

ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 17 **SIGN REGULATIONS**

(Note: Text underlined is an addition, while text dashed-through is a deletion to the current Zoning Ordinance.)

17-4(o) CANOPY SIGNS AS PART OF ALLOWABLE WALL SIGNAGE - Canopy signs shall be counted as a part of and limited to the percentage allowable for wall signs. The height of canopy signs shall not exceed twenty (20) feet. For any case where the vertical dimension of the canopy face exceeds ~~three (3)~~ five (5) feet, only ~~three (3)~~ five (5) feet of the vertical dimension shall be used for computing the area of such facing, and any sign or sign cabinet permitted shall have a maximum vertical dimension of three (3) feet..

Staff Alternative Text:

17-7(e) PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ZONE (P-1) AND MIXED USE 1: NEIGHBORHOOD NODE ZONE (MU-1)

(6) Canopy or awning signs, limited to fifteen percent (15%) of the area of the surface to which they are attached. Such signs shall be included in the computation of the maximum permitted sign area specified under 17-7(e)(1) above.

[Re-number remaining sections]

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Members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban
County Planning Commission
200 E. Main Street
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Re: Application for Text Amendment

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

I represent Ball & Wright Capital Holding Company, LLC, the owner of the building at 998 Governors Lane, in the Beaumont area. We are requesting a text amendment to allow canopy signs in the P-1 zone.

The applicant information is: Ball & Wright Capital Holding Company, LLC, a Kentucky limited liability company, 3131 Custer Drive, Suite 2B, Lexington, Kentucky 40517, James C. Ball, III, Member. The attorney information is Richard V. Murphy, PLC, 250 West Main Street, Suite 2950, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. Telephone number 859-233-9811.

The purpose of this application is to allow canopy signs to identify bank drive-thru facilities in the P-1 zone. Currently, there is no express allowance for canopy signs in the P-1 zone. In the B-1 zone, canopy signs are allowed to identify the drive-thru facilities.

In the P-1 zone, bank identification signs are usually on one side of a building. However, there is no identification allowed on a drive-thru canopy. If a driver is approaching from the other side of the building, it is often impossible to determine whether a bank drive-thru facility is associated with the particular bank one is looking for. In order to solve that problem, we are requesting the ability to place a small identification sign on a canopy. We are proposing that a canopy sign would be allowed, but limited to fifteen percent (15%) of the area of the surface of the canopy on which it is placed, or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is greater. This would allow a sign to be large enough to be visible, but it would be in keeping with the limited signage allowed in the P-1 zone.

The exact wording of the text amendment would be as follows:


Create a new section 17-7(e)(6) of the zoning ordinance to read as follows:

Canopy or awning signs shall be permitted, limited to fifteen percent (15%) of the area of the surface to which it is attached, or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is greater.

The current Section 17-7(e)(6) would be renumbered to 17-7(e)(7).

Thank you for your consideration of this text amendment. We feel this text amendment will allow appropriate, limited signage to improve driver identification and safety.

Sincerely,



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