



St. Mary's County
Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Customer Assistance Guide

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Sign Regulations

Per Ordinance No. 2016-27

02. Definitions.

01. "**Sign**" is a name, identification, description, display or illustration, which is affixed to, painted or represented directly or indirectly upon a building or other freestanding outdoor surface which directs attention to, or is designed or intended to direct attention to, the sign face or to an object, product, place, activity, person, institution, organization or business. "Sign" does not include:

c. a sign affixed to, painted or represented directly or indirectly upon a building that is not less than two hundred (200) feet from any public street, sidewalk, or pedestrian way;

03. "**Commercial sign**" is a sign that includes information concerning the availability or quality of a product or service that is lawfully sold, leased or held for investment.

04. "**Event sign**" is a sign that includes only notice of a single lawful event, including the date and place of the event, or direction to the location of the event.

06. "**Functional sign**" is a sign that includes only the following:

a. name of the occupant, business or community;

09. "**Commercial Center**" is a non-residential property improved by six (6) or more commercial units which share an entrance and a parking area.

06. Non-residential Property.

01. A Non-residential Property may be improved by:

- a. one (1) sign;
- b. functional signs; and
- c. event signs.

07. Commercial Center.

01. A Commercial Center may be improved by:

- a. one (1) sign;
- b. one (1) sign at each entrance to the property
- c. functional signs; and
- d. event signs.

10. Enforcement

02. A sign not authorized by this Ordinance is contraband and may be removed.

The **FULL** ordinance is available online @ <http://www.stmarysmd.com/docs/Sign%20Ordinance.pdf>
For additional information, contact the Zoning Compliance Supervisor at (301) 475-4200, Ext *1582.