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## Chapter 151 Sign Ordinance

### SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 151.01 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter is to create the legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of signage control and thereby to provide an attractive and effective balance between signage and the environment. This chapter shall be enforced and administered with the support of the signage regulations stated in of the Village Building Code (2000 International Building Code). These articles are available to the public for their use and review at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Ave., Frankfort, Illinois. In any instances of conflict between these two regulatory documents, the more restrictive shall apply.

With these concepts in mind, this chapter is adopted for the following purposes:

- A. To authorize the uses of signs which are:
  - 1. Compatible with their surroundings;
  - 2. Appropriate to the type of activity to which they pertain;
  - 3. Expressive of their identity of individuals or of the community as a whole; and
  - 4. Legible in the circumstances in which they are seen.
  
- B. To preserve the Village of Frankfort's reputation as a community of natural beauty rendering it highly attractive to visitors and potential future residents, the Village Board has determined the unregulated and uncontrolled erection and maintenance of signs results in a gaudy and garish atmosphere that is out of harmony with the character of the Village. The Village Board further determines that the lack of regulation and control of signs results in costly and unfair competition for the public eye through the proliferation, increased height, and size of signs, and that the safety of the general public requires that the structural elements and location of the signs be regulated.
  
- C. To preserve, protect, and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents.
  
- D. To provide a positive economic climate for the business and industry of the Village by promoting the reasonable, orderly, and effective display of signage and encouraging better communication with the public, and to provide information to the traveling public.

- E. To enhance the physical appearance of the Village by preserving the scenic and natural beauty of the area.
- F. To protect the general public from damage and injury which may be caused by the faulty and uncontrolled construction and use of signs within the Village.
- G. To protect the pedestrians and motorists from damage or injury caused by the distractions, obstructions, and hazards created by certain signs.
- H. To protect the public investment in streets and highways by reducing distractions that may increase traffic accidents.
- I. To protect the physical and mental well-being of the general public by recognizing and encouraging a sense of appreciation for the visual environment.
- J. To preserve the value of private property by assuring the compatibility of signs with surrounding land uses.
- K. To encourage sound practices and lessen the objectionable effects of competition in respect to and placement of signs.
- L. It is also the intent of this Chapter to recognize that the eventual elimination of existing signs that do not conform with the provisions of this Chapter is as important as is prohibiting new signs that would violate these regulations.

## **151.02 GENERAL STANDARDS**

- A. Permanent business signs are intended to be used for business identification. The design of permanent signs and the information placed on them should be focused on identifying the location of the business and its name.
- B. Temporary signs are intended to be used for advertising. Temporary signs are expected to contain information regarding sales, special events, business promotions, and other events which occur over a limited time.
- C. Both faces of a dual faced sign shall contain the same words, artwork and logo.
- D. All signs erected, maintained, constructed, relocated, modified, or altered in any way for each Zoning District must adhere to the following

regulations. Any signage not provided for in the following shall be deemed prohibited.

### **151.03 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

The general requirements for all signs are listed in the Village Building Code, Chapter 29, and are incorporated into this section in its entirety by reference.

#### **A. Electrical Requirements**

1. The electrical components, connections, and installations of all signs shall conform to the provisions of the Village Electric Code. Electric signs shall be constructed of incombustible material. Electric signs shall be rain-tight, except that service hole fitted with waterproof covers shall be provided to each compartment of such signs. All electric signs hereafter installed or erected in the Village shall bear the label of Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc.
2. No electrical equipment or electrical apparatus of any kind which causes interference with radio or television reception shall be used in the operation of illuminated signs.
3. All sources of illumination shall be kept in good working order.

#### **B. Wind Pressure and Load Requirements**

All signs shall be designed to withstand a wind pressure as required in the Building Code of the Village and/or other applicable Village Chapter and Codes.

#### **C. Signs Structure and Support Requirements**

1. All signs shall be designed so that all framework for the lateral support of the sign shall be contained within the sign's body or within the structure of the building to which the sign is attached so as not to be visible to the public.
2. Exposed guy wires, chains or other similar connections attached to the ground posing a threat to pedestrian safety are not permitted to serve as supports for a sign.
3. If the supports or anchors of the sign are not galvanized or constructed of a non-combustible, corrosive-resistant material, they shall be painted as necessary to prevent corrosion and peeling.

#### **D. Sign Face**

No sign or sign structure shall have any nails, tacks, wires, or sharp edges protruding from it. Exposed neon tubing shall be prohibited on all signs located on an exterior wall surface or displayed on a storefront window.

**E. Miscellaneous Advertising Objects**

No person shall place on or suspend from any building or structure, any goods, wares, merchandise, or other advertising objects other than a sign as defined with these provisions.

**F. Glass Requirements**

Any glass forming a part of any sign shall be designed to the ANSI Z97.1 standard and shall be in compliance with all applicable Village codes and chapters.

**G. Location**

No signs shall cover wholly or partially any opening, nor project beyond the ends or top of the wall to which it is attached. No sign shall project into or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way.

**H. Lettering**

All letters, figures, characters, or representations in cut-out or irregular form, maintained in conjunction with, attached to, or superimposed upon any sign shall be safely and securely built into or attached to the sign.

**I. Obstruction of Exits**

No sign shall be erected so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window, or door opening intended as a means of egress.

**J. Obstruction of Ventilation**

No sign shall be erected which interferes with any opening required for ventilation.

**K. Clearance from Electrical Power Lines and Communication Lines**

Signs shall maintain all clearances from electrical conductors in accordance with all applicable Village codes and chapters, except where specified within this chapter.

**L. Clearance from Surface and Underground Facilities**

Signs and their supporting structures shall maintain clearance and non-interference with all surface and underground facilities and conduits for water, sewage, gas, electricity, or communications equipment or lines. Furthermore, placement shall not interfere with natural or artificial drainage or surface or underground water.

**M. Sign Illumination Requirements**

1. Signs shall be illuminated only by steady, stationary, shielded and shaded light sources directed solely at the sign, or internal to it so that the light intensity or brightness does not create either a nuisance to adjacent property or a traffic hazard for motorists or pedestrians.

2. No exposed reflective-type bulb and no strobe light or incandescent lamp shall be used on the exterior surface of any sign.
3. Illuminated signs shall produce no more than 30 foot candles of illumination, four feet from the sign.
4. Whenever external illumination is used for a sign, the source of light shall be located, shielded, and directed in such a manner that the light source is not visible from a public street or private residence.

**N. Raceways:**

If a sign is mounted to a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.

## **151.04 UNIFORM SIGN PLAN**

**A. Required**

A Uniform Sign Plan is required for all planned unit developments and all multi-tenant developments before any signs for such development may be erected on the property. All owners, tenants, subtenant and purchasers of individual units within the development shall comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan.

