

Sign Design Booklet

Summary

With so many unique neighborhoods, curbside, management, programs and practices, and best practice safety management, the City of Columbus has developed a highly robust sign program. To provide a concise breakdown of the City's sign program, the Division of Traffic Management in conjunction with the Division of Design and Construction has developed this Sign Template and Booklet to provide images and descriptions of the City's more complex signs.

This booklet cannot and will not be able to provide every unique instance that occurs within the right-of-way; rather, it will provide general guidance to design engineers for Columbus specific signs.

This first phase will provide primary examples of the Columbus Parking sign set which has well over 350 variances. As the City of Columbus continues with this program, the Division of Traffic Management will address the other sign types in a similar fashion.

First, a brief explanation of the Sign Code system that the Division of Traffic Management utilizes for the Sign Program.

Sign Code

The Sign Code is best understood similarly to the Dewey Decimal system – numbers represent various sign types and/or sizes, etc.

It's best to start with the basest Sign Code the City implements and explain each facet of the Sign Code. The next few sections will break down the Sign Code, item by item, in order to provide the best understanding of the Sign Code, and in turn, sign design for the City of Columbus.

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Sign Code Breakdown

All Sign Codes within the City of Columbus's sign codes receive a prefix with letters that indicate what the sign's use is. For example, see the Sign Code below.

CP 114.01D

CP is equivalent to Columbus Parking, meaning *any sign that provides statutory information and guidance for vehicles utilizing the curb space* will have a CP prefix.

CP 114.01D

The next number indicates the Sign Series for that particular sign. For example, a 1 is equivalent to *No Stopping*.

CP 114.01D

The next number indicates the size of the sign and in this case a "1" represents a 12"x18" size sign. This size sign is the most typical for Parking signs within the Columbus public right-of-way.

CP 114.01D

The third number in the sequence of a Sign Code indicates the *lines of information provided on the sign*. This particular Sign Code states:

- The sign indicates *No Stopping*
- The sign is 12"x18"
- The sign has 4 lines of information.

CP 114.01D

The suffix of a Sign Code indicates that specific sign in the series, and the letter at the end will either be an L, R, or D, which means, an arrow pointing left (L), an arrow pointing right (R), and an arrow pointing both directions (D).

With that break down, the sign in question looks like this:



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Additional No Stopping Sign examples¹



CP115.02D



CP117.04D



CP 124.22 L²



CP124.01L/CP128.01R³



CP512.02L/CP124.01R



CP823.03L/CP125.04R



CP127.04L



CP124.L/124.01R

¹ The City of Columbus is currently developing a Sign Code data set that will allow design agencies to accurately identify sign types by the Sign Codes.

² This Sign Code indicates that the sign is on a 12x24 sign because of the "2" in 124 of the Sign Code.

³ Where two different Sign Codes exist on one physical sign, we utilize both Sign Codes to identify the sign.

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Permit Parking Signs and Payment Signs

Permit Signs

The City of Columbus Division of Parking Solutions has been working on updating and consolidating parking permit zones within the City to make it easier for residents to park, receive permits, and access the curb for public use. Below is an example of a typical permit signage and the various permit types and locations throughout the City:



Zone	Zone Area	Zone	Zone Area	Zone	Zone Area
A	German Village	SNA	Short North Area A	Y	Phale D. Hale
B	Circles	SNB	Short North Area B	Z	Drummond Ct.
C	Harrison West	SNC	Short North Area C		
CH	Children's Hospital	SND	Short North Area D		
E	Brewery District/Near East	SNE	Short North Area E		
EF	East Franklinton	T	Souder/Henderson		
G	Grandview	UDA	University District Area A		
H	Permit Area H	UDB	University District Area B		
LP	Library Park	UDC	University District Area C		
MV	Reinhard Ave.	VG	Short North – VG		
N	S. Grant Ave./E. Blenkner	W	Delaware Ave.		
O	Permit Area O	X	Bridgewalk/Alden/Frankfort/ Etc.		

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Payment Required Signs

The City of Columbus' Division of Parking Solutions has worked diligently on making digital payment for parking within the curb space a reality, and yet, the signage must reflect this parking strategy. Over the years, the Division of Traffic Management has adopted the below sign as a base for the permissive payment requirement statutory signage:

Appendix A

Columbus Parking Sign Series Sign (CP)

Prefix = CP = Sign Use

CP = Columbus Par

Number 1XX.XX Sign Series

1 = No Stopping Le

2 = No Stopping Sy

3 = No Stopping w,

4 = No Parking Leg

5 = No Parking Syr

6 = No Parking w/c

7 = Other Legend

8 = Other Symbol

9 = Restrictive/Permissive



Number X1X.XX Sign Size

1 = 12x18

2 = ½ of 12x24, 18x18, etc.

3 = Other size

Number XX1.XX Number of Lines on Sign (includes symbols, not arrows)

1 – 9

Suffix XXX.01

A two digit number that specific sign design in that series

Suffix XXX.XXL/R/D

Denotes direction of arrow

L = Left

R = Right

D = Double