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SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

Date _____ Applicant Name _____

Name of Business (if applicable) _____

Address of sign location _____

Material type: _____ Size _____ Electricity? _____

Name of Contractor _____

Address _____ phone _____

Contractor Lic # _____

Date to start project: _____ Mo One Call Ticket # _____

1-800-DIG-RITE

If sign is on a MoDOT highway, approval in writing from MoDOT must be provided to the City of Stockton at time of sign application.

*****Photo/drawing of sign must be provided at the time of the application

*****Please complete drawing on back indicating where the sign will be located on property in adjacent to street and any buildings.

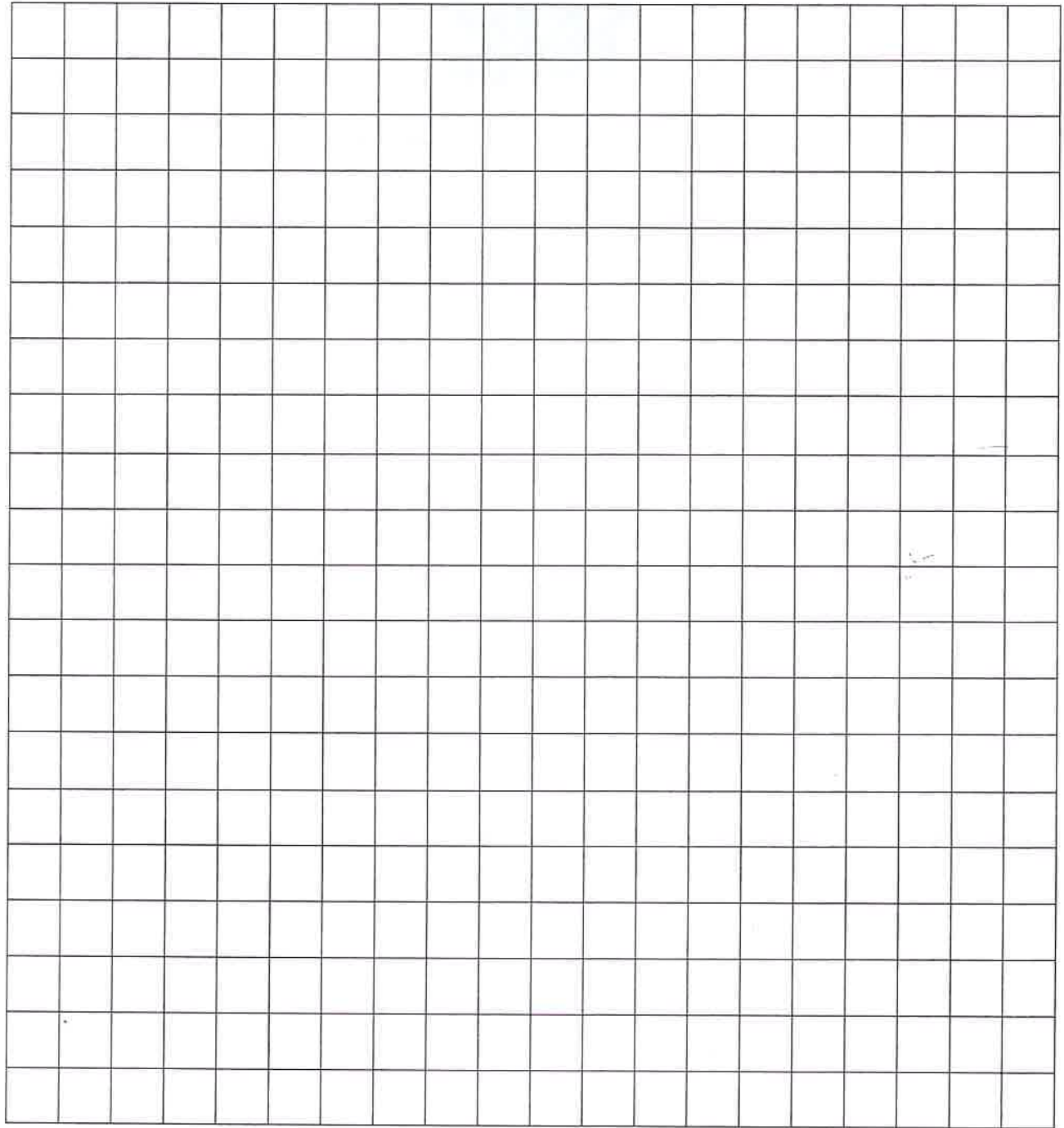
Each sign requires a permit. Signs shall be kept in good repair and shall not obstruct the view or flow of traffic.

If any portion of this code is not met after written notice to the owner of the sign, it can be removed or fixed at the expense of the sign owner or property owner.

Signature of applicant _____

Permit approved by _____

City of Stockton – Code Enforcer/Building inspector



Chapter 410

SIGN REGULATIONS AND SIGN PERMITS

Section 410.010. Permit Required. [CC 1979 §43.010]

A no-fee permit is required for signs. This permit, when conditions of this Chapter are met, shall be issued by the City Code Enforcement Officer.

Section 410.020. Purpose of Permit. [CC 1979 §43.020]

To allow for removal of unsafe or hazardous signs; to allow for removal of misleading signs; and to inform applicants that there are minor restrictions in regard to signs.

