

## TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HISTORIC ST. MARYS

*For more about our  
signage guidelines :*

[www.stmarysga.gov](http://www.stmarysga.gov)

*City Code Chapter 62, Historic  
Preservation, Section 114,*

*Chapter 46, Environment, Article  
VI, Sign Regulations*

*City Council Temporary Signs  
Resolution, Adopted 2006*

*For more about opening  
and operating a business  
in Historic St. Marys,  
contact:*

*Jeffrey S. Adams,*

*Community Development Director*

*Or our friends at:*

*St. Marys Main Street*

[www.stmarysga.gov/mainstreet](http://www.stmarysga.gov/mainstreet)

*St. Marys Downtown Development  
Authority*

[www.stmarysga.gov/  
economicdevelopment](http://www.stmarysga.gov/economicdevelopment)

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### Community Development Department

City of St. Marys  
418 Osborne Street  
St. Marys, GA 31558



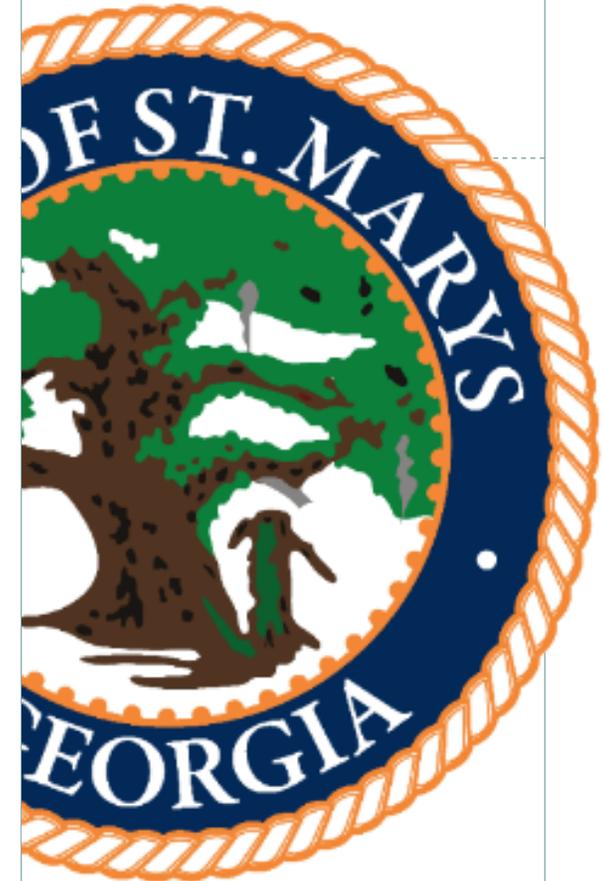
St. Marys Historic District



Osborne Street Corridor

# Signage

In Historic St. Marys



**Community Development  
Department**

City of St. Marys  
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## History's in the Making

**Our community has a rich history that continually attracts visitors, new residents and businesses to our special way of life. To honor and protect this heritage the City of St. Marys works with residents, business owners, as well as our boards and commissions to enact ordinances that reflect the dynamic vision and driving passions of our southern coastal community.**

**The recent passage of a new sign ordinance is a perfect example of how legislation can help build a more attractive community while creating a forum for common ground. This brochure is provided to help you understand the basics of the new ordinance and the other relevant areas of our St. Marys Municipal Code.**

**If you have further questions, after reading this please contact the Community Development Department.**

## SIGNAGE: THE BASICS

A new sign ordinance passed through City Council this past month. We at the Community Development Department

1. If you are a business owner in the St. Marys Historic District, as identified on Map 1, and would like to place a new sign on your property, you must apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission, which can be obtained online ([stmarysga.gov](http://stmarysga.gov)) or from the Community Development Department,
2. You may have two exterior signs per lot, one of which may be a moveable or free-standing sign.
3. There are limitations on sizes and types of signs, which are detailed in the ordinance and

## TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

### ALONG THE OSBORNE STREET CORRIDOR

- Median signage is limited to five signs per median and one temporary sign per business. No more than one sign at each corner of an intersection for non-median signs is permitted.
- Signs are to be of 24" x 30" sandwich board variety and if they are located in the Historic District they must be approved through a Certificate of Appropriateness. Temporary signs are permitted through the Community Development Office and renewed annually for \$10.00 per sign.
- Signs are not to be reflective, fluorescent or illuminated and all permits are revocable.

## BANNERS

- A banner, not exceeding 18" x 60," may be permitted by the HPC for the duration of a special event. The first time cost is \$50.00 and shall be permitted on the property for a maximum of 14 days prior to the event and removed 5 days after.
- Future banners, of the same size, position, and location as the initial banner will be permitted for \$10.00.
- No balloons, pennants or streamers are allowed in the Historic District.

## Do:

- Turn in a Certificate of Appropriateness application for Historic Preservation Committee's review prior to placing a sign.
- Give us a call at 912.510.4032 if you have any questions.

## Don't:

- Place any sign in the Right-of-Way or on a public sidewalk. We care about access and will remove any signs impeding public access.
- Assume that just because you've done it in the past or seen it somewhere else, it will be permitted. Please review our ordinances or ask. We are happy to help.