

TOWN OF LARKSPUR
ORDINANCE NO. 3.34

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR,
COLORADO, as follows:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted for promoting the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Larkspur, Colorado, by the amendment of the Town of Larkspur Zoning Ordinance No. 3.01, which classified land uses and regulated the land utilization to protect land values, protect and enhance the environment of the Town, and provided the best uses of lands within the Town of Larkspur.

1.2 Statutory Authority

This Ordinance is authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes 1973, 31-23-301 et seq, as amended, and is hereby declared to be in accordance with the provisions thereof.

ARTICLE II
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 3.01

2.1 Definitions

A new section shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

4.3 Sign Regulations

A. Intent

This section is designed to assist the public in the installation of signs and establish reasonable standards and regulations for the same.

B. General Requirements

1. A sign permit shall be required from the Town of Larkspur for all signs except those specifically excluded herein. In addition, a sign permit shall be required at any time the sign area is increased.

2. All signs located in the Town of Larkspur except those required by this Ordinance for the posting of Public Notice, shall be required to comply with all applicable requirements for zoning districts in which the sign permit is issued, unless otherwise provided for in this section.
3. All requests for signage shall be accompanied by a rendering, fully dimensioned, showing the sign message and a site plan showing the location, setbacks, height and sign area of all proposed and existing signage. This request shall be presented to the Town Clerk NO LATER THAN 2 weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting at which the request is to be considered. The Town Council shall conduct a public hearing to review the request, take public testimony, and either approve, deny, or continue the request to a time certain.
4. Sign permit fees shall be established by the Town Council and shall be paid at the time of application.
5. The minimum yard setback for signs on all federal, state and major county arterial highways shall not be less than seventy-five (75) feet from the property line. Where this requirement may conflict with a yard setback otherwise required in a district, the larger yard shall be required. Where existing principal structures are located closer to a highway than seventy-five feet, signs shall be allowed at the same setback as the existing principal structures. However, in no instance shall a sign interfere with the visibility at an intersection. Temporary "For Sale", "For Rent", or "For Lease" signs advertising vacant land shall be exempt from this provision.
6. The following signs shall be prohibited in all districts:

- a. Portable signs which are not permanently affixed to any structure on the site or permanently mounted to the ground.
 - b. Signs mounted, attached, or painted on motor vehicles, trailers, or boats when used as additional advertising signs on or near the premises and not used in conducting a business or service.
 - c. Revolving beacons, flashing signs, or signs with any type of animation or intermittent lighting effects.
 - d. Any signs emitting sound.
 - e. Political sign in public right-of-way or on public property.
 - f. Signs for the purpose of general outdoor advertising of products or services.
 - g. Signs located so as to conflict with the clear and obvious appearance of public devices controlling public traffic.
 - h. Roof-mounted signs, or signs which project above the highest point of the roof line or fascia of the building.
 - i. Signs attached to a building which project perpendicular a distance of more than eighteen (18) inches from the building.
 - j. Signs attached parallel to the wall of a building but mounted more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall.
 - k. Signs announcing a proposed development and/or proposed zoning prior to approval by the Town Council.
 - l. Signs identifying home occupations.
7. Planned Unit Developments: signs within Planned Unit Developments shall comply with the regulations of this Section, except when a separate development

guide is adopted by the Town Board for that proposed P.U.D. which incorporates separate guidelines for signage.

8. Illumination: signs may be internally illuminated; otherwise, the source of illumination shall be shielded.
9. Public Right-of-Way: all signs erected in a public right-of-way by a public agency which controls or directs the traveling public shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.
10. Maintenance: signs and sign structures shall be maintained at all times in a state of good repair, with all braces, bolts, clips, supporting frame and fastenings free from deterioration, insect infestation, rot, rust, or loosening. Signs shall be able to safely withstand the maximum wind pressure for the area in which they are located. The Building Inspector shall have the authority to order repair, alteration, or removal of a sign or structure which constitutes a hazard to life or property. In the event that such sign has not been removed, altered, or repaired within thirty (30) days after written notification from the Building Inspector, the Town shall have the authority to remove said sign or structure at the expense of the owner of the premises on which the sign is located.

C. On-Site Signs

1. In R-1(L); R-1(H); R-2; and MF zone districts the following on-site signs shall be permitted:
 - a. One identification sign per dwelling, provided the total surface area of such sign does not exceed three (3) square feet.
 - b. One temporary "For Sale", "For Rent", or "For Lease" sign per dwelling, provided the total surface area of such sign does not exceed six

(6) square feet and is not illuminated. Such signage shall be required to meet minimum yard setback requirements of the zone district in which it is located, but shall not impair visibility for traffic movement.

