



A Quick Overview of Brevard's New Sidewalk Ordinance

Brevard's City Council adopted a new sidewalk ordinance in January 2021. This ordinance regulates the placement of items on the City's sidewalks.

Who can place items on the sidewalks?

Any business where the building physically touches the sidewalk on either the front or side of the building can place items on the sidewalks.

What types of items can be placed on the sidewalks?

The City allows the following categories of items:

- Temporary items that are taken in at the end of each business day. (See requirements below.)
- Semipermanent or permanent objects that are left on the sidewalks when the business is closed. (Requires a permit. However, the City has grandfathered in all permanent and semipermanent objects that existed on the sidewalks prior to February 2021.)
- Items associated with approved sidewalk dining areas. (Requires an annual permit.)
- Sandwich board/A-frame signs—regulated by the sign ordinance. (Requires a permit.)

Where can temporary items be placed on the sidewalks?

In general, items can be placed in the brick area or in the space abutting to the wall of the building. At least 5 feet of unobstructed space must remain on the sidewalk. This distance is measured from any object on the sidewalk, including trees, planters, seating, and newspaper racks.

Specific requirements for temporary items are as follows:

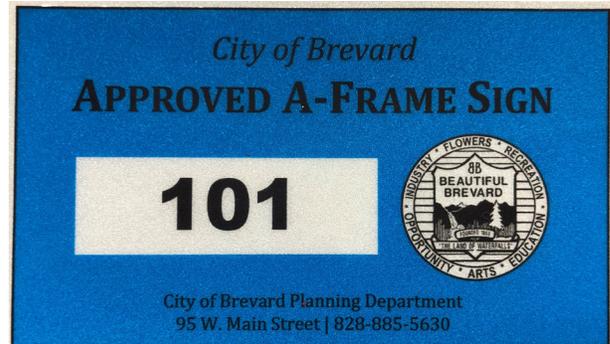
- On sidewalks ≥ 12 feet in width, excluding the curb, items may be placed in the three feet of the sidewalk next to the building.
- On sidewalks ≥ 7 and < 12 feet in width, excluding the curb, items may be placed in the two feet of the sidewalk next to the building.

- On sidewalks < 7 feet in width, excluding the curb, no items shall be placed on the sidewalk.
- Items may be placed in the brick section adjacent to the curb.

What are the requirements for A-frame signs?

A-frame signs require a sign permit. The application form can be found at www.cityofbrevard.com/permitting. There is a \$100 application fee. The applicant must also include a picture or drawing of the sign that includes the dimensions of the sign.

After the application is reviewed and issued, and the business owner has the sign on-site, the business owner must call the Planning Department (828-885-5630) to schedule a final inspection. Planning Staff will inspect the sign and place an "Approved A-frame Sign" sticker on the sign. If the business owner replaces the sign, they must apply for a new permit.



A-frame signs must be placed abutting the wall of the building or in the brick area. They must be taken in at the end of each business day. At least 5 feet of unobstructed space must remain on the sidewalk. This distance is measured from any object on the sidewalk, including trees, planters, seating, and newspaper racks.

If you have questions about using the public sidewalk please call or email the Brevard Planning Department (828-885-5630 or planning@cityofbrevard.com).