



Signage/Awning Permit Application

If you or the property owner owes real estate or personal property taxes or user charges on any property within the City, payment arrangements must be made before permits of any kind are accepted.

Location/Address of Construction:		
Tax Assessor's Chart, Block & Lot Chart# Block# Lot#	Owner:	Telephone:
Lessee/Buyer's Name (If Applicable)	Contractor name, address & telephone:	Total s.f. of signage x \$2.00 Per s.f. plus \$30.00 For H.D. signage \$75.00 Fee: \$ _____ Awning Fee= cost of work _____ Total Fee: \$ _____

Who should we contact when the permit is ready: _____ phone: _____

Tenant/allocated building space frontage (feet): Length: _____ Height _____
Lot Frontage (feet) _____ Single Tenant or Multi Tenant Lot _____

Current Specific use: _____
If vacant, what was prior use: _____
Proposed Use: _____

Information on proposed sign(s):

Freestanding (e.g., pole) sign? Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions proposed: _____ Height from grade: _____
Bldg. wall sign? (attached to bldg) Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions proposed: _____

Proposed awning? Yes ___ No ___ Is awning backlit? Yes ___ No ___
Height of awning: _____ Length of awning: _____ Depth: _____
Is there any communication, message, trademark or symbol on it? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, total s.f. of panels w/communications, message, trademark or symbol: _____ s.f.

Information on existing and previously permitted sign(s):

Freestanding (e.g., pole) sign? Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions: _____
Bldg. wall sign? (attached to bldg) Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions: _____
Awning? Yes ___ No ___ Sq. ft. area of awning w/communication: _____

A site sketch and building sketch showing exactly where existing and new signage is located must be provided. Sketches and/or pictures of proposed signage and existing building are also required.

Please submit all of the information outlined in the Sign/Awning Application Checklist. Failure to do so may result in the automatic denial of your permit.

In order to be sure the City fully understands the full scope of the project, the Planning and Development Department may request additional information prior to the issuance of a permit. For further information visit us on-line at www.portlandmaine.gov, stop by the Building Inspections office, room 315 City Hall or call 874-8703.

I hereby certify that I am the Owner of record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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This is not a permit; you may not commence ANY work until the permit is issued.



Signage/Awning Permit Application Checklist

All of the following information is required and must be submitted. Checking off each item as you prepare your application package will ensure your package is complete and will help to expedite the permitting process.

- Certificate of Liability listing the City as additional insured if any portion of the sign abuts or encroaches on any public right of way, or can fall into any public right of way.
- Letter of permission from the owner indicating the permissions granted and the tenant/space building frontage.
- A sketch plan of lot indicating location of buildings, driveways and any abutting streets or rights of way, lengths of building frontages, street frontages and all existing setbacks. Please indicate on the plan all existing and proposed signs with their dimensions and specific locations. Be sure to include distance from the ground and building façade dimensions for any signage attached to the building.
- A sketch or photo of any proposed sign(s) indicating content, dimensions, materials, source of illumination, construction method as well as specifics of installation/attachment.
- Certificate of flammability required for awning, canopy or banner.
- A UL# is required for lighted signs at the time of final inspection.
- Photos of existing signage
- Details for sign fastening, attachment or mounting in the ground.

Permit fee for signage or awning-with-signage: \$30.00 plus \$2.00 per square foot of sign.

**Permit fee for awning-without-signage is based on cost of work:
\$30.00 for the first \$1,000.00, \$10.00 per additional \$1,000.00 of cost.**

Base application fee for any Historic District signage is \$75.00.



Sidewalk Signs

Design, Location and Construction Standards

Quantity

One sign per establishment for each street frontage having a public entrance, provided that all dimension and location standards are met. When standards would not otherwise permit a sign, a sign may consist of multiple listings.

Sign Dimensions

Single Listing: Maximum width is 24 inches or such lesser width sufficient to retain 4 ½ feet of unobstructed sidewalk width perpendicular to major flows. Maximum height is 40 inches to top of sign in place. Minimum height is 30 inches to top of sign in place.

Multiple Listings: Maximum width is 30 inches or such lesser width sufficient to retain 4 ½ feet of unobstructed sidewalk width perpendicular to major flows. Maximum height is 40 inches to top of sign in place. Minimum height is 30 inches to top of sign in place.

Location

Minimum distance between signs is 20 feet. Maximum distance of sign from public entrance of advertiser is 20 feet. The City may vary these distances for exceptional physical circumstances where public safety and streetscape aesthetics will be maintained. However, under no circumstances shall signs obstruct vehicular stops, benches, fire hydrants or other street visual amenities. Signs shall be located near the curb rather than the building face.

Materials and Graphics

All signs shall be of an A-frame type design, shall be constructed of durable, weather-resistant materials and finish, shall have no moving parts and shall be non-electrified. All signs shall be maintained in a clean and original appearance. Sign materials, graphics and finish shall be of a unified design and shall be compatible with the local streetscape. All signs shall have horizontal braces spanning each side of the sign to assure rigid support. Lettering shall be legible and consistent.

Sign Removal

All signs shall be removed when the business is closed or while any snow or ice exists on the walk within eight feet of the sign in any direction.

Insurance

No permit shall be issued unless the applicant has posted in advance with the City a Certificate of Liability listing the City as additional insured in the amount of \$400,000.00.

Enforcement

If the sign does not conform to the standards outlined, the permit may be revoked and once the owner has been notified, the sign could be removed.

To apply for a sign permit, stop by the Inspections Division, Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, room 315 with:

- Certificate of liability insurance
- Drawing of sign showing dimensions and design work
- Payment of fees: \$30.00 plus \$2.00 per s.f. of signage
- Complete application with pre-application questionnaire and checklist complete