

**HICKORY/CATAWBA COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR SIGN PERMIT**

(This application becomes a permit upon approval by the Zoning Administrator & Building Official.)

All businesses operating in the City of Hickory must have a privilege license.

*****PROVIDE THREE (3) SETS OF PLANS PER SIGN FOR REVIEW*****

*****SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS*****

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION COMPLETELY TO ENSURE A TIMELY REVIEW.
COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER SIGN.**

Sign Location: _____ Parcel Identification Number: _____

Name on Sign _____

Business Owner _____ Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Address _____ EMAIL _____

Contractor _____ Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Address _____ EMAIL _____

Sign Type: On Premise Sign _____ Off-Premise Sign _____ Wall _____ Ground _____ Roof _____
Multi-Tenant _____ Off-Premise Billboard _____ Development Name Marker _____ Limited Access Use _____
Home Occupation/Cottage Business _____ Temporary Sign _____ Date of Removal _____

Size of Sign: Height _____ ft (X) Length _____ ft (=) _____ Total Sq. Ft. (designate in feet)

Projection from building wall: _____ Ft. _____ in. Height above sidewalk or grade: _____ Ft. _____ in.

For wall mounted sign, provide total sq. ft. of the wall: Height _____ (X) Length _____ (=) _____ Total Sq. Ft.

Ground Area Landscaping Sq. Ft. _____

Illuminated? _____ Yes (_____amps) _____ No Other signs not attached to building? _____ Yes _____ No

Electronic Message Board: _____ Yes _____ No (Type of Message board: LED: _____ Yes _____ No / Trivision: _____ Yes _____ No)

*****Electrician will need to obtain his own permit*****

Sign material and how attached to building _____

What is the material of the building? (wall sign) _____

Sign Cost \$ _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Zoning Designation _____ Setbacks _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Airport Protection Zone _____ yes _____ no
Front Side Rear Side Street

Sign Application **Approved** _____ Date _____

Conditions of Approval _____

Sign Application **Disapproved** _____ Date _____

Reason for Disapproval _____

**** Catawba County and the City of Hickory require that ALL Signs be INSPECTED. Footings, Underground Elec., Final Elec., and Final Sign Inspections.

SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

For the sake of uniform treatment of all Sign Contractors, please be aware that the City of Hickory and Catawba County requires the following for all new Signs:

1. A permit application needs to be completed.
2. A licensed electrician is required for all illuminated signs, and they must submit a signed permit application.
3. All signs must meet Appendix H of the North Carolina Building Code to include all design requirements for working stresses from Chapter 16 and attachment drawings. This can be found online: http://ecodes.biz/ecodes_support/free_resources/2012NorthCarolina/Building/12NC_Building.html
4. All sign plans must include sign details.
 - Wall sign drawings must show the **building** wall width and height where the sign is to be located, existing signage with dimensions, location and dimensional size of new sign to determine allowable signage.
 - Sign material, manufacturers spec sheet showing meets 90 mph wind zone minimum if sign is prefab, type of wall construction, anchor details to include type of anchor and spacing. The anchors for masonry walls must be at least 3/8" inch embedded a minimum of 5" inches.
 - Ground signs that exceed 12' feet above finished grade require an engineer seal. Ground signs not exceeding 12' feet above finished grade must show dimensional size of new sign to determine allowable signage, sign and support material, manufacturers spec sheet showing sign meets 90 mph wind zone minimum if sign is prefab, attachment schedule of sign to support, and footing detail.
 - An engineer's signed design or a signed statement from sign contractor that the sign meets all requirements of Appendix H.
 - A notarized letter of permission from owner of land where an off-premise directional sign is to be placed must be provided.

All Signs Require Inspections:

1. All signs require a final sign inspection.
2. Pole/Ground signs additionally require footing and setback inspections before concrete is poured.
3. All illuminated signs (whether internally or externally illuminated) require a final electric inspection.
4. Contractor must provide lift equipment necessary for the Code Official to complete the inspection.

**Only the signs that have a permit are allowed on your property. No other signs are allowed.

**Non-permitted signs may be subject to removal/disposal without prior notice.

Jurisdictional Contact Information:

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