



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Eric Adams, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Daniel R. Garodnick, Chair

101-71 - Sign Regulations

File generated by <https://zr.planning.nyc.gov> on 9/15/2025

101-71 - Sign Regulations

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

In order to enhance the visual quality of the Atlantic Avenue Subdistrict, the following additional regulations shall apply to all #signs# within the Subdistrict.

101-711 - Total surface area of signs

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

The total #surface area# and number of all permitted #signs#, including non-#illuminated# and #illuminated signs#, shall not exceed the limitations set forth for non-#illuminated signs# in Section [101-712](#) (Area of non-illuminated signs).

101-712 - Area of non-illuminated signs

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

The total #surface area# (in square feet) of non-#illuminated signs# on a #zoning lot# shall not exceed three times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), and in no event shall exceed 150 square feet for #interior# or #through lots# or 150 square feet on each frontage for #corner lots#. Each #commercial# establishment shall be permitted not more than one #sign#. The vertical dimension of any #sign# shall not exceed three feet. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to projecting #signs# that comply with the provisions of Section [101-131](#) (Permitted projection).

101-713 - Area of illuminated signs

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

The total #surface area# (in square feet) of #illuminated signs# on a #zoning lot# shall not exceed two times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), and in no event shall exceed 50 square feet for #interior# or #through lots# or 50 square feet on each frontage for #corner lots#. The vertical dimension on any #illuminated sign# shall not exceed 2 feet, 6 inches, nor shall #illuminated signs# project more than 10 inches from the surface to which they are affixed.

101-714 - Permanent window graphics

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

Permanent window graphics may not occupy more than 20 percent of the total area of the window in which they are displayed. If such a permanent window graphic has letters more than three inches high, it shall count as a #sign#.

101-715 - Location of signs

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

If more than one #commercial# establishment is located on the same floor of a #building#, the #signs# #accessory# to all such establishments, except for projecting #signs# that comply with the provisions of Section [101-131](#) (Permitted projection), shall be of equal height and mounted or painted on a common #sign# board. All #signs# or common #sign# boards shall be located as follows:

- (a) if #accessory# to #uses# on the ground floor of a #building#, the #sign# or common #sign# board shall be located within a band extending the full length of the #street wall#, which band shall have a lower limit of eight feet above the ground floor and an upper limit coincident with the bottom of the lowest window sill on the second floor, but in no event more than 16 feet above #curb level#;
- (b) if #accessory# to #uses# on the upper floor of a #building#, the #sign# or common #sign# board shall be located between the highest window lintel of the floor on which the #use# is located and the lowest window sill of the floor above, but in no case more than 25 feet above #curb level#;
- (c) no #sign# may be located so as to obscure any cornice, except that a non-#illuminated sign# may be attached to a cornice if such #sign# consists of individual letters, emblems or figures mounted on open metal mesh attached to the cornice and finished to match the cornice, provided that the cornice remains visible; and
- (d) no #sign# or common #sign# board shall extend above the parapet wall or roof of the #building# on which it is displayed.

101-716 - Sign materials and colors

LAST AMENDED
6/28/2004

#Signs# may be fabricated of any opaque material that does not have a glossy or reflective surface, except that glossy translucent material may be used:

- (a) in areas where the intent is to imitate or replace glass, as in transoms; or
- (b) for individual letters in internally lit #illuminated signs#.

Background colors for #signs# or common #sign# boards shall be limited to black, navy blue, dark green, maroon or bronze.