



AWNING SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE

(For Awning Signs ONLY)

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HOW TO OBTAIN AN AWNING SIGN PERMIT

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- Step 1. Verify Business Location is in the Snellville Municipal City Limits.** Verify the physical business location is in the municipal city limits of Snellville. Four different Postal Zip Codes (30017, 30039, 30052, and 30078) serve the greater Snellville and South Gwinnett area; however, they may not necessarily be located within the City limits. To verify that your business location is within the municipal city limits of Snellville, please review the City of Snellville Street Listing on the City's website (www.snellville.org) or call the Department of Planning & Development 770.985.3514 to have your location confirmed. If the location is not within the Snellville City limits, you will most likely need to contact Gwinnett County Planning & Development 678.518.6000.
- Step 2. Verify Zoning of Property.** Verify that the physical business location is properly zoned to allow the proposed use of the property. If the zoning for the business location does not permit the proposed use of the property, a Rezoning Amendment, Land Use Plan Amendment, or Conditional Use Permit would need to be applied for (by the property owner) and approved through a Public Hearing before the Mayor and Council. Please call the Department of Planning & Development 770.985.3514 to check the current Zoning District classification for the business location. You should review the Zoning Districts and permitted uses on the City's website (www.snellville.org) to determine which Zoning District(s) would permit the use of the proposed business.
- Step 3. Review Sign Ordinance.** Review the Snellville Zoning Ordinance, Article 12, Signs (www.snellville.org) to ensure compliance with the city's Sign Ordinance.
- Step 4. Obtain an Awning Sign Permit Application Form and information package.** These may be obtained by visiting the Department of Planning & Development, City of Snellville, City Hall, 2342 Oak Road, 2nd Floor, or by calling 770.985.35145, or printed from the City's website (www.snellville.org).
- Step 5. Complete the Awning Sign Permit Application Form,** attach the required:
- Awning Sign and Attachment Details;**
 - Illumination/Lighting and Electrical Details;**
 - Building/Storefront Elevation Details** (photograph of all building elevations containing signage. Show height and width dimensions and provide scale (i.e. 1 inch equals 10 feet);
 - Building Permit Application;** and
 - \$15.00 Review Fee.**
- Step 6. Submit the Complete Application "Package".** Typical office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The review and issuance of sign permits is a "**Drop-Off Process**" for the initial review. If a Building Permit is also required for the sign, structural and electrical drawings must be submitted, reviewed and approved by the Building Plan Review Unit prior to the issuance of the Building Permit. You may also submit your completed application and review fee remittance by U.S. Mail or Overnight Delivery. **We do not accept faxed or emailed applications.**
- Step 7. Application Review and Site Inspection.** Applicants will be notified within **15 business days** following application submittal of permit approval or denial. Applications determined to be incomplete or that contain information that is determined to not be in conformance with the Snellville Zoning Ordinance, Article 12, Signs will be denied and will require a new and complete application re-submittal and \$15.00 review fee. For any application denied, a written denial letter will be mailed, providing the reason(s) for denial.
- Step 8. Permit Pickup.** When contacted by Planning Department staff that the permit is ready for issuance, a return visit to Planning & Development Department is necessary. Remit the appropriate permit fees (cash, check, Visa, and MasterCard accepted).
- Step 9. Sign Order and Installation.** Upon receipt of a signed and approved Awning Sign Permit Application and Building Permit, sign order may be placed with sign contractor and installation of sign is authorized. Signs installed without a valid signed and approved permit will require immediate removal by the property owner or business owner and be subject to three times the permit fees upon permitting.

AWNING SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this application and submit with all necessary attachments as stated in the “Awning Sign Permit General Information.” Please type or print legibly using blue or black ink. Incomplete or illegible applications may be grounds for permit DENIAL.

Sign Permit Applicant Information	Sign Contractor Information
Applicant Name: _____	Business License No.: _____ Exp.: _____
Business Name: _____	Sign Company Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: (_____) _____	Phone: (_____) _____
Fax: (_____) _____	Fax: (_____) _____
Contact Person Name: _____	Contact Person Name: _____
Contact Person Phone: (_____) _____	Contact Person Phone: (_____) _____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____

Property Owner Information
Property Owner Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Site & Business Information
Site Address of Proposed Signage: _____ Suite: _____
Shopping Center / Office Center Name: _____
Business or Trade Name: _____
Gross Floor Area/Tenant Space of Business (square feet): _____

Use of Awning Signs
<p>Signage on awnings should be minimized and are only appropriate if there are no good alternatives for wall signs, projecting signs or hanging and suspended signs. Signage should be limited to the skirt of the awning and should not be on the awning face. Signs will only be considered for the awning face if there is no other adequate location for signage on a given storefront or property.</p> <p>Awning colors will be permitted only if they are part of the official city color palette as shown below:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>

Awning Sign Details

Awning Color(s): _____ (Circle Color(s) Above)
Sign Graphic Color(s): _____
Awning Sign Area (sq. ft.): _____ Cost of Awning Sign Construction and Installation: \$ _____
Will awning(s) be illuminated? NO Illumination Internal Illumination Exterior Illumination (provide details)
No. of Light Fixtures: _____ Wattage per Fixture: _____ Fixture Type: Gooseneck Linear Light Other
Direction of Lighting: Uplight Downlight (must be cut-off/angled so that light source is not visible to the travelling public).