**B. Elements**

The Uniform Sign plan shall include the following information for all signs:

1. The design, materials of construction, colors (graphically depicted), lighting and dimensions shall be clearly illustrated,
2. A site plan drawn to scale to show the location of each sign,
3. Elevations: All signs are to be illustrated and dimensioned in elevation drawings. When a sign is attached to a building, the illustration shall be a composite of the sign and the building, rendered to scale.
4. Additional information must be included to establish regulations to ensure that signs are consistent and attractive. The required information is as follows:
  - a) Size Standard: The size for the monument sign and wall sign shall be defined and outline in the Uniform Sign Plan if different from the standards set forth in this chapter.
  - b) Sign Color: Each wall sign must be of a common color except anchor tenants may have up to three (3) colors. The colors selected

shall be coordinated with colors of the materials used for the associated building.

- c) Sign Material: The Uniform Sign Plan shall note the materials for the monument sign, as well as establishing a specific type of material for all wall signs, including a common method of illumination.

**B. Review**

The Uniform Sign Plan shall be subject to approval by the Code Official.

**C. Review Criteria**

A Uniform Sign Plan for planned unit developments and multi-building, multi-tenant occupied buildings shall not be approved until and unless the Code Official find that:

1. The plan provides that signs of a similar type and function within the development will have a consistent color scheme and material construction;
2. The plan provides for signs that meet the size limitations, location requirements and other applicable requirements of this chapter.

**D. Amendment Procedure**

Amendment to a Uniform Sign Plan must be approved by the Code Official in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Application must be filed by the owner of the land affected by the proposed change, or an agent, lessee or contract purchaser specifically authorized by the owner in writing.
2. All amendments shall comply with the provisions of this chapter.

**E. Effect**

After approval of a Uniform Sign Plan, or an amended Uniform Sign Plan, no sign shall be erected, placed, painted, or maintained, except in accordance with such plan, and such plan may be enforced in the same way as any provision of this chapter. In case of any conflict between a provision of a Uniform Sign Plan and one or more provisions of this chapter, the stricter of the two shall apply.

**151.05 DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and/or terms shall have the meanings indicated in this section.

**ACCESSORY SIGNS TO THEATERS** – theater posters that display current, forthcoming movies or performances and show times

**A-FRAME SIGN-** A temporary double-sided sign typically connected at the top and separated at the bottom to form an “A” when in use. For the purpose of this chapter an A-Framed Sign is also referred to as a sandwich board sign. See Figure 1.

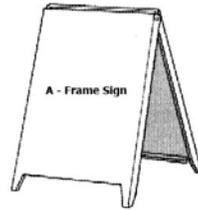


Figure 1-A-Frame Sign

**ANCHOR TENANT-**The major or primary tenant in a multi-tenant building or shopping center with a minimum floor area of 25,000 square feet.

**ANIMATED SIGN-** A sign or any part of which by design, changes physical position by any movement, or creates the appearance of movement.

**APPROVED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL-** Any material more than 1/20 of an inch in thickness which burns at a rate of not more than 2 ½ inches per minute when subjected to the American Society for Testing Material (ASTM) standard test for flammability in sheets six-hundredths inches in thickness.

**AREA-** That area enclosed by one continuous line, connecting the extreme points or edges of a sign. This area does not include the main supporting sign structure, but all other ornamental attachments, inner connecting links, etc., which are not a part of the main supports of the signs are to be included in determining sign area. The area shall be determined by drawing an imaginary square or rectangle envelopes so as to completely enclose each entire symbol, word, phrase, title, and or name appearing on the sign and computing the sum of all such geometric figures.

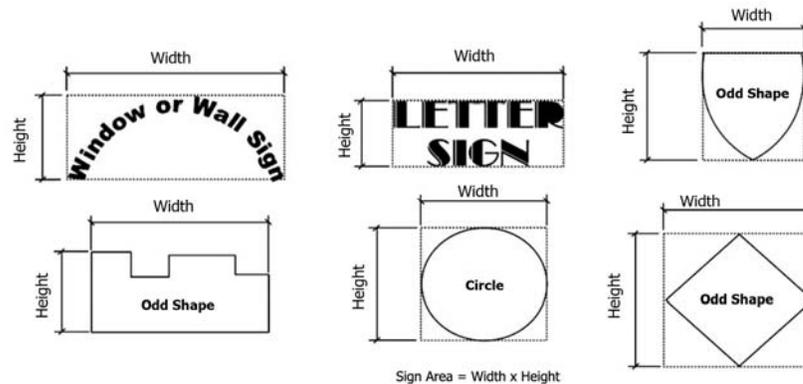


Figure 2-Calculating Area of both wall and freestanding signs

**ATTENTION-GETTING DEVICES-** Any pennant, flag, valance, banner, propeller, spinner, streamer, search-light or similar device or ornamentation designed for or intended to attract attention to it for the purpose of promotion or advertising.

**AWNING-** Any structure made of cloth, metal, or other material attached to a building which is constructed so as to permit its being raised or retracted to a position against the building when not in use, or any structure designed to simulate such construction, such as a "back-lit" awning. For purposes of this chapter, an awning containing the name of the business, logo or a combination of business name and logo, and or colors indicative to the corporate logo will be considered a wall sign.

**BANNER SIGN-** Any sign intended to be hung either with or without frames, possessing characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations applied to paper, plastic, or fabric of any kind. National flags, flags of political subdivisions, and symbolic flags of any institution shall not be considered banners for the purposes of this section.

**BARE BULB ILLUMINATION-**The use of lighting, which includes but is not limited to exposed illumination material other than approved sign faces. Such prohibited illumination may include both internal and external bulbs.

**BEACON:** Any light with one or more beams directed into the atmosphere or directed at one or more points not on the same site as the light source; also any light with one or more beams that rotate or move.

**BENCH SIGN or AD SIGN-** A sign located on any part of the surface of a bench or seat placed on or adjacent to a public right-of-way.

**BILLBOARD, POSTERBOARD, or PAINTED WALL-** A single or double-faced sign permanently fixed to or placed upon the premises, which may have "changeable copy", which is used for display of information not associated with the establishment located on the same premises as the sign. Such signs include walls of a building that are painted to display information that does not relate to a business or other establishment located in the building.

**BOX SIGN:** A translucent back-lit panel, larger than three (3) square feet, which is applied to the façade of the building.

**BUILDING FRONTAGE:** The length of a building façade that is closest to and most nearly to with a public ROW.

**BUILDING LINE-**The line as established by the vertical face of the building or an extension thereof.

**BUSINESS NAME:** Name of a business as represented on a business license or as registered with state or federal Internal Revenue Service Departments

**CANOPY-** A structure, other than an awning, made of cloth, metal, or other material with frames attached to a building, or carried by a frame supported by the ground or sidewalk. For purposes of this chapter, a canopy containing the name of the business, logo or a combination of business name and logo, and or colors indicative to the corporate logo will be considered a wall sign.

**CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN-** A sign upon which letters, words, or characters can separately be placed and replaced in or upon the surface area either manually or electronically for the purpose of changing the information contained on the sign.

**CONTRACTOR/CONSTRUCTION SIGN-** A temporary sign giving the name or names of principal contractors, architects, and lending institutions responsible for construction on the site where the sign is placed together with other information included thereon.

**DEVELOPMENT SIGN-** A temporary sign used to identify an approved future development.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGNS:** Signs limited to directional messages, principally for pedestrian or vehicular traffic, such as “one-way”, “entrance,” drive-thru,” and “exit”, but does not identify the establishment itself or other goods or services available at the establishment and does not contain advertising messages.

