

## DESCRIPTION

This sheet provides information for property owners and prospective advertisers about regulation of signs in Mille Lacs County. Sign regulations are found in Article 4 of the Development Ordinance. Please contact Princeton and Greenbush Townships directly for their signage requirements, as they each administer their own ordinances and requirements may be different.

## ARE THERE ANY SIGNS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM REGULATION?

There are a number of signs that are allowed in all zoning districts which are exempt from sign regulations. Some common examples include: temporary real estate signs, contractor signs, political signs, garage sale signs, official traffic control signs, and temporary event signs removed within ten days after the event.

## ARE LIGHTED OR LED SIGNS ALLOWED?

Lights that are diffused and directed towards the sign are allowed. LED signs are allowed as an accessory to commercial or industrial signage. In all cases, signs with flashing or revolving lights are prohibited.

## WHERE ARE BILLBOARDS ALLOWED?

Billboards (including LED billboards) are allowed as a Conditional Use along federal and state highways in the Commercial and Industrial zoning districts. Billboards in Mille Lacs County are limited to 600 ft<sup>2</sup> in surface area and 35 feet in height. Each sign structure may contain no more than two signs per face, and no more than four per structure.

## WHAT SETBACKS MUST BE FOLLOWED?

Freestanding signs in the county must be set back at least ten feet from the road right-of-way or road easement. In addition, new billboards must be at least 500 feet from any existing advertising sign.

## HOW BIG CAN MY SIGN BE AND HOW MANY ARE ALLOWED?

Signs are regulated by use and sign type, as shown on the table below:

Use	Freestanding	Wall	# Signs Allowed
Government or Institutional	32 ft <sup>2</sup>	50% of wall surface	No Limit
Home-Based Business	Combined total of 32 ft <sup>2</sup>	Combined total of 32 ft <sup>2</sup>	2
Commercial or Industrial	2 ft <sup>2</sup> per lineal foot of ROW frontage up to 300 ft <sup>2</sup>	50% of wall surface	2 Freestanding
Off-Premises Directional Signs	32 ft <sup>2</sup>	Not Applicable	6