Existing & Non-Conforming Sign Information

NO BUSINESS SHALL BE ALLOWED AN ADDITIONAL CONFORMING SIGN UNTIL IT HAS REMOVED ANY EXISTING NONCONFORMING SIGN.

- Are there any EXISTING Monument, Ground, or Wall Signs located on the property or building? No Yes
If yes, what will happen with the existing signs? _____
If yes, are any of these signs NON-CONFORMING (as defined in the Sign Ordinance)? No Yes
If yes, what will happen with these non-conforming signs? _____
- If EXISTING Monument, Ground, or Wall Signs will be removed, check here and complete the attached "Existing Signage Removal Affidavit."

Additional Awning Sign Permit Requirements

- Awning Signs that REQUIRE both an Awning Sign Permit AND Building Permit include (please check each):
 - Any Awning attached to a building. No Yes
 - Awnings that are Internally or Externally Illuminated? No Yes

NOTE: Awnings shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads as required by Chapter 16 of the 2006 Int'l Building Code (IBC) with due allowance for shape, open construction and similar features that relieve the pressures or loads. Structural members shall be protected to prevent deterioration. Awnings shall have frames of noncombustible material, fire-retardant-treated wood, wood of Type IV size, or 1-hour construction with combustible or noncombustible covers and shall be either: fixed, retractable, folding or collapsible. [Sec. 3105.3 2006 ICC]

Sign Ordinance Definitions & Information

Awning, Fixed. An awning that is constructed with a rigid frame that cannot be retracted, folded or collapsed.

Awning, Retractable. A roof-like cover that is temporary or portable in nature and that projects from the wall of a building for the purpose of shielding a doorway or window from the elements and is periodically retracted into the face of the building.

Property Owner / Business Owner / Owner's Agent Signature

I hereby certify that there are no existing signs except those indicated on this application or that any sign(s) not listed on this application will be removed before any new sign(s) are installed. I further certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent of the owner for the placement, installation and/or maintenance of sign(s) hereunder. I further certify that all necessary building and/or electrical permits required for the installation of sign(s) will be obtained prior to installation. I understand that the Awning Sign Permit Application dated and signed by the Director of Planning and Development shall serve as the official Awning Sign Permit.

Signature

Date

- Property Owner
- Business Owner
- Owner's Agent

Printed Name

Title / Position

****** TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STAFF ******

Application Receive Date: _____ Zoning District: _____ RPIN #: _____

CHECK HERE if Variances Approved for Signage: Case No. _____ Approval Date: _____

Non-Conforming Signs Present? No Yes (provide details): _____

Application Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Planning & Development Review Staff

Sign Permit is hereby: APPROVED DENIED Comment Reason for Denial: _____

By: _____

Director, Department of Planning & Development

Date of Action

FEES COLLECTED

		<u>RCVD BY:</u>	<u>DATE PAID:</u>	
Sign Permit Application Review Fee:	\$ <u>15.00</u>	_____	_____	(Collected at submittal)
Sign Permit Fee:	\$ _____	_____	_____	
Building Permit Fee:	\$ _____	_____	_____	
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED:	\$ _____			

SIGNAGE REMOVAL AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit must be completed if existing signage must be removed in order to authorize any new signage. Please complete this affidavit, attach it to your Sign Location Permit application, and submit it to the Department of Planning & Development.

Project Name: _____ Unit/Phase: _____

***** ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *****

*The signers of this affidavit hereby acknowledge that any existing signs that must be removed to qualify for new or additional signage **MUST** be removed **PRIOR** to completion of new signage as authorized by the issuance of the Sign Location Permit.*

Property Owner

Property Owner's Signature Name: _____

Property Owner's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Owner

Business Owner's Signature Name: _____

Business Owner's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Sign Contractor

Sign Contractor's Signature Name: _____

Sign Contractor's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

AWNING SIGN PERMIT
GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

* * * KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS * * *

This document's purpose is to provide general guidance in obtaining a Wall Sign Permit. The Department of Planning & Development is responsible for the review and issuance of all Sign Permits. Sign Permit processing is a "drop-off" process for the initial review. The following information is necessary to process each Awning Sign Permit application:

- **Multiple Signs.** No business shall be allowed an additional conforming sign until it has removed any existing non-conforming sign or signs. Provided, however, that on parcels with 3 or more businesses, at least 2 of which are party to a lease or leases, any business that does not own or control the non-conforming sign may submit an application to erect a wall sign.