**DIRECTORY SIGN-** A sign upon which the name and locations of occupants or the use of a building is given.

**ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL-** The Code Enforcement Officer of the Village shall have the duty of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

**EXTERIOR WALL SURFACE-** The most exterior part of a wall, sunscreen, or any screening or material covering a building.

**FAÇADE:** Exterior wall of a building that is exposed to public view.

**FESTOON LIGHTING-** A group of two or more incandescent light bulbs hung or strung overhead between two points, not on a building or structure, which are visible to persons on a public right-of-way, or which are not shaded or hooded so as to prevent the direct rays of light from being visible from beyond the property on which the lights are located.

**FLAG-** A symbol or a crest of either a nation or an organization of nations, a state, a municipality or a fraternal, religious, civic organization, or corporation.

For the purpose of this chapter, any flag containing the corporate logo of a business will be considered a wall sign.

**FLASHING SIGN-** Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign which exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color effects by any means whatsoever.

**FREESTANDING SIGN-** A sign completely self-supported by two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood posts, not exceeding two (2) foot, or a solid base constructed of a masonry material which is independent of any building or other structure and anchored in or upon the ground. See Figure 3.

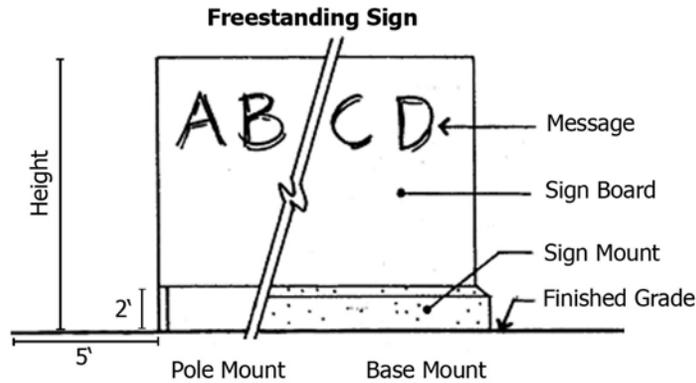


Figure 3-Freestanding Sign

**FRONTAGE:** see *Building Frontage* or *Store Frontage*

**HEIGHT, FREESTANDING SIGNS:** The vertical distance from average adjacent ground level, within five (5) feet of the sign, to the top of the sign including the support structure and any design element. See Figure 3.

**HEIGHT, WALL SIGN:** The vertical dimension of the imaginary box drawn so as to completely enclose each entire symbol, word, phrase, title, or name appearing on the sign and computing the sum of all such geometric figures.



Figure 4 Wall Sign Height

**HUMAN SIGN:** Animals, or human beings, live or simulated, holding, or carrying a sign, designed or used so as to attract attention to the premises or activity.

**ILLUMINATED SIGN (EXTERNAL)**- A sign illuminated by a source of light which is cast upon the exterior surface or face of the sign to illuminate the sign by reflection.

**ILLUMINATED SIGN (INTERNAL)**- A sign which is illuminated by incandescent and other types of lighting sources from within or behind the sign so to reflect light through the sign.

**INCOMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL**- Any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of 1200° Fahrenheit and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature.

**INFLATABLE SIGNS**- Any hollow item or character expanded or enlarged by the use of air or gas for the purposes of advertisement, including tethered balloons. For the Purposes of this ordinance, an inflatable sign shall be considered a temporary sign.

**INFORMATIONAL TRAFFIC SIGN**- A sign directing and guiding automotive or pedestrian traffic which bears no advertising matter.

**INSTITUTIONAL SIGN**- A sign identifying a public, charitable, or religious institution which is located on the premises of such an institution.

**LOGO:** A symbol, color, or other graphic representation specifically attributable to a business. Logos shall not include slogans, phrases, or words that are not considered part of the business name. The logo must be a registered trademark of the subject business.

**MEMORIAL SIGN**- A commemorative sign or tablet cut into masonry or inlaid as a part of a building.

**MOVING SIGN**- Any sign, which by design, rotates, moves, or gives the visual impression of rotation or moving.

**MULTIPLE TENANT/MULTIPLE STOREFRONT USE/COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR OFFICE RESEARCH**- A commercial, industrial or office research development in which there exists a number of separate activities, in which there are appurtenant shared facilities (such as parking or pedestrian areas), and which is designed to provide a single area in which the public can obtain varied products and/or services. Distinguishing characteristics of a multiple tenant/multiple storefront commercial, industrial or office research development may, but need not, include common ownership of the real property upon which the center is located, common-wall construction, and multiple-occupant commercial or industrial use of single structure.

**NAMEPLATE-** A sign which displays only the name and/or address of the occupant and is non-electrical.

**NATURE OF BUSINESS-** A descriptive word or term whose purpose is to describe the primary function of a business, excluding definition of products (i.e. pets, spas, pools), product advertisement and slogans.

**NEON SIGNS:** Any sign that is partially or completely illuminated by one or more directly visible neon tube light sources, or similar types of lighting, such as bare bulb illumination or simulated neon.

**NON-CONFORMING SIGN-** Any sign which does not conform to this chapter.

**OFF-PREMISE SIGN-** A sign which directs attention to a commercial use, business, commodity, service, or activity not conducted, sold or offered upon the premises where the sign is located.

**ON-PREMISE SIGN-** A sign related solely to a use, business, or profession conducted, or to a principal commodity, service, or entertainment sold, provided, or offered upon the premises where the sign is located.

**PARKING SIGN-** A sign which identifies a parking area for automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, or any other motor vehicle.

**PENNANT-** A series of small flags of triangular or other geometric design tied together by a rope or other means; and used as an attention-getting device.

**POLE-MOUNTED SHINGLE SIGN-** A small (4 square feet or less) shingle sign mounted on a wood pole or post.

**POLE SIGN-**A freestanding sign which is supported by 1 or more uprights or braces greater than 2' in height that are no more than 12" in diameter and not attached or braced by any other structure.

**POLITICAL/CAMPAIGN SIGN-** A sign or poster identifying or publicizing a candidate seeking public office or identifying or publicizing a public issue or advocating a position with respect to a public issue.

**PORTABLE SIGN-** Any sign not designed to be permanently attached to a building or anchored to the ground; any sign that is not permanently affixed to a building, structure or the ground; a sign designed to be moved from place to place. These signs include but are not limited to signs attached to wood or metal frames designed to be self-supporting and movable; paper, cardboard or canvas signs wrapped around supporting poles.

**PROJECTING SIGN-** Any sign other than a wall sign affixed to any building or wall whose leading edge extends beyond such building or wall, but whose face is perpendicular to the building.

**PROJECTION SIGNS-**A sign created by projecting light onto a surface such as a building or similar structure.

**PUBLIC SIGN-** A sign or notice erected or whose erection was required by a unit of government.

**PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY-** The land or interest therein, acquired for or devoted to any public way for vehicular or pedestrian travel which has been laid out in pursuance of any municipal, township, county, state, or federal law.

