

CHAPTER 8

SIGNS

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5-8-1: **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote health, safety, general welfare and order within the Village through the establishment of a comprehensive and impartial series of standards, regulations and procedures governing the type, numbers, size, structure, location, height, lighting, use and/or display of devices, signs or symbols serving as a visual communication media to persons situated within or upon public rights of ways or properties. With this purpose in mind, it is the intention of this Chapter to authorize signs which are:

A. Compatible with their surroundings.

It is further the intent of this Chapter to prohibit signs which:

- A. Inhibit the safety of vehicular or pedestrian traffic by actual physical or visual impairment or obstruction.
- B. Detract from the aesthetics of the location, area and community as a whole.

5-8-2: **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

A.

No sign shall hereafter be erected, re-erected, constructed, altered or maintained until after a permit for the same has been issued by the Building Inspector.

B.

Illumination of any sign shall be permitted only as a special use, after a public hearing and approval by the Village Board. Illumination of all signs shall be diffused or indirect and shall be arranged so as not to reflect direct rays of light into adjacent districts or into the public way. Flashing signs and neon signs are not allowed.

C.

Signs located near Federal Aid Primary roads and any highway that is part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois.

5-8-3: **D-1 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS:** The following signs shall be permitted without permits under the specified conditions:

A.

Nameplates and identification signs not exceeding one square foot in area for each dwelling unit. Content shall be limited to the name and address of the occupant.

B.

Bulletin boards and identification signs for churches, schools, service clubs and other permitted institutions and organizations.

C.

Signs offering for sale, rental or lease, land, lots, or houses shall be permitted on the premises of the item being offered. Such a sign shall not exceed five (5) square feet. Only one such sign is permitted on each zoning lot.

D.

For each subdivision, one sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet may be erected on the land being subdivided. Such a sign is limited in content to the name of the subdivision and the developer. No such sign shall project more than fifteen feet (15') above street level. A permit is required for such a sign.

5-8-4: **C-1 AND I-1 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS:** Business signs are permitted one per business or industrial establishment as follows:

- A. No such sign shall extend into any required yard.
- B. No sign may be higher than the height of the principal building on the zoning lot.

5-8-5: **PERMITS:**

A. Application for a sign permit shall be made in writing to the Building Inspector. Such application shall contain the location of the proposed sign as well as the name and address of the property owner and the sign contractor or erector. The Building Inspector may require the filing of plans or other pertinent information such as the method of construction, the method of installation or support, etc.

B. A sign permit fee according to the following shall be paid to the Building Inspector:

20 square feet or less	\$ 5.00
20 - 100 square feet	\$15.00
Over 100 square feet	\$25.00

C. Before a permit is issued, the applicant shall submit a copy of the contract showing his right to maintain the device on the property for a length of time not to exceed that approved by the Building Inspector.

D. Permits for any sign shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years for wooden structures, and five (5) years for steel structures. All devices shall be properly maintained by painting and structural repair. Permits are renewable providing the sign is still active and not in need of repair.

5-8-6: **TEMPORARY SIGNS:** Temporary signs not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in area indicating an event of public interest such as a State or County fair, public or general election, horse show or other signs of a civic, political or religious nature may be erected, hung, placed or painted upon securing a permit at no cost from the Building Inspector, provided that such sign shall not interfere with the full view of traffic in all directions. Such signs shall be placed no sooner than sixty (60) days prior to the event and shall be removed not more than ten (10) days after the event.

5-8-7: **REMOVAL OF SIGNS:** Every permit for an advertising

device shall require the removal of said device within sixty (60) days upon notice by the Building Inspector that the land upon which the device is located has been platted or divided for residential use, or lies within five hundred feet (500') of a property line of any church, school, hospital or similar public or semi-public property which is built. The Building Inspector may order the removal of any sign that is not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

5-8-8: **NONCONFORMING SIGNS:** Any sign which is nonconforming as to type, location, zoning district, size, setback or for any other reason (except those signs that are an adjunct to and located on the same premises as a separate nonconforming use recognized under this Ordinance) shall be altered, moved, converted or removed within five (5) years of the effective date of this Ordinance, so as to conform in all respects to the regulations of the particular district in which it is located and this Chapter.