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- B. *Total number of signs:* One (1) per street frontage per premises, except that businesses with frontage on more than two (2) streets are permitted to have a total of no more than three (3) signs.
- C. Maximum area of any sign: Eight (8) square feet.
- D. Historic district advisory board approval: All sign permit applications must be approved by the appropriate historic district advisory board.
- E. *Protrusion limitation:* No signs may extend above the top of the nearest facade, eaves or firewall of a building or structure.
- F. *Illumination:* Signs within the historic district may be illuminated by remote light sources that are shielded from adjacent properties.
- G. *Prohibited features:* Visible bulbs, neon tubing, luminous paints, and plastics are prohibited, except as provided in Section 2.8.8.6 and approved in accordance with Section 2.8.8.5 of the Land Use Code.
  - H. Permitted signs:
  - 1. Signs generally permitted by section 3-51 and sign types listed in Article V, except as modified by this subsection for this district, and signs exempt under section 3-52.
  - 2. Awning signs.
  - 3. Banners, building and curbside.
  - 4. Freestanding signs, monument and low profile only.
    - a. Maximum number: One (1) per premises.
    - Freestanding signs that include or consist of a three-dimensional representation of a figure or object are prohibited.

5. Portable signs.

- a. May be permitted in this district only after review and approval by the development services director, the applicable historic district advisory board and the Tucson Pima County Historical Commission.
- b. Use is subject to the provisions of section 3-51.F, except that use in this district is not limited to advertisement related to road or water construction.
- 6. Projecting signs.
  - a. Allowed use: Limited to commercial uses only.
  - b. Maximum height: Twelve (12) feet from grade (pedestrian surface) to top of sign.
  - c. Minimum clearance: Eight (8) feet between grade and bottom of sign.
  - d. Maximum projection from building: Five (5) feet.
- 7. Real estate signs, all types.
  - a. Real estate for sale or lease sign.

    Maximum area for residential
    properties: Four (4) square feet.
- 8. Temporary signs.
- 9. Wall signs.
- 10. Canopy signs, limited to properties zoned HO-2, HO-3, HNC, HC-1, HC-2, HC-3, HOCR-1 and HOCR-2.

(Ord. No. 10481, § 2, 11-27-07, eff. 1-14-08; Ord. No. 11076, § 7, 5-29-13)

#### Sec. 3-82. Pedestrian business district.

A. Location: The pedestrian business district includes property as shown in Figure 1: Pedestrian Business District Downtown; Figure 2a: Pedestrian Business District Fourth Avenue; Figure 2b: Pedestrian Business District Park Avenue; and Figure 2c: Pedestrian Business District Mercado.

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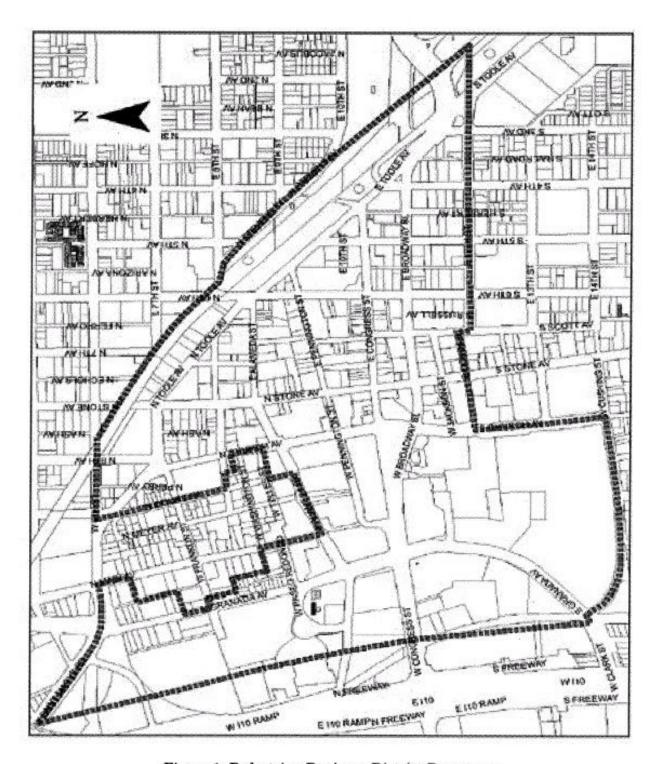


Figure 1: Pedestrian Business District Downtown

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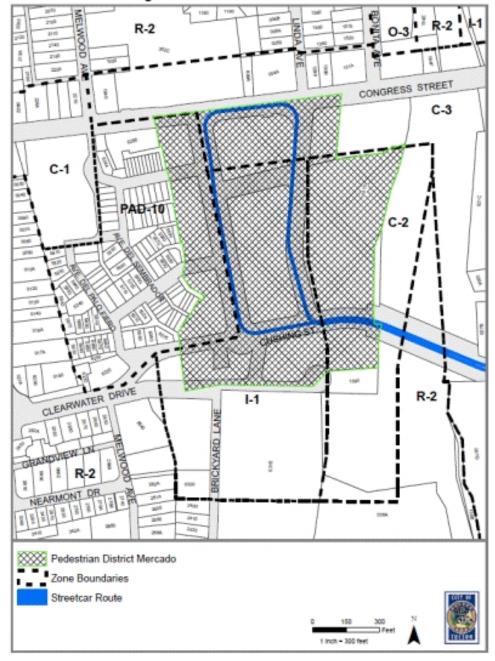


