

surfaces of signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times.

**H101.2 Signs exempt from permits.** The following signs are exempt from the requirements to obtain a permit before erection:

1. Painted nonilluminated signs.
2. Temporary signs announcing the sale or rent of property.
3. Signs erected by transportation authorities.
4. Projecting signs not exceeding 2.5 square feet (0.23 m<sup>2</sup>).
5. The changing of moveable parts of an approved sign that is designed for such changes, or the repainting or repositioning of display matter shall not be deemed an alteration.

**H101.3 Required Signage.** Signage required by these codes shall utilize approved internationally recognized pictographic symbols and/or be printed in Arabic and English. Unless otherwise specified, characters shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high and a minimum of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) wide and utilize an approved contrasting background.

## **SECTION H102 DEFINITIONS**

**H102.1 General.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this appendix, have the meanings shown herein. Refer to Chapter 2 of the *Abu Dhabi International Building Code* for general definitions.

**COMBINATION SIGN.** A sign incorporating any combination of the features of pole, projecting and roof signs.

**DISPLAY SIGN.** The area made available by the sign structure for the purpose of displaying the advertising message.

**ELECTRIC SIGN.** A sign containing electrical wiring, but not including signs illuminated by an exterior light source.

**GROUND SIGN.** A billboard or similar type of sign which is supported by one or more uprights, poles or braces in or upon the ground other than a combination sign or pole sign, as defined by this code.

**POLE SIGN.** A sign wholly supported by a sign structure in the ground.

**PORTABLE DISPLAY SURFACE.** A display surface temporarily fixed to a standardized advertising structure which is regularly moved from structure to structure at periodic intervals.

**PROJECTING SIGN.** A sign other than a wall sign, which projects from and is supported by a wall of a building or structure.

**ROOF SIGN.** A sign erected upon or above a roof or parapet of a building or structure.

**SIGN.** Any letter, figure, character, mark, plane, point, marquee sign, design, poster, pictorial, picture, stroke, stripe, line, trademark, reading matter or illuminated service, which shall be constructed, placed, attached, painted, erected, fastened or manufactured in any