



**TO:** Development Services Customers

**SUBJECT:** **INFORMATION BULLETIN 201**  
Prohibition of Portable Signs

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**Purpose:**

As a customer service initiative, the Development Services Department (DSD) created this **revised** bulletin to update Information Bulletin (IB) 201 on the prohibition of portable signs. This bulletin has been updated to incorporate the department's new format for Information Bulletins.

The purpose of this IB is to remind all business owners that portable signs have been prohibited within the City of San Antonio and its ETJ since 1986 by the City Council adoption of Ordinance No.62652.

**Scope:**

The following sections are from Chapter 28 in the city's local sign code.

**Section 28-161 – Prohibition of portable signs.**

It shall be unlawful to intentionally place or display, or cause to be placed or displayed, any portable sign on any premises other than at a properly zoned storage area of one properly licensed under this chapter unless it has been registered in accordance with section 28-162. (Ord. No. 62652, 4-3-86)

Prohibiting placement of portable signs is desired because they are not consonant with aesthetic values of the community and because they present unique safety problems. Lightweight design and easy mobility of portable signs together with frequent use of electrical components create a potential for extraordinary safety hazards. Portable signs are often placed in close proximity to public rights-of-way in order to optimally attract the attention of motorists. Such placement creates visual obstruction of on-coming pedestrian and vehicular traffic for motorist's engressing or regressing from a place of business. Portable signs also have a tendency to be blown about in strong winds.

**Section 28-15 – Violations; penalties; civil-remedies; nuisance signs; removal; reclaiming.**

(a) *Violations.* Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a violation of the City Code. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation and, consequently, a separate offense.

(b) *Penalties.* Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars, (\$500.00).

Please feel free to contact our Development Services Specialist Supervisor at (210)207-8289 should you have any questions.

**Summary:**

This Information Bulletin is for informational purposes only.

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