Figure 2.C Pedestrian District Mercado

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- B. *Intent:* Signs in the pedestrian business district should provide clear and understandable identification for buildings, businesses and parking. Signs on historic buildings should be carefully designed and located to respect the visual integrity of the historic architecture, including building scale, proportions, surface texture and decorative ornamentation.
- C. *Maximum total sign area*: Three (3) square feet per foot of street frontage.
  - D. Permitted signs.
  - 1. Signs generally permitted by section 3-51 and sign types listed in Article V, except as modified by this subsection for this district, and signs exempt under section 3-52.
  - 2. Awning signs.
  - 3. Banners, building and curbside.
  - 4. Freestanding signs, low profile and monument type only.
    - a. Maximum number: One (1) per building per street frontage where a building facade is set back at least ten (10) feet from a public right-of-way, or one (1) per street frontage for a surface parking lot where parking is the primary use of the property.
    - b. Maximum area: Twenty (20) square feet per sign.
    - c. Parking lots: Where used to identify a commercial parking facility, each freestanding sign must display the standard Parking I.D. symbol.
    - d. Maximum height: Twelve (12) feet above grade.
  - 5. Parking signs.
  - 6. Portable signs are permitted subject to the provisions of section 3-51.F, except that use in this district is not limited to advertisement related to road or water construction.

7. Projecting signs.

- a. Allowed for commercial uses only.
- b. Maximum area: Twenty (20) square feet.
- c. Maximum height: Twelve (12) feet from grade (pedestrian surface) to top of sign.
- d. Minimum clearance: Eight (8) feet between grade and bottom of sign.
- e. Maximum projection from building: Five (5) feet.
- 8. Real estate signs, all types.
- 9. Temporary signs.
- 10. Traffic directional signs.
- 11. Wall signs. Maximum size: Thirty (30) percent of the area of each wall.
- 12. Historic landmark signs (HLS), all types. The first HLS on a premise does not count toward the maximum total sign area.
- 13. Canopy signs.

(Ord. No. 10481, § 2, 11-27-07, eff. 1-14-08; Ord. No. 10903, § 4, 6-28-11; Ord. No. 11076, § 7, 5-29-13; Ord. No. 11131, § 1, 12-2-13; Ord. No. 11166, § 1, 5-6-14; Ord. No. 11188, § 2, 8-5-14, eff. 9-5-14)

Editor's note – Ord. No. 11166 provides that the provisions of Ord. No. 10903 shall cease to be effective on May 29, 2017, unless extended by the Mayor and Council by a separate ordinance. If not extended, the sections shall revert to the language as it existed prior to Ord. No. 10903.

#### Sec. 3-83. Scenic corridor zone (SCZ) district.

A. Location: The scenic corridor zone (SCZ) district includes any portion of property or parcels within four hundred (400) feet, measured in any direction, of the future right-of-way lines of a scenic route, as designated on the Major Streets and Routes (MS&R) Plan map. If any portion of a development is within the SCZ district, the entire development will be treated, for sign purposes only, as though it were entirely within the SCZ district.

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- B. Maximum total attached sign area:
- 1. For commercial or industrial uses: one and one-fourth (1.25) square feet per foot of building frontage with a minimum allowance of not less than twenty-five (25) square feet and a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) square feet per tenant. Signs must be oriented toward a scenic route, arterial street, collector street, or the interior of the premises.
- 2. For multifamily complexes: Twenty (20) square feet per street frontage.
- C. Land Use Code compliance: All signs in this District shall comply with applicable provisions of the Land Use Code and must be approved through the applicable review process.
- D. *Colors:* All signs shall use colors that are predominant within the surrounding landscape, such as desert and earth tones, as required in the scenic corridor zone provisions of the Land Use Code.
  - E. Permitted signs:
  - 1. Signs generally permitted by section 3-51 and sign types listed in Article V, except as modified by this subsection for this district, and signs exempt under section 3-52.
  - 2. Awning signs.
  - 3. Freestanding signs, monument and low profile only.
    - a. Maximum number per premises:
      - (1) Scenic route: One (1) for the first four hundred fifty (450) feet of scenic route street frontage with one (1) additional sign for every four hundred (400) feet of additional scenic route street frontage.
      - (2) Arterial street: One (1) for the first four hundred fifty (450) feet of arterial street frontage with one (1) additional sign for every two hundred fifty (250) feet of additional arterial street frontage.

(3) Collector Street: One (1) for the first four hundred fifty (450) feet of collector street frontage within the premises, with one (1) additional sign for every two hundred fifty (250) feet of additional collector street frontage.

#### b. Maximum area:

- (1) Multifamily residential uses: Twenty (20) square feet per street frontage.
- (2) Commercial or industrial uses: Thirty-five (35) square feet per sign if located within the SCZ buffer, fifty (50) square feet per sign if located outside the SCZ buffer.
- c. Maximum height: Ten (10) feet.

#### d. Location:

- (1) Scenic route: Maximum height signs shall be located no less than seven and one-half (7.5) feet behind the leading edge of the SCZ buffer and within fifty (50) feet of the right-of-way line. Signs may be located one (1) foot closer to the leading edge of the SCZ buffer for each foot (below the maximum) they are reduced in height.
- (2) All other streets: Within twenty (20) feet of the right-of-way line and at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the centerline of the scenic route.
- e. Freestanding signs that include or consist of a three-dimensional representation of a figure or object are prohibited.
- f. Lighting: Sign panels shall be opaque. Light shall be emitted through individual translucent letters and/or symbols only, or individual letters and/or symbols may be halo illuminated.

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