**PYLON SIGN-** See Pole Sign

**RACEWAY:** The structural support for letter and symbols of a wall mounted sign.

**REAL ESTATE SIGN-** A sign erected for purposes of identifying a parcel or building to be available for sale, rental or lease.

**RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION IDENTIFICATION SIGN (PERMANENT)-** A permanent sign designed to identify a residential, commercial, or industrial subdivision, planned unit development, or other development which is located at the entrance to the development.

**ROAD FRONTAGE-** frontage of a building located on a public right-of-way or main point of ingress/egress to a commercial or industrial development.

**ROOF LINE-** Either the edge of the roof or top of the parapet whichever forms the top line of the building silhouette. Where a building has several levels, the roof line shall be the roof or parapet of that portion of the building.

**ROOF SIGN-** A sign erected, constructed, or maintained in whole or in part upon or over the roof of a building or a structure.

**SANDWICH BOARD SIGN:** See A-Frame Signs

**SIGN-** Any device designed to inform, advertise, notify, or otherwise impart information about any business, special event. or other public or private purpose or attract the attention of persons on or off the premises on which the sign is located. Signs shall mean any surface, fabric, device, or display which bears lettered, pictorial, or sculptured matter, including forms shaped to resemble any human, animal, or product, designed to convey information visually and which is

exposed to public view. For purposes of this section, a sign shall include colors on a canopy or awning that are indicative of the corporate logo. The term 'sign' includes but is not limited to every type of sign listed in this section.

**SIGN STRUCTURE-** A structure constructed for the primary purpose of displaying a sign.

**SLOGAN:** A brief attention-getting phrase used in advertising, promotion or identification of a product or company.

**SOFFIT SIGN-** A sign no greater than four (4) square feet suspended from a soffit, roof overhang, covered walkway, covered porch, or open lattice walkway.

**STORE FRONTAGE:** The length of a building façade specifically attributable to a single commercial or industrial business that includes the principal point of access to the business.

**SPECIAL EVENT SIGN-** A temporary sign used to advertise a onetime event or sale

**STRUCTURAL TRIM-** Any molding, batten, capping, nailing strip, lattice or platform, which is attached to a sign structure.

**STRUCTURE FRONTAGE:** *see Building Frontage*

**SUBDIVISION IDENTIFICATION SIGN, PERMANENT-** A permanent sign that is placed at the entrance to a residential development in order to identify the name of the development.

**TEMPORARY SIGN-** Any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, wood/plywood, or other light materials, with or without a frame, that is not permanently mounted to the ground or building.

**THEATER:** A fully-enclosed building with fixed seats arranged in an auditorium fashion, where motion pictures or live entertainment acts are presented.

**UNIFORM SIGN PLAN:** A plan designed to show the relationship of signs for any cluster of buildings, a planned unit development, or any single building housing a number of users, or in any arrangement of buildings or shops which constitute a visual entity as a whole.

**VEHICLE SIGN-**Any advertising or business sign attached to a transportation vehicle for the purpose of identification or advertising a business, public or quasi-public institution.

**WALL SIGN-** A sign or individual letters, symbols, or combinations thereof painted, mounted, or attached to the exterior of a building or structure in a plan parallel to that of the wall to which it is painted, mounted or attached.

**WINDOW SIGN-** A sign or individual letters, symbols, or combinations thereof placed inside or upon a window facing the outside and which is intended to be seen from the exterior.

#### **151.06 PROHIBITED SIGNS**

It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain:

- A. Any sign which is not included under the types of signs permitted in a district or the general regulations of this section.
- B. Any sign which advertises or publicizes an activity not conducted on the premises upon which such sign is maintained, except as permitted for temporary signs in residential districts.
- C. Changeable Copy Signs, except as outlined in this chapter.
- D. Projecting signs, except as permitted in the Historical District.
- E. Flashing signs.
- F. Any sign which rotates, revolves, or has any visible moving part, or gives the appearance of movement.
- G. Pennants, streamers, festoons lighting, and other attention-getting device.
- H. Inflatable signs, except as permitted by Section 5, Part A, Number 4 of this ordinance
- I. Any signs attached to any tree, fence, or public utility pole other than warning signs issued by public utilities.
- J. Bare bulb illumination.
- K. Flame as a source of light.
- L. Portable signs, except as permitted via a temporary sign permit as described in this chapter.
- M. Any sign or sign structure which constitutes a hazard to public health or safety.

- N. Billboards, as defined in this chapter.
- O. Vehicle Signs, unless the vehicle is used for deliveries or an activity related to the subject business. The parking of a vehicle containing a vehicle sign in a manner that serves as an advertisement for the business is strictly prohibited.
- P. Roof signs or signs where any portion of the sign extends above the roof of the building where the sign is located.
- Q. Pylon or Pole signs, as defined in this chapter.
- R. Any sign and or sign structure which obstructs the view of, may be confused with or purports to be, a governmental or traffic direction/safety sign.
- S. No sign shall be permitted to contain statement, words, or pictures of any obscene, pornographic, immoral character, or which contain advertising matter which is untruthful.
- T. Signs which emit visible smoke, vapor, particles, or odor.
- U. Projection Signs.
- V. Signs painted on a fence.
- W. Strings of light bulbs used in connection with commercial premises for commercial advertising purposes, other than traditional holiday decorations.
- X. Beacon.
- Y. Neon and other similar type signs (visible or exposed bare bulb) located in such a manner as to attract public attention from outside the building. Specifically, this refers to neon and other similar signs that contain a message clearly intended for public recognition outside the building or that is legible from the public right-of-way or adjacent property, including but not limited to such signs as “drive-thru”, “vacant”, “sale” and other similar signs. For the purpose of this chapter, simulated neon is included in this regulation. (Am. Ord. 2592 passed 06.01.09)
- Z. Any sign attached to gas pumps or gas pump islands that can be read or understood from a location off the property except as provided for in this chapter.
- AA. Box Signs, except as outlined in this chapter.
- BB. Backlit Canopies/Awnings.

CC. Outdoor Umbrella that contain any business name, logo, slogan, or contains more than 2 colors.

DD. Internally illuminated wall signs in the B-4 and H-1 districts

EE. Freestanding signs in the H-1 district

FF. Plastic Awnings

### **151.07 EXEMPTIONS**

The provisions and regulations of this chapter shall not apply to the following signs, nor shall the area of such signs be included in the area of signage permitted for any establishment, provided they do not violate any regulations as outlined in this chapter under the section entitled Prohibited Signs.

A. Traffic or other municipal street graphics such as railroad crossing signs, legal notices, and such temporary emergency signs as may be authorized by the Village Board.

B. Signs of public utility companies indicating danger or which serve as an aid to public safety or which show the location of underground facilities or of public telephones. Such signs shall not exceed five (5) square feet, unless otherwise required or mandated by State statute.

C. Address numbers located on the lot to which the sign is appurtenant and not exceeding four (4) square feet in area.

D. Signs located in the interior of any building or within an enclosed interior lobby or court of any building; the signs are to be designed and located to be viewed exclusively by patrons of such use or uses.

