

**Separation of Uses**

See *Measurement, Separation of Uses*.

**Setback**

See *Measurement, Setback*.

**Side Lot Line**

See *Lot Line, Side*.

**Sidewalk**

A hard-surfaced walk or raised path and any curb ramps or blended transitions along and generally paralleling the side of the streets for pedestrians. Sidewalks do not include the curb or gutter structures.

**Sighting Lines**

See Section 14-16-3-5(D)(3) (Coors Boulevard – VPO-1 Definitions).

**Sign Definitions**

The following definitions relate to the regulation of signs in Section 14-16-5-12 and other provisions of this IDO.

**Joint Sign Premises**

Two (2) or more abutting premises, each with less than 100 feet of street frontage that are combined by their respective owners to qualify and jointly apply for a freestanding sign that otherwise would not be allowed on the individual premises.

**Sign**

Any display to public view of letters, words, numerals, figures, statues, devices, emblems, pictures, or any parts or combinations thereof designed to inform or advertise or promote merchandise, services, or activities except for the following:

1. Non-illuminated names of buildings, dates of erection, monument citations, commemorative tablets and the like when carved into stone, concrete, metal, or any other permanent type construction and made an integral part of a permitted structure or made flush to the ground.
2. Signs required by law or signs of a duly-constituted governmental body.
3. Signs placed by a public utility for the safety, welfare, or convenience of the public, such as signs identifying high voltage, public telephone, or underground cables.
4. Signs upon a vehicle, provided that any such vehicle with a sign face of over 2 square feet is not conspicuously parked so as to constitute a sign; nothing herein prevents such a vehicle from being used for bona fide delivery and other vehicular purposes.
5. Temporary holiday decorations.

A back-to-back sign or V-shaped sign constitutes 1 sign if it employs a common set of supports. A composite group of signs integrated into 1 framed unit or compact structure constitutes 1 sign.

**Sign Area**

See *Measurement, Sign Area*.

**Sign, Building-mounted**

A sign entirely supported by or through a building, including canopy sign, marquee sign, projecting sign, roof sign, or wall sign. See also *Sign, Canopy; Sign, Marquee; Sign, Projecting; Sign, Roof; Sign, Wall; and Sign, Window* for sign types that are considered building-mounted.

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**Building Mounted Sign****Sign, Canopy**

A type of building-mounted sign mounted under and supported by a permanent canopy, arcade, or portal.

**Canopy Signage****Sign, Electronic**

Electronic display panel signs and electronic message reader board signs.

**Sign, Electronic Display/Board Panel**

A sign that presents information that is transmitted in various visual forms and includes types such as: flat screen, active display matrix, or any electronic display capable of displaying multiple communications, images, graphics in mono, tri and/or full color. Such displays include, but are not limited to, current and future technology such as: Light Emitting Diodes (LED), Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), Plasma Display Panels (PDP), 3D Holography, pixel or subpixel technology, other fiber optics and illumination devices within the display area. The electronic control allows for programmable, electronic changing messages used primarily for the purpose of advertising, marketing messages, and display of time-sensitive and other updatable information.

**Sign, Electronic Message Reader Board**

A sign with light bulbs used to display single or multiple lines of text or graphics. The horizontal columns of light produce changing messages or text by programmable electronic or mechanical processes. The sign can also use a fixed light source to provide a message in text, graphics, photos and/or symbols appearing to move or flash. Examples of electronic message

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boards include, but are not limited to, static monochrome price signs displaying numbers only (e.g. gas stations); changeable price signs displaying numbers and/or text, with alternating messages against a dark background (e.g. gas stations); monochrome message reader boards displaying text and/or limited graphics, with changing messages (e.g. bus stops, community centers).

**Sign, Freestanding**

A sign attached to or supported from the ground and not attached to a building. Signs on walls or fences that are not an integral part of a building are considered freestanding signs. Freestanding signs do not include portable signs. See *Sign, Monument* and *Sign, Pole* for sign types that are considered freestanding.

**Sign Height**

The vertical distance from grade to the highest point of the sign.

**Sign, Historic**

A sign that is listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties either individually or as a contributing part of a property or a sign that contributes to the historic character of a designated City landmark.

