

What makes the sign “Old World Bavarian” in design?

In determining compliance with the Old World Bavarian Alpine Theme, City staff considers and applies the following requirements:

1. Compliance with size, location, and number requirements ;
2. The use of approved Old World Bavarian Alpine Theme lettering;
3. The use of Baroque, Rococo, Classical, or Bavarian folk art elements (shall be shape of sign, border, or other elements as determined by the City); and
4. The use of approved Old World Bavarian Alpine Theme colors as determined by the design review board by generally applicable resolution.

Signs must be maintained. The Code is not intended to regulate or dictate, in any manner, the content of speech or expression, or the viewpoint of the speaker, and only intends to regulate the style through colors, fonts and manner of graphic depiction.

For help, you can find information and examples of compliant lettering, colors, and other information on the City’s website:
www.cityofleavenworth.com.



Many standard desktop publishing software programs come with compliant lettering installed, such as “Old English,” “Vivaldi,” and “Black Chancery.”

For graphic ideas, try searching for images of Baroque or Rococo “vector art” or “Bavarian Folk Art” images (please note that all results will not be compliant).

Development Services staff is available to help!

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You should know:

Any sign which is found in violation of the Code is subject to enforcement by the City, including **confiscation without notice** for signs found located within right-of-way.

Any person or property owner violating or failing to comply with the Code regarding portable signs shall be guilty of a civil infraction. Each such person or property owner is guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation is committed or continued. Any such person or property owner in violation of this chapter shall be punished by all powers granted by law.

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For more information about signs, the Old World Bavarian Alpine Theme, business regulations, or other questions, please feel free to contact City Development Services Staff.

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Thank You!

For your contribution to supporting
Leavenworth’s theme.



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Portable Signs Information and Examples

Leavenworth attracts millions of visitors each year.

Our Old World Bavarian Alpine theme, scenic beauty, and abundance and variety of year-round recreational opportunities, are key to our economic success.

The purpose of Leavenworth’s Codes as they relate to business and commercial zones are to protect the public good. By furthering Leavenworth’s Old World Bavarian Alpine theme, we help ensure the continued vitality of our economy through an asset which forms the basis of our thriving tourist industry. The regulations are not intended to prohibit business operations, but enhance the overall character of Leavenworth. Sign and Design regulations help form the overall attractiveness of the city, contributing to the economic well-being and helping business to thrive in Leavenworth.



On-Site Portable Sign Requirements

Portable signs which are exterior and visible from public rights-of-way or located in the interior of a structure and visible from public rights-of-way do not require a permit; provided, that any standards specified by Code are met; and such signs are not listed as prohibited within Leavenworth Municipal Code 14.10.040. The following regulations are applicable:

1. Portable signs are considered temporary signs, and shall be allowed during business hours or event hours only. Temporary signs do not have vested status and cannot become permanent installations;
2. The area of individual portable signs shall not exceed four square feet (per side - limited to two sides);
3. Only one portable sign shall be allowed per parcel/lot or driveway entrance or frontage (for example: corner or through lot may have two signs, with one sign located at each frontage). Please note that this applies *regardless* of the number of businesses on the property!;
4. Dry erase boards are prohibited. Chalkboards may be used;
5. Portable signs shall be compliant with the Old World Bavarian Alpine Theme and LMC 14.10.180 when located within the commercial districts;
6. Signs shall not block required exits or other necessary egress;
7. Portable signs shall be located at street grade; and
8. Portable signs shall not be placed off site or within any public right-of-way, unless within a designated sign area or within a community bulletin board in compliance with the standards provided for such location.

DO NOT place portable signs in the sidewalk!

Prohibited Portable Signs

- Signs which are plastic or plastic in appearance
- White boards / dry-erase boards
- Neon or fluorescent chalk, paint, or colors
- Off-site signs, including signs located in right-of-way such as sidewalks
- Signs with streamers, balloons, or other items which move or blow in the wind
- Signs larger than four (4) square feet in area
- Signs which are not located at grade level
- Signs which block necessary exits or egress
- Sign which are not Old World Bavarian in appearance
- More than one sign per property or lot (includes single properties with multiple businesses, except as otherwise allowed)
- Any other prohibited signs - or example neon or neon in appearance, internally illuminated, etc.

Do Not's...



Do's!

These portable signs include compliant lettering, colors, shapes, designs/graphics, materials (wood, wrought iron, slate), and other elements which make them compliant with the Code. Four square feet of area (per side) is the maximum size allowance and the signs can sit at grade. Please note that putting the signs ON TOP of tables or other items is not allowed.

