

Portland, Maine



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## Signage /Awning Permit Application Checklist

All of the following information shall be submitted:

Signage/Awning Permit Application form

Certificate of Liability listing the City as an additional insured if any portion of the sign abuts or encroaches on any public right of way, or can fall into any public right of way.

A copy of the signed lease or letter of permission from the property owner indicating the specific permissions granted and the tenant/space building frontage.

A plan showing the specific locations of all existing and proposed signs:

- For freestanding signs: the plan shall depict lot lines, buildings, driveways, abutting streets or rights of way, lengths of street frontages, and setbacks from freestanding signs to the nearest lot line.
- For all other signs and awnings: the plan shall depict buildings, driveways, abutting streets or rights of way, and building façade dimensions. Photos or other documentation similar to a drawn plan are acceptable, provided that all required information is included.

A drawing or photo of the proposed sign showing content, all dimensions, materials, source of illumination, details of anchoring and installation (e.g., attachment specifications, footing details for freestanding signs, etc.).

Certificate of flammability is required for awnings, canopies or banners.

A UL Classification Mark, found on the product, is required for illuminated signs at the time of final inspection.

Photos of existing signage.





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## Requirements for Electronic Submissions

In order to ensure the most expedient review of your application, please meet the requirements below for all electronic submissions:

- **Drawings sheets shall be submitted individually-- each PDF file shall contain no more than one drawing sheet.** Only PDF files are acceptable for plan review, and each file shall not exceed 5MB in size.\*
- **Drawing files shall be named based on the drawing sheet number and name.** It is recommended to include a Category/Discipline letter (such as A for Architectural), a sheet number and a descriptive title (e.g., A1 Existing Exterior Elevation).
- **Revised file submissions must use the exact same file name as originally submitted.** The Electronic Plan Review software will recognize this submission as Version 2.
- **Supporting documents shall be submitted as an individual PDF file for each document (these documents may be multi-page PDF files) and named based on the document type** (e.g., "Deed", "Stormwater Report", "Permit Application", etc.). Searchable PDF files are requested for calculations, reports and other supporting documents.
- **A graphic scale or a scale to reference shall be included on each drawing sheet.**
- **Plans prepared by a design professional shall include a Code Analysis sheet**, referencing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Portland City Code, Chapter 10 – Fire Prevention and Protection, which includes National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1, Fire Code and NFPA 101, Life Safety Code. Chapter 10 of the City Code can be viewed at: <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/citycode/chapter010.pdf>.
- **Files shall be submitted via email to [permitting@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:permitting@portlandmaine.gov).** The email subject line shall include the project address and type of permit. Multiple emails may be sent for one project if the files exceed the maximum file size.
- **Submissions should include all required documents and drawings as listed on the appropriate Submission Checklist sheet specific to the type of work being performed.**

For further information and to access PDF versions of this and other forms, visit the Permitting and Inspections Department online at <http://portlandmaine.gov/1728/Permitting-Inspections>.

\*To download a free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, please visit: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