Section 410.030. Exemptions. [CC 1979 §43.030]

The following shall not require issuance of a sign permit provided that they meet and comply with the purpose of the permits as presented in this Chapter:

Church bulletin board, construction sign, institutional or governmental sign, memorial or tablet sign, political sign, real estate sign, special displays, "no trespassing", "private road", "private property" signs, occupational or identification sign on business buildings, hanging sign in commercial districts, temporary window signs.

Section 410.040. Illuminated Signs. [CC 1979 §43.040]

A. Illuminated signs shall be subject to the following restrictions:

1. All illumination shall be oriented so as to prevent undue glare onto adjacent streets or residential properties.
2. All electrical illumination devices shall be designed to be weather resistant and shatterproof.

Section 410.050. Conflict With Traffic Signs. [CC 1979 §43.050]

No sign shall be erected or maintained so that, by its position, shape, working device, or color, might interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device.

Section 410.060. Political Signs. [CC 1979 §43.060]

Political signs shall be removed within two (2) days after the election is held to which they pertain.

Section 410.070. Garage Sale Signs. [CC 1979 §43.070]

Garage sale signs will be removed within two (2) days after the last day of the sale.

Section 410.075. Placement of Signs Prohibited on Public Square Property. [Ord. No. 385, 4-23-2007; Ord. No. 415, 7-26-2010]

- A. No sign advertising a garage sale, yard or rummage sale shall be fastened, taped, or secured in any manner to any stop sign, sign post, light post, or any other sign, or otherwise erected or placed on any State or City property located within the Stockton public square.
- B. No sign advertising any commercial activity or venture shall be fastened, taped, or secured in any manner to any stop sign, sign post, light post, or any other sign, or otherwise erected or placed on any State or City property located within the Stockton public square.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not prohibit the placement of signs related to activities of Stockton Public Schools, nor shall it prohibit the placement of any tripod signs in the public square by the City, Stockton Chamber of Commerce, or Stockton Public Schools.
- D. A violation of this Section upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). Every day a violation of this Section shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.
- E. For purposes of this Section, the term "public square" refers to the portion of the City identified in Section 205.250, Fire District Limits Established, of the Stockton City Code.

Section 410.080. Pedestrian or Vehicular Hazard. [CC 1979 §43.080]

If any sign becomes hazardous to pedestrian or vehicular traffic by reason of obstruction of walkways or fire access or exit lanes, by restricting sight distances for vehicle or pedestrian traffic, or is located so close to travel lanes or parking areas that it is struck by maneuvering vehicles, then such signs shall be relocated, removed, or otherwise protected within thirty (30) days of notification that such danger or nuisance does exist.

Section 410.090. Good Repair of Signs. [CC 1979 §43.090]

Good repair of signs is required in that all signs and supports shall be maintained so as to prevent rust, peeling, flaking or fading. Broken panels, missing letters, flaking or peeling paint and other visual damage to a sign shall be repaired within forty-five (45) days of occurrence or within thirty (30) days of notification by the City Code Enforcement Officer. Provision shall be made for electric grounding of any metallic parts.

Section 410.100. Code Enforcement Officer Will Give Written Notice. [CC 1979 §43.100]

- A. The Code Enforcement Officer will give written notice to the owner of the sign or, if the owner cannot be located within thirty (30) days, to the owner of the premises where the sign is located. The notice will state:
 - 1. Violation(s) found;

2. The conditions must be brought into compliance within thirty (30) days or written proof that work has been contracted to correct violation no later than sixty (60) days from date of note;
3. The specific Code standard which must be met;
4. Failure to comply or to make good faith efforts to comply with the terms of this notice shall constitute grounds for the Code Enforcement Officer to order removal of the sign or correction of the non-compliance at the expense of the sign owner or property owner.

Section 410.110. Code Enforcement Officer May Remove Sign. [CC 1979 §43.110]

- A. The Code Enforcement Officer may remove a sign if:
1. The violations set out in a written notice have not been corrected within sixty (60) days after mailing of the notice; and
 2. The sign or premises owner or sign erector is not able to prove to the Code Enforcement Officer's satisfaction good faith efforts to bring the sign into compliance.

Section 410.120. Failure to Comply — Ordinance Violation. [CC 1979 §43.120]

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter is guilty of an ordinance violation and subject to punishment as provided in Section 100.220 of this Code.

Section 410.130. Appeals and Variances. [CC 1979 §43.130]

Appeals and variances are allowed by sign owners presenting grounds for request to City Board or any other appropriate board as established by the Mayor.

Section 410.140. Sign Removal. [CC 1979 §43.150]

Any sign structure which advertises a business no longer conducted or a product no longer sold on the premises or lot shall be removed by the owner, agent, or person having beneficial use of the premises or lot upon which the sign is erected within thirty (30) days after the business is permanently closed or the product is no longer produced.

Section 410.150. Application for Sign Permit. [CC 1979 §43.160]

Applicants for a permit will be required to read this Chapter of the Code and sign the form provided by the City Clerk, certifying that the applicant understands and agrees to comply with and accept the requirements of this Chapter.

Section 410.160. Enforcement. [CC 1979 §43.170]

The Code Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Chapter and may at any reasonable time inspect any sign structure regulated by this Chapter.