- **Application Form.** Complete an Awning Sign Permit application form. The property owner or owner's authorized agent must sign the application form **or a separate letter must be provided from the property owner or agent authorizing the sign installation.** Submit the completed application form to the Department of Planning and Development for review. **Applications determined to be incomplete or that contain information that is not in conformance with the Snellville Zoning Ordinance, Article 12, Signs will be DENIED and will require a new and complete application re-submittal and \$15.00 review fee.**

- **Awning Sign Permit Review Fee.** The \$15.00 review fee (non-refundable) must accompany the application form (upon the initial submittal and again upon any subsequent re-submittals).

- **Other Sign Permits.** The following signage type requires submittal of a separate sign permit application:
 - Wall Sign
 - Window & Door Sign
 - Canopy Sign
 - Monument/ground Sign
 - Electronic Message Board Sign

- **Awning Sign and Attachment Details.** Awning sign and attachment details must include: a) complete dimensions of all awnings and awning structures and showing total awning sign area in square feet; b) identify which building elevation the sign(s) is to be affixed. If the building has multiple elevations, provide a floor plan showing the elevations (example: front is elevation A; right side is elevation B; etc.); c) attachment details; and d) **provide three (3) colored sets** of awning sign detail plans.

- **Exterior Illumination/Lighting Details.** Show location of all light fixtures. Provide fixture type and wattage. If using a down light, fixture must be cut off or angled so that the light source cannot be seen from the traveling public.

- **Building Permit.** Submit three (3) complete sets of drawings which clearly indicate the structural and electrical construction requirements for each proposed sign and at a minimum contain the following information:
 - Drawings for each illuminated sign shall clearly indicate the electrical requirements including the size and location of the electrical disconnect, the type and size of wire, the conduit size and estimated load. Drawings shall also specify the name of a nationally recognized organization as applicable to the illuminated sign to be installed;
 - Electrical installations shall meet the requirements of the NFPA National Electrical Code and must be performed by a Georgia Licensed electrician;
 - The Georgia Licensed electrician (electrical subcontractor) must submit a completed Subcontractor Affidavit; provide a copy of their Business License; and provide a copy of their State of Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board Electrical Contractor License copy, to the Planning & Development Department prior to requesting an electrical inspection; and
 - Drawings for each sign structure shall clearly specify the required materials, sizes, and locations for all structural components. Complete details shall be provided that clearly indicates the required connections between all structural components including anchorage to the foundation. Details shall also indicate required attachments of sign cabinets to the supporting structure.

- **Inspection Requirements.** Drawings for sign structures that have been stamped/approved by the Building Official shall be kept readily accessible at the job site at all times during construction; and
 - The Georgia Licensed electrician (electrical subcontractor) must submit a completed Subcontractor Affidavit; provide a copy of their Business License; and provide a copy of their State of Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board Electrical Contractor License copy, to the Planning & Development Department prior to requesting an electrical inspection;
 - Each sign, for which a building permit has been issued, requires an electrical and final inspection by the City building inspector. Upon successful completion of all inspections, a Certificate of Completion will be available for pickup the following business day.

- **Appeal/Administrative Review.** Any person aggrieved or affected by the decision of the Director of Planning and Development relating to the application of the Zoning Ordinance, may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals for relief or reconsideration within thirty (30) days from the date of the adverse determination by the Director of Planning and Development and/or Code Enforcement Officer.

- **Expiration Date.** A Sign Location Permit shall become null and void if the sign from which the permit was issued has not been completed within six (6) months after the date of issuance.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT
CITY OF SNELLVILLE
GEORGIA

FOR CITY USE ONLY

Permit No. _____

Date Rcvd: _____

ECC: _____

DESCRIPTION OF WORK (check all that apply):

- MONUMENT SIGN WALL SIGN AWNING SIGN CANOPY SIGN
 FREE STANDING GROUND SIGN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD SIGN

- RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED FOR (check all that apply):

- Signs that exceed 32 sq. ft. in area Signs that are internally or externally illuminated
 Signs on walls having a sign height exceeding 4-feet Ground signs that exceed 6-feet in height above grade

Description of Proposed Construction _____

Project Name or Business Location Name _____

Job Address _____ Lot _____ Block _____

Project/Subdivision _____ Tax Parcel # _____ - _____ Zoning _____

Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Business Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Sign Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Business License # _____ Issuing Authority: _____ Expires: _____

**** SIGN CONTRACTORS, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF BUSINESS LICENSE OR OCCUPATION TAX CERTIFICATE ****

As the property owner or authorized agent, I hereby apply for a permit to erect/alter and use the sign structure as described herein and/or shown on accompanying plans and specifications. If a site location plan is required, said structure will be located as shown on the site location plan. If the permit is granted, I shall construct and install same according to the sign location plan, structural and electrical drawings, national, state, and local building codes, and zoning ordinance of the City of Snellville. Further, I shall be responsible for complying with all required set backs. Electrical installations shall meet the requirements of the NFPA National Electrical Code and must be performed by a Georgia Licensed electrician. Electrical subcontractor shall submit a completed Subcontractor Affidavit to the City of Snellville Planning Department prior to making any electrical connections. Sign Contractor must hold a valid Occupational Tax Certificate (AKA "business License") and provide a copy at time of Building Permit application. I hereby certify that I am the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner and that all information contained hereon is true and accurate.

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____