E. Seasonal decorations temporarily displayed in connection with a local festivity approved by the Village Board; or for a national holiday. Such decorations may not be used for advertising purposes, or for sale of product, and shall have a time limit on display of 45 days.

F. "No Trespassing" signs or other such signs regulating the use of a property, such as "No Hunting," "No Fishing," etc. of no more than two square feet in area.

G. United States flag, and/or any other single flag emblems or insignia of any nation or political subdivision. Flags used as "attention getting devices" or oversized flags that may cause a noise nuisance or act as a life safety hazard are subject to removal upon investigation by a code official.

H. Memorial signs or tablets which identify the names of buildings and the date of erection, and nameplate signs when cut into any masonry surface or inlaid so as

to be part of the building or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible material; not to exceed six (6) square feet in area.

I. Public identification signs erected, required, or authorized by governmental bodies, or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute, or chapter, including community identification signs as approved by the Village.

J. Information signs such as "business hour signs", "help wanted signs" not to exceed one (1) square foot in area.

K. "Open" signs. One (1) illuminated open sign may be displayed in any location within a business establishment with the word "open" on it. The sign shall be limited to one (1) color and may not exceed two (2) square feet in area. Open signs may not flash flicker or alternate colors.

L. Any sign inside an athletic field or other enclosed outdoor space, where the sign is not legible from more than three feet beyond the lot line on the site on which it is located

## **SECTION 2: SIGN ADMINISTRATION**

### **151.08 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED**

No person or firm shall erect, alter, repair, or relocate any sign without first obtaining a sign permit for such work from the Code Official of the Village. No permit shall be issued until the Code Official determines that such work is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the Village Building Code. Each permitted sign shall be assigned an identification number and a tag containing the identification number shall be affixed to the sign.

### **151.09 PERMIT PROCESS PERMANENT SIGNS**

A. Every applicant for sign permit shall be accompanied by plans, drawn to scale, and including:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the owner or persons entitled to possession of the sign and of the sign contractor.
2. The location by street address of the proposed sign structure.
3. The dimensions of the sign, and where applicable, the dimensions of the wall surface it is to be attached.
4. The distance the sign is setback from the property line, building/store frontage, and the road on which the associated building or planned unit development is located.
5. The dimensions of the sign's supporting members.

6. A color sample of the proposed sign.
7. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the face of the building, in front of which or above which it is to be erected.
8. The proposed location of the sign in relation to the boundaries of the lot upon which it is to be situated.
9. When the sign is proposed to be attached to an existing building, a current photograph of the face of the building to which the sign is to be attached.
10. If the proposed sign is to be illuminated in any manner, the proposed method of illumination and the amount of light generated in foot-candles is to be submitted.

**151.10 PERMIT ISSUANCE**

A. It shall be the duty of the Code Official upon receipt of an application to examine such plans and other data, including the premises upon which the sign is proposed. If the application and supporting data are determined to be in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and Article 29 of the Village Building Code, a permit shall be issued.

B. If a permit is not obtained within 90 days after the applicant has been notified that the plans are approved, the Code Official shall assume that the application is withdrawn and may destroy the plans and supporting documentation. Renewed action on the plans shall require a new set of plans and new fees.

C. The Code Official shall examine and reject or approve in writing within 15 working days following any full completed application for sign permit. If the application does not conform to the requirements of the chapter, the applicant will be notified in writing within this time stating the reasons for the rejection.

**151.11 PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES**

A. The permit fee shall be:

Sign Valuation	Required Fees
Under \$100	\$10
\$100-\$500	\$50
Over \$500	\$50 plus \$10 per \$100 valuation over \$500
Maximum Fee	\$200
All Temporary Signs	\$30

B. The inspection and identification fee shall be \$30 for all newly erected or substantially repaired or remodeled signs. A sign is considered substantially repaired or remodel led when the cost of the work exceeds \$300.

#### **151.12 SIGN PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the work authorized by a sign permit has not been completed within six months after the date of initiation of construction, the permit shall become null and void, and there shall be no refund of any fee by this section.

#### **151.13 SIGN APPEALS PROCESS**

##### **A. Appeal Procedure**

1. Application for appeal- Any person shall have the right to appeal to the Sign Appeals Committee from a decision of the code official refusing to grant a modification to the provisions of this code covering the manner of construction or materials to be used in the erection, alteration or repair of a sign or sign structure. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted there under has been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equivalent form of construction can be used.

##### **B. SIGN APPEALS COMMITTEE**

1. Membership of Committee- The Sign Appeals Committee shall consist of five members including the Mayor, a Village Trustee and three residents of the Village.
2. Chairman- The Committee shall annually select one of its members to serve as chairman.
3. Disqualification of Member- A member shall not hear an appeal in which the member has any personal, professional, or financial interest.
4. Secretary- The Village Administrator shall designate a qualified clerk to serve as secretary to the Committee. The secretary shall file a detailed record of all proceedings in the office of the Village Administrator.
5. Procedure- The Committee shall adopt and make available to the public, through the secretary, procedures under which a hearing will be conducted. The procedures shall not require compliance with strict rules of evidence but shall mandate that only relevant information be received.

##### **C. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY**

- 1.The Sign Appeals Committee shall review all applications and amendments to this ordinance and report said findings and recommendations to the Village Board in the prescribed manner
- 2.The Sign Appeals Committee shall receive from the code official their recommendations, as related to the effectiveness of this ordinance, and

report any conclusions and recommendations to the Village Board on an as-needed basis.

3. Committee Decision- The Committee shall make recommendations to the Village Board upon the concurrence of three (3) or more members of the Committee decision of the committee. The Village Board may grant or deny the application.
4. Resolution- The decision of the Village Board shall be by Ordinance. Certified copies shall be furnished to the applicant and to the code official.
5. Administration- The Code Official shall take immediate action in accord with the decision of the Village Board.
6. Court Review- Any person, whether or not a previous part of the appeal, shall have the right to apply to the appropriate court for a writ of certiorari to correct errors of law. Application for review shall be made in the manner and time required by law following the filing of the decision in the office of the chief administrative officer.

### **SECTION 3: SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICT**

#### **151.14 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (ER, HR, R1, R2 R3, and R4)**

The following signs are permitted signs that can be placed on property that is zoned ER, R1, R2, R3, and R4. This section does not include signage regulations for Churches, School or other quasi-public institutions, which can be found under Section 4 entitled “Sign Standards for Specific Sign Types.” Permitted signs within the ER, R1, R2, R3, and R4 zoning districts are as follows:

##### **A. Exempted Signs**

##### **B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

###### **1. *Freestanding Sign***

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign restrict the location and the illumination of the sign. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Location:** All Freestanding Signs shall be located on private property in appropriate easements no closer than five (5) feet from any property line or public right-of-way, and not obstruct line of sight from an adjacent roadway. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. The Traffic Advisory Committee must approve locations of all Freestanding Signs.

- b) **Number:** Each residential subdivision is permitted a maximum number of two Freestanding Signs per entrance into the development.
- c) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of residential freestanding signs is prohibited. All sign illumination must comply with section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Materials:** All Freestanding Signs must be of masonry or wood construction.
- e) **Items of Information:** Items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall be limited to the name of the residential subdivision, reference to the Village of Frankfort, and/or subdivision logo.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Sign is six (6) feet in height to the highest part of the sign or post. The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.
- g) **Area:** The maximum area of a Freestanding Sign is fifty (50) square feet per sign face.

