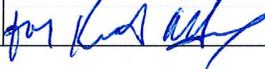


UDC Interpretation	#14-04	
	<b>Clarification of rules for signs on solid, flat-roofed canopies</b>	
	UDC Section: 50-27.7.F	Date of Interpretation: 2/28/2014
Approved by:	Charles Froseth, Land Use Supervisor 	

**BACKGROUND:** The Unified Development Chapter of the City of Duluth Legislative Code (UDC) is the official body of rules and regulations to guide land use and development in the City of Duluth, Minnesota. UDC Sec. 50-10 *Interpretation* authorizes the Land Use Supervisor to interpret the provisions of this Chapter.

The question was asked: What materials are allowed for a solid, flat-roofed canopies and how may any signs that are installed on top of this type of canopy be illuminated?

**UDC INTERPRETATION:**

The City adopted a new sign code on April 14, 2013. The Planning Commission included the allowance for these types of solid, flat-roofed awning signs. This interpretation finds that, because awning signs and canopy signs are regulated similarly, that it was an unintentional omission to not include in the canopy sign regulations (Sec. 50-27.7.F) the ability to have a solid, flat-roofed canopy. This interpretation further finds that regulations for these types of canopies are the same as for their corresponding awning signs. The materials allowed for solid, flat-roofed canopies are expanded to include finished wood, wood and plastic composites, metal or metal cladding, stucco or EIFS. Signs mounted to these solid, flat-roofed canopies are limited to individually-mounted letters with internal illumination (if illuminated) or a sign board with external illumination – no internally illuminated cabinet signs. The City anticipates a technical correction to this provision will be part of the annual UDC amendment package in late 2014 or early 2015.

**DISCLAIMER:** While it is the intent of the administration to submit a technical correction to the City Council consistent with this interpretation, the code can only be amended by City Council action. This interpretation is not intended to be a promise or guarantee that the proposed amendment will be enacted.