- c. Temporary "For Sale", "For Rent", or "For Lease" signs advertising vacant land provided that the total surface area of all such signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet, nor the total surface area of any one sign exceed fifty (50) square feet. All such signage shall be required to obtain sign permits (if more than six (6) square feet) and shall maintain a twenty-five (25) foot setback from all property lines.
- d. One identification sign per use by right or special review provided the total surface area of such sign does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet, except for home occupation signs, which are prohibited.
- e. Identification signs for residential developments provided that only one (1) sign shall be allowed for each subdivision entrance, the surface area of each sign does not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet, the maximum height of such sign shall be six (6) feet, and provided that such signs shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet from right-of-ways so as not to impair vehicular visibility.
- f. Temporary advertising signs for the sale, rental or lease of dwelling units under construction or to be constructed (after approval) provided that no more than one (1) sign is located adjacent to each street abutting the subdivision, and providing that the total surface area of each

sign does not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet. No such sign shall remain erected more than two (2) years or until the last dwelling is sold, whichever comes first.

g. One (1) identification sign per model home within an approved subdivision provided that the surface area of each sign does not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. Such signage shall not be required to meet minimum yard setback requirements of the zone district in which it is located.

2. In B, C and I zone districts the following on-site signs shall be permitted:

a. Directional signs are allowed and are not counted as part of the total sign area allowed per individual use or per shopping center, business, commercial, or industrial park, provided that the total number of signs shall not exceed four (4), and provided that the total surface area of each sign does not exceed eighteen (18) square feet. Directional signs shall not be required to meet minimum yard setback requirements of the district in which they are located, but shall not impair visibility for traffic movement.

b. One (1) temporary "For Sale", "For Rent", or "For Lease" sign per street frontage, shall not be counted as a part of the total sign area allowed per individual use or per shopping center, business, commercial, or industrial park, and shall be required to meet a twenty-five (25) foot setback from all property lines, provided that the total surface area of each sign does not exceed one hundred (100) square feet per face (a maximum of two (2) faces

are permitted for each sign), and does not impair traffic visibility.

- c. Individual businesses located on a corner lot, one (1) sign per each frontage abutting a public street, at the rate of one (1) square foot of sign area per one (1) lineal foot of allowable building frontage, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.
- d. Each use shall be entitled to a total fascia sign area of fifty (50) square feet; however, such sign area may be increased at the rate of one (1) square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of allowable building frontage in excess of fifty lineal feet, to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet of fascia sign area per wall area visible to a public right-of-way.
- e. One freestanding identification sign per street frontage which identifies the individual use, shopping center, business, commercial or industrial park only provided such sign does not exceed more than fifteen (15) feet above ground level, and provided the total surface area does not exceed one (1) square foot of sign area per three (3) lineal feet of street frontage to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet per sign.
- f. One directory sign identifying the individual businesses within the center or park per entrance provided that the total surface area of such sign does not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the area of identification sign for the center or park.
- g. No sign shall be permitted which impairs visibility for traffic movement.

D. Sign Area Measurement

1. Area to be measured: the area of a sign shall be measured in conformance with the regulations as herein set forth, provided that the structure or bracing of a sign shall be omitted from measurement unless such structure or bracing is made a part of the message or face of the sign. Where a sign has two or more display faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area of the sign.
2. Sign with backing: the area of all signs with backing or a background, material or otherwise, that is part of the overall sign display shall be measured by determining the sum of the areas in each square, rectangle, triangle, portion of a circle, or any combination thereof which creates the smallest single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the display surface or face of the sign including all frames, backing, face plates, nonstructural trim or other component parts not otherwise used for support.
3. Signs without backing: the area of all signs without backing or a background, material or otherwise, that is part of the overall sign display shall be measured by determining the sum of the areas of each square, rectangle, triangle, portion of a circle, or any combination thereof which creates the smallest single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of each word, written presentation (including any series of letters), emblems, or figures of similar character including all frames, face plates, nonstructural trim or other component parts not otherwise used for support.
4. All other signs or combinations thereof: the

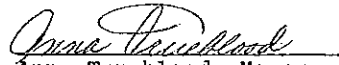
area of any sign having parts both with and without backing shall be measured by determining the total area of all squares, rectangles, triangles, portions of a circle or any combination thereof constituting the smallest single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of either of the following combinations: (1) the display surface or face of the sign including all frames, backing, face plates, nonstructural trim or, (2) other component parts not otherwise used.

ARTICLE III


SEVERABILITY

Should any portion of this Ordinance be determined to be unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be determined to be severable and the balance of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Larkspur, Colorado, on the 5th day of December, 1984. Passed by a vote of 5 for and 1 against and ordered published.


Anna Trueblood, Mayor
Town of Larkspur

ATTEST:


Jodi McDonald, Town Clerk
Town of Larkspur

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I hereby certify that the within Ordinance No. 3.33 was published on the 15 day of December, 1984, in the Douglas County News Press, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Douglas and State of Colorado.