**Sign, Illuminated**

Any sign that is directly lighted by any on-premises electrical light source, internal or external, except light sources specifically and clearly operated for the purpose of lighting the general area in which the sign is located rather than upon the sign itself, including but not limited to luminous tubing signs such as neon signs. All electronic signs are illuminated signs.

**Sign, Marquee**

A type of projecting sign mounted on a continuous structural band that forms the more or less vertical edge of the marquee structure.

**Marquee Sign****Sign, Monument**

A sign with a maximum of 2 sign faces that is integrated into a solid structural frame beginning at the ground with a base and up to 2 supports of the same material as the frame. See also *Sign, Freestanding*.

**Sign, Neon**

A sign that uses neon, argon, or a similar gas to fill tubing, made of glass or similar material, that is charged with electricity and used to create an illuminated tubular sign or illuminated

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elements of a sign that includes, at a minimum lettering and/or images. The tubing may contain an alternative illumination technology, including but not limited to light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Any non-gaseous illumination technology, such as LEDs, must produce illumination that appears to be a continuous, uninterrupted line, similar to illumination produced by gaseous illumination technology.

**Sign, Off-premises**

A sign, the content of which does not refer to an establishment operating on the premises where the sign is displayed.

**Sign, On-premises**

A sign, the content of which relates to the premises on which it is located, referring exclusively to the name, location, products, persons, accommodations, services, or activities of or on those premises, or the sale, lease, or construction of those premises.

**Sign, Pole**

A sign attached to or supported from the ground by a single pole or post and not attached to a building. See also *Sign, Freestanding*.

**Sign, Portable**

An A-frame or sandwich board sign. A portable sign shall rest on the ground and shall not be supported by a person or animal.

**Sign, Projecting**

A type of building-mounted sign, other than a wall sign or canopy sign, that projects from and is supported by a wall of a building.

**Projecting Sign****Sign, Roof**

A building-mounted sign or sign segment that is higher than the roof of the building or canopy to which it is attached.

**Sign, Temporary**

A public display of letters, words, numerals, figures, statues, devices, emblems, pictures, etc. for a specified period of time.

**Sign, Transit Shelter**

A sign located on a City of Albuquerque Transit Department shelter.

**Sign Transition**

The visual effect and time interval between messages or images displayed on an electronic display panel or electronic message reader board.

**Sign, Wall**

A sign flush to the exterior surface of a building, applied directly on the building or a signboard attached flush to the building, projecting no more than 18 inches from the building surface and not projecting above the roof. However, light sources aimed at the wall sign may extend farther.

**Sign, Window**

A public display of letters, words, numerals, figures, statues, devices, emblems, or pictures placed on or inside a window that is discernible from a minimum of 3 feet away.

**Sign, Yard**

A type of free-standing sign that is relatively small and short, typically supported by 1 or 2 wires or posts, and located in the front yard of a property.

**Single Room Occupancy**

A type of residential development that provides dwelling units with separate sleeping areas and some combination of shared bath or toilet facilities. The building may or may not have separate or shared cooking facilities for the residents.

**Site Development Plan**

A term used prior to the effective date of the IDO for a scaled plan for development on one or more lots that specifies at minimum the site, proposed use(s), pedestrian and vehicular access, any internal circulation, maximum building height, building setbacks, maximum total dwelling units, and/or nonresidential floor area. A more detailed site development plan would also specify the exact locations of structures, their elevations and dimensions, the parking and loading areas, landscaping, and schedule of development. The equivalent approval in the IDO will be determined based on the level of detail provided in the prior approval.

**Site Plan**

An accurate plan that includes all information required for that type of application, structure, or development by the DPM.

**Sketch Plat**

See *Plat Definitions*.

**Small Loan Business**

Any business requiring licensure under the New Mexico Small Loan Business Act, Sections 58-15-1 through 58-15-39 NMSA 1978, including but not limited to businesses offering Payday Loans, Title Loans, Installment Loans, or Refund Tax Anticipation Loans. For the purposes of this IDO, small loan businesses are treated as a bank use. See also *Bank*.

**Solar Energy Generation or Device**

The use of land or buildings as locations for mounting of solar collectors or other devices that rely on sunshine as an energy source and are capable of collecting, distributing, or storing the sun's radiant energy.

**Solid Waste Convenience Center**

City-owned and operated locations for the drop-off of solid waste by residents and small commercial haulers only.