## 2. *Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign*

Regulations of a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

- a) **Location:** Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs shall be located on private property in appropriate easements no closer than five (5) feet from any property line or public right-of-way, and not obstruct lines of sight. The Traffic Advisory Committee must approve locations of all Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs.
- b) **Number:** One Pole Mounted Shingle Sign shall be permitted per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of a Pole Mounted Shingle Sign is prohibited. All sign illumination must comply with section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Items of information:** Items of information on a Pole-Mounted sign shall be limited to the name of the residential subdivision, reference to the Village of Frankfort, and/or subdivision logo.

e) **Height:** The maximum height allowed for a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign is six (6) feet to the highest part of the sign or post.

f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign is four (4) square feet.

### **151.15 COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (B1, B2, B3, and B4)**

The following signs are permitted signs that can be placed on property that is zoned B1, B2, B3, and B4, except for those properties governed by an approved Uniform Sign Plan. This section does not include signage regulations for Fueling Station, Movie Theaters or Automotive Dealer, which can be found under Section 4 entitled “Sign Standards for Specific Sign Types”. A Uniform Sign Plan is required for all planned unit developments (PUD), and all multi-building or multi-tenant occupied commercial developments prior to the erection of any permanent sign. All owners, tenants, subtenant and purchasers of individual units within the development shall comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. For requirements of a Uniform Sign Plan, see Section 151.04. Permitted signs within the B1, B2, B3 and B4 Zoning Districts are as follows:

#### **A. Exempted Signs**

#### **B. Permanent Identification Signs**

##### **1. *Freestanding Sign***

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign are determined by the classification of the road on which the Freestanding Sign is located as defined in Exhibit A, as amended from time to time, as well as the square footage of the associated building(s). For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage.

b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located on a commercial property per public right-of-way frontage.

- c) **Illumination:** Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.31 of this document. Internally illuminated Box Signs are prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Colors:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors, unless otherwise regulated by the approved Uniform Sign Plan.
- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include the name of the business(es) or business center, address, telephone number, and/or business logo
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of the sign for single tenant and multi-tenant buildings within the B1, B2, B3, and B4 Districts is identified by the following tables.(Table 151.15A and 151.15B) The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.

**Table 151.15 A- Maximum Sign Height for Single Tenant Commercial Uses**

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Maximum Sign Height</b>
Regional Arterial	7'
Community Arterial	6'
Major Collector	5'
Neighborhood Collector/Local Street	4'

**Table 151.15 B- Maximum Sign Height for Multi-Tenant Commercial Uses**

<b>Total Building Size (Square Feet)</b>	<b>Regional Arterial</b>	<b>Community Arterial</b>	<b>Major Collector</b>	<b>Neighborhood Collector/ Local Street</b>
Zero to 9,999	7'	6'	5'	4'
10,000 to 24,999	7'	6'	5'	4'
25,000 to 49,999	8'	7'	6'	5'
50,000 to 99,999	9'	8'	7'	6'
100,000 to 174,999	11'	9'	7'	6'
175,000 and up	13'	11'	9'	7'

h) **Area:** The maximum area for a Freestanding Sign for both single tenant and multi-tenant commercial uses is determined by the total square footage of the building(s). The area of the sign is defined in Table 151.15 C:

**Table 151.15 C- Maximum Area For A Freestanding Sign**

<b>Total Building Size (Square Feet)</b>	<b>Area of Sign Face</b>
Zero to 9,999	15 square feet
10,000 to 24,999	20 square feet
25,000 to 49,999	30 square feet
50,000 to 99,999	40 square feet
100,000 to 174,999	50 square feet
175,000 and up	75 square feet

i) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text is determined by the classification of the road on which the sign is located. Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen for each tenant. Only one tenant shall be allowed upon the same horizontal plane of the sign face. In the case of a multi-tenant commercial use, the height of the text for the name of the center may be smaller than the tenant information. The minimum height of text for a Freestanding Sign is defined in Table 151.15 D:

**Table 151.15 D- Minimum Height Of Text For A Freestanding Sign**

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Minimum Text Height</b>	<b>Minimum Text Height for Name of Development</b>
Regional Arterial	12"	9"
Community Arterial	10"	7.5"
Major Collector	8"	6"
Neighborhood Collector	7"	6"

2. **Wall Sign**

Regulations of a Wall Sign are determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Number:** For a single tenant business one wall sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development.

For a multi-tenant business one wall sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant businesses with frontage on a public right-of-way (ROW) or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development shall be permitted one wall sign per road frontage.

For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a wall sign. A business erecting a flag containing a corporate identification or business logo, shall include the square footage of the flag, which shall not measure greater than 3' x 5', in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign as defined in this Chapter.

- b) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. For multi-tenant buildings, all Wall Signs must be aligned on one common centerline. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building per storefront or road frontage.

- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated face lit channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document. Signs within the B4 District are not to be internally illuminated.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to a business, except for multi-tenant business, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, and/or nature of business.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Wall Sign is seven (7) feet.
- g) **Area:** For a single tenant business the maximum area for Wall Signage may not exceed 1.0 square foot per linear foot of the principal structure's frontage. For a multi-tenant business the wall sign may not exceed 1.0 square foot per linear foot of each store frontage. For the purposes of this chapter, area of wall signs shall include text and logos. The maximum area of a Wall Sign is 200 square feet; the minimum area is 20 square feet.

### 3. *Soffit Signs*

Regulations of a Soffit Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

- a) **Location:** Soffit Signs are to be placed perpendicular to the public ROW or main point of ingress/egress fronting the building on which the Soffit Sign is to be located. The Soffit Sign shall be suspended from a roof overhang, covered walkway, or covered porch. No part of the suspended Soffit Sign shall extend beyond the edge of the overhang. A minimum clearance of eight (8) feet shall be maintained between the bottom of the sign and the nearest grade or sidewalk. A Soffit Sign shall be located adjacent to the business it identifies.
- b) **Number:** One Soffit Sign is permitted per store frontage
- c) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Soffit Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** Sandblasted wood is encouraged for all Soffit Signs. Alternative materials are acceptable, however must be compatible and

harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign.

- e) **Items of information:** Items of information on the Soffit Sign shall be limited to the name of the individual business or building complex.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Soffit Signs is four (4) square feet per sign face.

#### 4. *Permanent Window Signs*

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by a percentage of the total window frontage.

- a) **Location:** Permanent Window Signs are limited to first floor windows only.
- b) **Number:** For a single tenant business one window sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.

For multi-tenant business one window sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant businesses with frontage on a public ROW or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development shall be allowed one window sign per road frontage. Text may not encompass more than one window per business.

For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a window sign.

- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** A Window Sign must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information of a Window Sign shall be shall be limited to the name, address, telephone number, and business hours. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.
- g) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Window Signage pertaining to a business, except for multi-tenant business, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan.

