction time to the signs,	X		

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7.	9	7A.10.2.C.1.a (1) & (2)	No issue with including basis of size and height of access sign on linear street frontage.	Based on presentation of proposed change to Section on 12/19/19, suggestion to base additional allowance of size of access point sign on linear street frontage and not size of premise.	<p>a. <b>Access Point Sign</b> An on-site sign located at or near the access point or other wayfinding location. This sign is permitted in the residential category for non-residential uses, in a multi-family residential or non-residential category for non-residential uses and multi-family uses and is not permitted in the historic district.</p> <p><u>(1) – Size and height allowed</u></p> <p>Up to 3 ft. tall and up to 6 sq. ft. in area, unless section (3) below is met.</p> <p><u>(2) – Site Visibility Triangle (SVT)</u></p> <p><u>If an Access Point Sign is outside of the SVT the required minimum setback is 10 ft.</u></p> <p><u>(3) – Additional allowance</u></p> <p><u>If the Access Point Sign is located on a premise that has a street frontage of 125 feet or greater, or that has an area of one acre or greater the Access Point Sign may be up to 4 ft. tall and 12 sq. ft.</u></p>	X		X
8.	16	7A.11.3.E.4 & 6	Particular regulations for signs in the scenic district corridor zone should be removed because a change in policy has made these sections irrelevant.	Agreement with staff's suggestion.	Remove language in Section 7A.11.3.E.4 and 7A.11.3.E.6.	X		

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9.	5	7A.8.1.b	Language should inform applicant that if an exempt sign is in a local historic district the sign will be reviewed under 5.8.8., <i>Design Review Required</i> , and if the sign is in a federal historic district it is discouraged to add a mural, etc. to pristine historic construction	Agreement with informing applicant that if the sign is in a local historic district/ historic preservation "H" zone, the exempt sign/mural will be subject to historic review. Do not include language relating to federal historic district.	<u>B. In the event that an exempt sign listed above is located in a "H" Historic Preservation Zone, the sign will be subject to review under 5.8.8. Design Review Required.</u>	X		
10.	14-15, 19-20	7A.11.1	Language in 7A.11.1 should be removed from the Sign Code and instead placed in Article 5, Section 8.9.M, <i>Signs</i> .	No issue with removing language in 7A.11.1 and incorporating it into Article 5. Keep reference in 7A.11.1 to location of sign standards in historic districts in Article 5 for ease of locating standards.	See pages 14-15 for the language removed from 7A.11.1. See pages 19-20 for the redline edit to 5.8.9.M incorporating standards from 7A.11.1 and the redline edit removing any duplicates between previous 5.8.9.M and 7A.11.1.	X		
11.	14	7A.10.5.G.9.b.	Process described in this section does not follow with general Planning Development Services Department (PDS) procedure. The general procedure is for a PDS Director decision to be rendered which can then be appealed to Mayor and Council. The existing policy here instead allows a recommendation from the Plans Review Subcommittee (PRS) to be appealed directly to Mayor and Council prior to a decision being rendered by the PDS Director.	If this is not the usual procedure for processes in the department it makes sense to correct the process to keep consistency with other PDS processes. Edit section to ensure that the PDS Director design is rendered from the PRS recommendation. After the PDS Director decision is finalized, the decision may be appealed in the general manner.	b. Legislative: <u>An appeal from the Planning and Development Services Director's decision shall be conducted in accordance with Section 3.9.2., Mayor and Council Appeal Procedure. The planning and development services director will prepare a written recommendation to approve or deny the treatment Plan within ten days of receiving the T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee recommendation and forward it to the mayor and council for a public hearing and decision at the earliest practicable date.</u> In granting approval, the Mayor and Council must find that preservation of the sign will contribute to Tucson's unique character, history, and identity.	X		X

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12.	23	2.2.12.1	Reduce number of members on the Sign Design Review Committee. Allow for a total member count of 5, with a 6 <sup>th</sup> member present for those applications where an ad hoc neighborhood association representative has been appointed where applicable.	Keep number of member serving the same for now. Revisit this in the fall. Reduce the amount required for a quorum.	<p><b>I. Quorum</b>            A quorum for a meeting shall be <u>50% of those members seated</u> <del>five members</del>. If for any reason the City Manager has not appointed the members of the committee or a quorum is not obtained for a particular application, the director may request that the Design Professional make a recommendation directly to the PDS Director.</p>			X
13.	4-5	7A.7.1.E.2.c.(4)	Remove require for ground mounted signs to be located within a landscaped area. Remove requirement for an already developed site. Place discretion with Sign Design Review Committee (SDRC) to ensure landscaping is provided where applicable.	Makes sense to remove requirement for signs to be placed in a landscaped area for developed site. Discretion for compliance should rest with the SDRC.	<p><b>(4) Landscaping</b>            Ground-mounted signs shall be <u>incorporated into existing or proposed landscaping at the site located within a landscaped area that is proportional to the affected sign area</u>. The materials shall consist of non-obstructing live and/or inert landscaping materials.</p>			X