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STANDARD SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (BEFORE FIRE)

- Regulations under Malibu Municipal Code (MMC Chapter 17.52)
- **Varied limits:** Size and type depended on use (e.g., identification, real estate, special events)
- **Permanent standards:** Signs integrated into building design, strict rules on area, placement, and colors
- **Special event signs:** Up to 16 sq ft, only 30 days before and 7 days after an event
- **Grand opening signs:** Up to 20 sq ft banners, allowed for 30 days (balloons for first 4 days)
- Additional rules applied to gas stations, subdivisions, fast-food drive-thrus, etc.
- Typically required longer review and Planning Commission approval for some sign types

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