

**Design Guideline #15
For
Temporary Signs & Facade Lighting (revised 11/08/2012)**

For Use in Granbury's Historic Business Districts

The City of Granbury Historic Preservation Design Guidelines shall apply to all properties within the Granbury historic districts.

Permits Required

Just as with all signage, business and property owners must apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness for temporary signs at the City of Granbury's Community Development Department and be approved by the Commission, except as noted below which may be approved by staff if the requirements are not altered:

Period of Time

Temporary signs may only be displayed for a limited period of time, not to exceed 90 days. Temporary window signs may be displayed for a limited period of time, not to exceed 90 days and may be approved by staff 1 time per year per business. After that period of time, the sign must be removed, and new signage must be approved by the Commission.

Colors

Signage colors may be from a Historic Color Chart. Colors for Temporary Window Signage may be approved by staff if the colors are selected from the Historic Color Chart or standard red, black or white.

Banners should be on matte, or non-glossy material.

Free-hanging paper banners are not permitted.

Size

In addition to the size limitations on page 4 of Design Guideline *No. 8 Signs*, the following limits also apply:

- Banners should be no larger than 12 square feet
- Temporary window signage size may have up to 50% window coverage and be approved by staff 1 time per year per business.

Non-Invasive Sign Attachment Required

As stated on page 5 of Design Guideline *No. 8 Signs*:

- No new holes will be made on or in a historic building for the purpose of hanging a sign
- Sign attachments, including wires, rods, brackets, and other hardware will be compatible to the historic context of the building. Catenaries are not allowed.

Event Specific Signs

Applications will be considered for temporary signs used to advertise specific special events.

Permanent Facade Lighting

City staff may approve facade lighting for buildings located within the historic square as identified on the following map. To qualify for staff approval, the facade lighting must meet the following criteria:

1. Windows and balconies may be outlined in single strand, mini lights, C-7 lights or tube lighting.
2. Building rooflines may be outlined in C-7 or A-15 lighting.

3. Awnings may be outlined in single strand, string lighting and lighting may be allowed to hang from awning by no more than 1 foot from awning edge
4. Any lighting that blinks, flashes or changes intensity may not be staff approved.
5. All staff approved lighting must remain white.

Lighting that doesn't meet the criteria above may not be staff approved and must get approval from the Historic Commission prior to installation.

Holiday Lighting

City staff may approve holiday lighting for buildings located within the historic square as identified on the following map. The time frame for holiday lighting shall fall between November 15 – January 15. All other outdoor displays may be commiserating with the season in which they are displayed. Staff may approve holiday/seasonal lighting as follows:

1. Holiday lighting includes multi-strand white and/or colored lighting and may consist of C-7 lights, mini-lights, icicle lights, snow flake or other shaped lights. Tube lighting and fluorescent lighting may also qualify for staff approval.
2. Holiday lighting may be utilized to accent or outline roofs, awnings, support poles, windows and railings. Additionally, holiday lighting may also be used to wrap trees, pots, benches and tables.
3. Holiday lighting that blinks, flashes or changes intensity may not be staff approved.

Holiday Lighting that doesn't meet the criteria above may not be staff approved and must get approval from the Historic Commission prior to installation. Holiday lighting that obtains staff approval must be hung no earlier than November 15th and removed no later than January 15th.

