

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 44-14

Mr. David Marks, Councilman

By the County Council, July 7, 2014

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Signs

FOR the purpose of permitting certain types of canopy signs, subject to certain restrictions, and generally relating to canopy signs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 450.5.B.3(b) and 450.4.5 (a), (d), (p) and (r) and 450.4.5.7(a)
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, read as follows:

§450.5 Structural types of signs.

B. Structural type definitions and restrictions.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

3. Canopy: A fixed, roof-like structure, other than an awning, which projects from a wall of a building and extends along a majority of the wall's length OR OVER AN ENTRANCE TO A BUILDING THAT MAY OR MAY NOT to provide shelter over an entrance or walkway.

“Canopy” includes a marquee, but excludes a “service station canopy” for purposes of this section. Canopy signs are subject to the following:

b. A sign erected on the vertical face of a canopy may not extend [above or] below the face of the canopy, or beyond either end of the face of the canopy, unless the continuation of the sign is wall-mounted. A SIGN ATTACHED TO THE FACE OF OR ON TOP OF THE CANOPY MAY EXTEND ABOVE THE VERTICAL FACE OF THE CANOPY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 450.4. A CANOPY SIGN MAY NOT EXTEND ABOVE THE ROOF LINE OF A BUILDING UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY SECTION 450.

§ 450.4.

TABLE OF SIGN REGULATIONS Baltimore County PERMANENT SIGNS

I Class	II Structural Type	III Zone or Use	IV Permit Required	V Maximum Area/Face	VI Maximum No./Premises	VII Height	VIII Illumination	IX Additional Limitations
<p>5. ENTERPRISE, meaning an accessory sign which displays the identity and which may otherwise advertise the products or services associated with the individual organization</p>	<p>(a) Wall-mounted; projecting; canopy [Bill No. 117-2003]</p>	<p>B.L., B.M., B.R., C.B., B.L.R., M.L., M.L.R., M.H., M.R., excluding multi-tenant office, retail or industrial building</p>	<p>Use</p>	<p>Twice the length of the wall to which the signs are affixed</p>	<p>One in C.B. and M.R., otherwise three, no more than two on each facade</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Yes, when the use to which sign is accessory is open, but not in C.B. or M.R.</p>	<p>No single sign larger than 50square feet in C.B. and M.R.; 150 square feet otherwise. CANOPY SIGNS MAY EXTEND 3 FEET ABOVE THE FACE OF THE CANOPY. CANOPY SIGN MAY EXTEND MORE THAN 3 FEET WITH A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING THAT ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SIGN ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING.</p>

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	(d) Wall-mounted; canopy	On multi-tenant office, retail or industrial building, accessory to separate commercial entity with exterior customer entrance	Use	Two times the length of the wall containing the exterior entrance and defining the space occupied by the separate commercial entity	Entity with separate exterior customer entrance may erect one canopy and one wall-mounted sign	Not applicable	Yes, but in C.B. only when use to which sign is accessory is open	In C.B., area shall not exceed 100 square feet. CANOPY SIGNS MAY EXTEND 2 AND ½ FEET ABOVE THE FACE OF THE CANOPY. CANOPY SIGN MAY EXTEND MORE THAN 2 AND ½ FEET WITH A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING THAT ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SIGN ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING.
	(p) Wall-mounted; canopy; projecting	Plan of development with a minimum of 500,000 square feet of retail and/or office gross floor area in B.L., B.M., B.R., and M.L.-I.M; or a minimum of 300,000 square feet of retail and/or office gross floor area in the C.T. District of Towson	Use	12% of the face of the wall to which the sign is affixed	Not regulated	Not applicable	Yes	Structured parking must be provided; signage may be installed on or attached to any building wall or attached or detached structured parking facilities; signage installed on or attached to structured parking facilities may not advertise products or services associated with individual tenants; no changeable copy is permitted. CANOPY SIGNS MAY EXTEND 2 AND ½ FEET ABOVE THE FACE OF THE CANOPY. CANOPY SIGN MAY EXTEND MORE THAN 2 AND ½ FEET WITH A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING THAT ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SIGN ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING.
	(r) Wall-mounted; canopy	On multi-tenant building with a minimum of 50,000 square feet of gross floor area in M.R., M.L.R., M.L., M.H., O.T.	Use	Two times the length of the wall to which the signs are affixed	Not regulated	Not applicable	Yes	Multi-tenant building must be at least 2 stories in height; signage installed above the first story may not advertise products or services associated with individual tenants; no changeable copy is permitted. CANOPY SIGNS MAY EXTEND 2 AND ½ FEET ABOVE THE FACE OF THE CANOPY. CANOPY SIGN MAY EXTEND

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7. JOINT IDENTIFICATION , meaning an accessory sign displaying the identity of a multi-occupant nonresidential development such as a shopping center, office building or office park	(a) Wall-mounted; CANOPY	B.L., B.M., B.R., C.B., B.L.R.	Use	12% of area of wall upon which sign is erected	One per frontage; and 2 per frontage in that part of the C.T. District of Towson between West Joppa Road and Dulaney Valley Road north of the York Road circle and south of Bosley Avenue and Fairmount Avenue for a commercial development with a minimum of 150,000 square feet of office and/or retail gross floor area	Not Applicable	Yes	CANOPY SIGNS MAY EXTEND 4 FEET ABOVE THE FACE OF THE CANOPY BUT MAY NOT DISPLAY NAMES OF TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS. CANOPY SIGN MAY EXTEND MORE THAN 4 FEET WITH A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING THAT ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SIGN ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the
2 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on August 18, 2014.