

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION  
11-7-2  
OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES  
CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

**Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia:**

**That Section 11-7-2 Definitions be modified by amending the definitions as shown:**

*Flat sign:* Any sign attached to, painted upon, and erected parallel to, the face of the outside wall of a building and supported throughout its length by such wall or building, not extending more than eighteen (18) inches from the building wall and which displays only one (1) sign face.

*Freestanding Sign:* A sign not ~~attached to or painted on~~ a building but which is affixed to the ground, and can be a pole, pylon, post or other detached sign. A sign attached to or painted upon a flat surface, such as a fence or wall not part of a building, shall be considered a freestanding sign.

*Sign:* An identification, description, illustration or device which is affixed to, painted upon, or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure, or land, rock, tree or other natural object, and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, person, institution or business. Murals directing attention to things as described herein shall be considered signs.

*Sign area:* That entire area composed of a square, circle or rectangle that encloses the extreme limits of the message, including all letters, figures, characters, background and trim. Any supportive frame and bracing members of a sign shall not be included in the sign area calculations provided that the member has no advertising value. Only one (1) side of a double-faced sign shall be included in a computation of sign area. For other signs with more than one (1) face, each side shall be included in a computation of sign area. The area of a cylindrical or spherical sign shall be included by multiplying one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the circumference by the height of the sign. Murals determined to be signs shall have their entire square footages included in sign area calculations.

The remainder of Section 11-7-2 is reaffirmed and reenacted in its entirety, except as hereby modified.

This ordinance shall be effective from the 24 day of June, ~~2013~~<sup>2014</sup>. Adopted and approved this 24 day of June, ~~2013~~<sup>2014</sup>.

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MAYOR

ATTESTE:

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