

FORT HANCOCK SIGN PLAN





Sign Plan Purpose

The needs of tenants to identify businesses, services, and other activities by the use of signs that are accessory and incidental to the use on the premises where such signs are located;

The right of the public to be protected against the visual discord resulting from the unrestricted proliferation of signs and similar devices and the promotion of overall good visual quality and elimination of visual clutter;



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The obligation of the NPS to preserve the historic character of Fort Hancock for the enjoyment of future generations;

Recognition that the elimination, as expeditiously and reasonably as possible, of existing signs that are not in conformance with the provisions of this plan is as necessary to the enhancement of the visual environment and conservation of the historic character as is the prohibition of new signs which would violate the provisions of this plan;

Recognition that instances may occur where strict application of the provisions of this plan is not appropriate, and the provision of a procedure whereby waivers may be granted for good cause.



Tenant identification signs (Size 1, 2 or 3 signs below) are the signs that will be used by a tenant to identify their occupancy.

The Park intends to hold the size and the number of signs to a minimum. There will be no more than 2 exterior signs at any structure under 11,000 square feet. There will be no more than 3 exterior signs at buildings over 11,000 square feet. (Note: Officers Row buildings are all under 11,000 square feet while barracks are over 11,000 square feet).



Each sign can provide information for identification of tenant or building use. A color logo is allowed on the left side of the sign. A sign for hours of operation (Size 4 sign below) placed on hooks below sign frame is allowed on one sign. No other items will be permitted.

The criteria for the allowable number of tenant identification signs are not related to the number of tenants; rather, they are based on the physical. conditions of each specific building and its site.



Size	Height (fixed)	Maximum Width	Description
1	2'-0"	9'-0"	Primary Sign for buildings over 11,000 square feet.
			Up to three lines tenant identification. Upper and lower case. 4 inch characters.
2	1'-6"	3'-3"	Primary sign for buildings under 11,000 square feet and secondary signs for over 11,000 square feet.
		5	Up to two lines tenant identification. Upper and lower case, 2 ¼ inch characters.
3	ľW"	2'0"	Secondary sign for buildings under 11,000 square feet. On Officer's Row, this is the east elevation.
			Up to three lines tenant identification. Upper and lower case. 1 ½ inch characters.
4	0'-6"	2'-0"	Hanging sign for display under sign size one or two. One allowed per building.
			One line for hours and days. Upper and lower case. 1 ½ inch characters.



Type 1 example





Type 2 example





• Type 3 example





Sign Placement

Tenants must locate signs within their assigned area of responsibility. In most cases signs are to be placed in the foundation planting bed, parallel to the wall plane and within close proximity to the wall so as not to encroach on the open space fronting the building.

An exception is for the location of the 9'0" sig n for buildings over 11,000square feet. In most cases, they will be placed perpendicular to the roadway they border. Tenants will be informed of the approximate placement of their sign as part of the exhibits provided during the development of their real estate agreement.

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Tenants with Events or Hours after Dark.

Sign illumination is permitted specifically for tenants with hours after dark. Each tenant may be allowed one standard tenant identification sign with external (spotlight in ground) illumination.

The designs for these lighting systems must be as unobtrusive as possible and must be submitted with other sign plans. The Park Superintendent or designee will review final placement.

Illuminated signs may be approved on an individual case basis. The use of flashing, moving, rotating, scintillating, or blinking lights or illumination in connection with any premises is prohibited, as is the use of strings of bulbs.



This plan prohibits internal sign illumination. External light fixtures must be of minimal size and in a minimally intrusive location on the site. The intensity of the light source in illuminated signs must not exceed that necessary to illuminate and make legible a sign from the adjacent travel way or closest streets.

Signs may be illuminated only during business hours.

Fixtures must be constructed of fire-resistant material meeting the requirements of this plan. Electric components for illuminated signs must be watertight, except those service holes fitted with waterproof covers must be provided to each compartment of such fixtures.



All electric components for illuminated signs hereafter installed or erected in Fort Hancock must bear the label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., or have equivalent certification. All electrical components for illuminated signs must comply with the National Electrical Code. Fixtures should be minimally visible.

Where illuminated signs are authorized, the use of photovoltaic or other renewable power sources is encouraged. Such signs should be connected to photo-sensors, to increase energy efficiency. The placement of photovoltaic power system components must minimize visual intrusion onto the site



Lieutenant's Ouarters

History House

2016 sign replacement In 2016 the park replaced virtually every directional sign in the park and added building identification signs in the fort which in some cases replaced battered

2002 signs



The park has had requests for lighted signs on buildings already and is anticipating that more will be requested.

Should the 2002 plan be adjusted anticipate these needs?