## 151.16 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT (I1 and I2)

The following signs are permitted signs that can be placed on property that is zoned I1 or I2. A Uniform Sign Plan is required for all planned unit developments (PUD), and all multi-building or multi-tenant occupied industrial developments prior to the erection of any permanent sign. All owners, tenants, subtenant and purchasers of individual units within the development shall comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. For requirements of a Uniform Sign Plan, see Section 151.03. Permitted signs within the I1 and I2 Zoning Districts are as follows.

### A. Exempted Signs

### B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs

#### 1. *Freestanding Signs*

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign restrict the location area, and illumination of the signs. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage.
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located on an industrial property per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document. Internally lit Box Signs are prohibited
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors, unless otherwise regulated by the approved Uniform Sign Plan.

- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include the name of the business(es) or business center, address, telephone number, and or business logo
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Sign within the I1 and I2 Districts is seven (7) feet. The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.
- h) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Freestanding Sign within the I1 and I2 district is fifty (50) square feet.
- i) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text is twelve (12) inches. Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen.

## 2. *Wall Signs*

Regulations of a Wall Sign are determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Number:** For a single tenant industrial business one wall sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development.

For a multi-tenant industrial business one wall sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant businesses with frontage on a public right-of-way (ROW) or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the industrial development shall be permitted one wall sign per road frontage.

For the purposes of this chapter an industrial business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a wall sign. A business erecting a flag containing a corporate identification or business logo, shall include the square footage of the flag, which shall not measure greater than 3' x 5', in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign as defined in this Chapter.

- b) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or other wise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. For multi-tenant buildings, all Wall Signs must be aligned on one common centerline. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building per storefront or road frontage.

- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated lit channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to a business, except for multi-tenant businesses, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, and/or nature of business. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area for a Wall Sign in an industrial zoning district is 50 square feet.

### 3. *Permanent Window Signs*

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by the percentage of the total window frontage.

- h) **Number:** For a single tenant industrial business one window sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.

For multi-tenant industrial businesses one window sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant industrial businesses with frontage on a public ROW or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development shall be allowed one window sign per road frontage. Text may not encompass more than one window per business.

For the purposes of this chapter an industrial business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a window sign

- a) **Location:** Permanent Window Signs are limited to first floor windows only.
- b) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Signs is not permitted.

- c) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Window Signage pertaining to an industrial business, except for multi-tenant business, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan.
- d) **Materials:** A Window Sign must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Window Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone number, and business hours. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of an industrial Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.

**151.17 OFFICE RESEARCH ZONING DISTRICT (OR)**

The following signs are permitted signs that can be placed on property that is zoned OR. A Uniform Sign Plan is required for all planned unit developments (PUD), and all multi-building or multi-tenant occupied office research developments prior to the erection of any permanent sign. All owners, tenants, subtenant and purchasers of individual units within the development shall comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. For requirements of a Uniform Sign Plan see Section 151.03. Permitted signs within the OR Zoning Districts are as follows:

**A. Exempt Signs**

**B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

**1. Freestanding Signs**

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign restrict the location, area and illumination of the sign. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public ROW frontage.
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located per public right-of-way frontage.

- c) **Illumination:** All Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. All internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document. Internally illuminated Box Signs are prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors, unless otherwise regulated by the approved Uniform Sign Plan
- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include only the name of the office research development.
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Sign is seven (7) feet. The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features
- h) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Freestanding Sign is one-hundred (100) square feet.
- i) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text is twelve (12) inches. Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen for each tenant.

## 2. *Wall Signs*

Regulations of a Wall Sign are determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Number:** One Wall Sign is permitted per building, regardless of the number of businesses located in the building, per frontage on public ROW or main point of ingress or egress into the development.

A business erecting a flag containing a corporate identification or business logo, shall include the square footage of the flag, which shall not measure greater than 3' x 5', in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign as defined in this Chapter.

- b) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or other wise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more

than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building per building frontage.

- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated lit channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to a business, except for multi-tenant business, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the building name, logo, or a combination of name and logo. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Wall Sign is seven (7) feet.
- g) **Area:** The area for Wall Signage may not exceed 1.0 square foot per linear foot of the principal structure's frontage, which includes both text and logos. The maximum area of a Wall Sign is 250 square feet with a minimum area of 20 square feet.

### 3. *Permanent Window Signs*

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by the percentage of the total window frontage.

- a) **Number:** For single tenant office research business one window sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.

For multi-tenant office research businesses one window sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant office research businesses with frontage on a public ROW or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development shall be allowed one window sign per frontage. Text may not encompass more than one window per business.

For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a window sign

- b) **Location:** Permanent Window Signs are limited to first floor windows only.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Signs is not permitted.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Window Signage pertaining to a business, except for multi-tenant business, which must comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan.
- e) **Materials:** A Window Sign must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.
- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Window Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone number, and business hours. Slogans are not permitted.
- g) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.

#### **151.18 DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT (H-1)**

The sign regulations for the Historical District are designed to ensure compatibility with the historic heritage of the area. The boundaries of this district are depicted upon the map in Chapter 154, Appendix A. The Village maintains an 1890's theme, which includes the preservation, restoration, and overall improvement of the historical area. All signs within this zoning district must comply with this theme.

A Uniform Sign Plan is required for all planned unit developments (PUD), and all multi-building or multi tenant occupied commercial developments prior to the erection of any permanent sign. All owners, tenants, subtenant and purchasers of individual units within the development shall comply with the approved Uniform Sign Plan. For requirements of a Uniform Sign Plan, see section 151.04.

The following signs are Permanent Identification Signs that can be placed on property that is zoned H1. Businesses within the H1 District are permitted up to three Permanent Identification Signs.

##### **A. Exempted Signs**

##### **B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

###### **1. Wall Signs**

Regulations of a Wall Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

a) **Number:** For a single tenant business one wall sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW, main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development and/or frontage along the Old Plank Road Trail.

For multi-tenant buildings one wall sign shall be permitted per store frontage facing a public right-of-way (ROW), main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development and/or the Old Plank Road Trail.

For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a wall sign. A business erecting a flag containing a corporate identification or business logo, shall include the square footage of the flag, which shall not measure greater than 3' x 5', in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign as defined in this Chapter.

b) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or other wise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. For multi-tenant buildings, all Wall Signs must be aligned on one common centerline. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building per storefront or road frontage.

c) **Illumination:** Wall Signs may be illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document.

d) **Materials:** Sandblasted wood is encouraged for all Wall Signs. Alternative materials are acceptable, however must be compatible and harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign.

e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, or a combination of name and logo. Slogans are not permitted.

f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Wall Sign is fifteen (15) square feet.

## 2. *Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs*

Regulations of a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

- a) **Location:** Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs must be located on private property.
- b) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs is prohibited
- c) **Materials:** Sandblasted wood is encouraged for all Pole-Mounted Shingle Signs. Alternative materials are acceptable, however must be compatible and harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign.
- d) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, or a combination of name and logo. Slogans are not permitted.
- e) **Height:** The maximum height of a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign is eight (8) feet to the highest point of the sign or post.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Pole-Mounted Shingle Sign is four (4) square feet per sign face.

