



CITY OF MARQUETTE
Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement
Regarding Sign and/or Canopy Overhanging City of
Marquette right-of-way

1. Definitions:

Awning Sign: A Projecting Sign displayed on or attached flat against the surface or surfaces of an awning. See also: "Projecting Sign." Only the sign or copy area displayed on an awning shall be used to determine the permitted sign area-the entire awning shall not be included in a Sign Area calculation.

Blade Sign: A Projecting Sign, which is suspended from an overhang, canopy, marquee, or awning, or is suspended from a mounting attached directly to the building wall, and hangs perpendicular to the building wall.

Canopy (Attached): A multi-sided overhead structure or architectural projection supported by attachment to a building on one or more sides and either cantilevered from such building or also supported by columns at additional points. The surface(s) and/or soffit of an attached canopy may be illuminated by means of internal or external sources of light. Also called an "Awning" and a "Marquee."

Canopy Sign: A permanent Projecting Sign affixed to the side or bottom surface(s) of an attached or freestanding canopy. Such signs may be internally illuminated pursuant to the requirements of this Article.

Marquee Sign: See "Projecting Sign."

Projecting Sign: A sign which is attached directly to the building wall, and which extends more than fifteen (15) inches from the face of the wall. A "Projecting Sign" is differentiated from a "Wall Sign" based on the distance the sign projects from the surface of the building. See also: "Awning Sign," "Blade Sign," "Canopy Sign," and "Marquee Sign."

2. Signage requirements

Blade Signs:

1. **Minimum Height.** No portion of a blade sign shall be less than ten (10) feet above grade.
2. **Minimum Distance from the Wall.** The distance between a blade sign and the wall to which it is attached may not be greater than two (2) feet.
3. **Concealment of Support Structures.** All blade signs shall be designed, installed and erected in such a manner that there shall be no visible angle iron or wire support structures above the roof line or parapet.
4. **Maximum Projection from the Wall.** From the bracket on the building wall where it is attached, a blade sign may project at least 3 (three) feet, and to a maximum of 4 (four) feet into the public right-of-way (above a sidewalk). A blade sign may project three (3) inches for each linear foot of distance to the nearest side lot line, provided that in no instance may a sign project more than four (4) feet into the public right-of-way. This requirement shall not apply to blade signs suspended under a canopy or marquee pursuant to [Section 54.1109\(E\)\(6\)](#).
5. **Prohibited Over Alleys and Private Access Lanes.** No blade sign may project over an alley or private access lane.
6. **Minimum Setback from Intersections.** No blade sign shall be located closer than ten (10) feet to any intersecting rights-of-ways.

7. **Maximum Height.** A blade sign may not extend vertically above the roofline by more than 6 feet, but in no case shall more than 50% of the sign area be above the roofline regardless of whether there is a parapet.
8. **Review of Blade Signs in the Public Right-of-Way.** Prior to the erection of a sign overhanging a public right-of-way, the person erecting such sign shall receive the approval of the proper governmental agency (City, County, or State) having jurisdiction over such right-of-way.
9. **Design of Hardware, Supports, and Brackets.** Mounting hardware, such as supports and brackets, and shall complement the design of the sign, the building, or both.

Awning, Canopy, and Marquee Signs:

1. **Minimum Height.** Awnings, canopies, and marquees, and signs attached to them, shall not be placed less than eight (8) feet above a public sidewalk or right-of-way, with the exception of the replacement of legally non-conforming historic signs (per definition of *historic sign* in 54.1103).
2. **Prohibited Locations.** Awnings, canopies, and marquees shall not extend beyond the width of the building or tenant space, nor encroach above the roof line or the story above.
3. **Maximum Projection from the Wall.** Awning, canopy, and marquee signs shall not be located closer than two (2) feet, measured horizontally, from an established curb.
4. **Signs Attached to the Face of the Awning, Canopy, or Marquee (Parallel to the Flow of Traffic).** Signs attached to the face of an awning, marquee, or canopy which are parallel to the flow of traffic shall meet the requirements of wall signs, may not project more than six (6) inches from the face of the awning, canopy, or marquee, and may not exceed three (3) feet in height.
5. **Signs Attached to the Sides of the Awning, Canopy, or Marquee (Not Parallel to the Flow of Traffic).** Signs attached to the sides of an awning, marquee, or canopy which are not parallel to the flow of traffic shall meet the requirements of blade signs ([Section 54.1109\(D\)](#)) except that the maximum projection from the wall ([Section 54.1109\(D\)\(4\)](#)) shall not apply if the sign is entirely contained on the side of the awning, marquee, or canopy.
6. **Signs Suspended Under Awnings, Canopies, and Marquees.** Where signs are suspended under awnings, canopies, or marquees, the following conditions shall apply:
 - a. **Maximum Area.** Signs shall not be greater than six (6) square feet.
 - b. **Maximum Number.** There shall not be more than one (1) such sign per tenant or address.
 - c. **Minimum Height.** Signs shall be no less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk
 - d. **Minimum Distance from Established Curb.** Signs shall not be located closer than two (2) feet, measured horizontally, from any established curb.
 - e. **Maximum Vertical Separation from Awning, Canopy, or Marquee.** Signs may swing provided that the distance between the top of the sign and the underside of the canopy or marquee is not greater than four (4) inches.
 - f. **Perpendicular Location to Pedestrian Traffic Flow.** Signs shall be perpendicular to the flow of pedestrians.

7. **Review of Awning, Canopy, or Marquee Signs in the Public Right-of-Way.** Prior to the erection of a sign overhanging a public right-of-way, the person erecting such sign shall receive the approval of the proper governmental agency (City, County, or State) having jurisdiction over such right-of-way.

Awning, Canopy, and Marquee without signs:

1. **Zoning District compatibility.** Canopies will only be permitted in zoning districts in which canopy signs are allowed, per Article 11 of the Land Development Code.
2. **Projection.**
 - a. Awnings that project over the sidewalk portion of a STREET-SPACE shall maintain a clear height of at least 8 feet.
 - b. Awnings shall project a maximum of within 1 foot of back of curb (where there are no street trees) or 1 foot into the tree lawn (where there are street trees).

IN CONSIDERATION FOR ALLOWING THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNER TO PLACE A SIGN and/or CANOPY OVERHANGING CITY OF MARQUETTE RIGHT OF WAY, I HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE CITY OF MARQUETTE FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INJURIES AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER THAT MAY ARISE FROM THE PLACEMENT OF A SIGN OVERHANGING CITY RIGHT OF WAY.

PROPERTY OWNER:
(PRINTED)

ADDRESS:

PROPERTY OWNER: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____
(SIGNATURE)

SIGN OWNER:
(PRINTED)

ADDRESS:

SIGN OWNER: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____
(SIGNATURE)

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property address of business: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Zoning District: _____

STAFF USE ONLY

Liability Release #: _____

This request is related to Sign Permit #: _____