## 3. *Projecting Signs*

Regulations of a Projecting Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

- a) **Location:** A Projecting Signs may not extend more than five feet from the face of the building. Projecting Signs on "zero lot line" buildings may encroach on the public right-of-way provided the sign does not violate the five (5) foot maximum allowable projection. A clearance of eight (8) feet is required between the lowest point of the sign and the sidewalk surface. Projecting Signs must be securely fastened to the wall from which they project. Chain or cable supports from a roof-mounted truss are prohibited.
- b) **Number:** For a single tenant building one Projecting Sign is permitted per frontage on a public right-of-way (ROW), main point of ingress /egress into the commercial development and/or frontage along the Old Plank Road Trail.

For multi-tenant buildings one Projecting Sign shall be permitted per store frontage facing a public right-of-way (ROW), main point of ingress/egress and/or frontage along the Old Plank Road Trail.

For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own separate secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a Projecting Sign.

- c) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Projecting Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** Sandblasted wood is encouraged for all Projecting Signs. Alternative materials are acceptable, however must be compatible and harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Items of information:** Items of information for Projecting Signs shall include only the name of the business, logo, or a combination of name and logo. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Projecting Sign is 15 square feet.

#### 4. *Soffit Signs*

Regulations of a Soffit Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

- a) **Location:** Soffit Signs are to be placed perpendicular to the public ROW or main point of ingress egress fronting the building on which the Soffit Sign is to be located. The Soffit Sign shall be suspended from a roof overhang, covered walkway, or covered porch. No part of the suspended Soffit Sign shall extend beyond the edge of the overhang. A minimum clearance of eight (8) feet shall be maintained between the bottom of the sign and the nearest grade or sidewalk. A soffit sign shall be located adjacent to the business it identifies.
- b) **Number:** One Soffit Sign is permitted per store frontage; and shall be adjacent to the business it identifies.
- c) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Soffit Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** Sandblasted wood is encouraged for all Soffit Signs. Alternative materials are acceptable, however must be compatible and harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign.

- e) **Items of information:** Items of information on the Soffit Sign shall be limited to the name of the individual business or building complex.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Soffit Signs is four (4) square feet per sign face.

5. ***Permanent Window Signs***

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by a percentage of the total window frontage.

- a) **Number:** For a single tenant business one window sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW or frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.
- b) For multi-tenant businesses one window sign shall be permitted per store frontage. Those multi-tenant businesses with frontage on a public ROW or with frontage on a main point of ingress/egress into the development shall be allowed one window sign per road frontage. Text may not encompass more than one window per business.

For the purposes of this section a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a window sign

- c) **Location:** Permanent Window Signs are limited to first floor windows.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** Window Signs must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information of a Window Sign shall be limited to only the name, address, telephone number, and or business hours. Slogans are not permitted.
- f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.

6. **Freestanding Signs:** Freestanding Signs are prohibited in the H-1 District.

## SECTION 4: SIGN STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES

### 151.19 FUEL STATIONS

The following signs are Permitted Signs that can be placed on property occupied by a fuel station. Pump labels and safety warnings, required by law are exempt from these regulations. Pricing information labels or when applied to the pumps shall also be exempt from these regulations.

#### A. Exempted Signs

#### B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs

##### 1. *Freestanding Signs*

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located for a Fuel Station per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document. Internally illuminated Box Signs are prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors, unless otherwise regulated by the approved Uniform Sign Plan

- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Freestanding Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone number, business logo, and grade and price information for not more than three (3) gasoline grades.
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of Freestanding Sign is six (6) feet. The height of the monument sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.
- h) **Area:** The maximum area of a Freestanding Sign is thirty (30) square feet, exclusive of the pricing information.
- i) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text, exclusive of the pricing information, is 12". Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen for each tenant. The text for the pricing information is the only portion of the sign that may contain changeable copy. The height of text for the pricing information is as follows:

<b>Text</b>	<b>Minimum Text Height</b>
"Grade"	5.5"
Dollars and Cents	8.5"
Tenth Cents	5.5"

2. **Wall Signs**

Regulations of a Wall Sign are determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or other wise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building, fueling canopy or accessory building per road frontage.
- b) **Number:** One Wall Sign is permitted per business or roadway frontage provided that the frontage is adjacent to a public right-of-way or adjacent to a main point of ingress or egress into a development. Signage on a canopy or awning will be considered a Wall Sign. For the purposes of this chapter a business is defined as having its own secured entrance. Businesses located within another business, without having a

distinct secured entrance, are not considered a separate business and are not eligible for a wall sign.

- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated lit channel letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. No canopy or awning shall be backlit. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to each business. If a sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Wall Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, or a combination of name and logo. Slogans are prohibited.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Wall Sign cannot exceed seven (7) feet.
- g) **Area:** The maximum area for Wall Signage is not to exceed 1.00 square foot for every linear foot of the principal structure's frontage (exclusive of the frontage of the fueling canopy or any ancillary structure such as a car wash). The maximum area of a Wall Sign is 200 square feet and the minimum is 20 square feet, both of which include text and logos. For the purpose of this chapter, the total allowable square footage will include the sign areas on accessory buildings ie. (Car wash, fueling station) and the fueling canopy, which shall include the background, logo and or text, unless the color of the canopy is non-descript and non-indicative of the corporate logo, or is of a neutral color (i.e. gray, brown, tan, black).

### 3. *Permanent Window Signs*

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by a percentage of the total window frontage.

- a) **Number:** One Window Sign is permitted per roadway frontage provided that the frontage is adjacent to a public right-of-way or adjacent to a main point of ingress/egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.
- b) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Signs is prohibited.
- c) **Materials:** A Window Sign must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.

- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Window Signage.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Window Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone number, or business hours. Slogans are prohibited.
- f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.

## **151.20 AUTOMOTIVE DEALER**

For the purpose of this chapter, Automotive Dealers include new car, used car, motorcycle, and motor homes dealerships. Permitted signs for automotive dealers are as follows:

### **A. Exempted Signs**

### **B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

#### **1. *Freestanding Signs***

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign are determined by the classification of the road on which the Freestanding Sign is located as defined in Exhibit A, as amended from time to time. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors.
- d) **Illumination:** Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section

151.03 of this document. Internally illuminated Box Signs are prohibited.

- e) **Materials:** All materials and colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color and materials of the building identified by sign.
- g) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include the name of the business(es) or business center, address, telephone number, and or business logo.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of the sign for an Automotive Dealer is determined by the following table(Table 151.20 A). The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.

**Table 151.20 A- Maximum Sign Height for Automotive Dealer Freestanding Signs**

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Maximum Sign Height</b>
Regional Arterial	7'
Community Arterial	6'
Major Collector	5'
Neighborhood Collector/Local Street	4'

- g) **Area:** The maximum area for a Freestanding Sign for an Automotive Dealer is determined by the total acreage of the automotive dealer. The area of the sign is identified in Table 151.20 B:

**Table 151.20 B- Maximum Sign Area for Automotive Dealers Freestanding Sign**

<b>Site Acreage</b>	<b>Maximum Sign Area</b>
0-1.5	15 square feet
1.5-2.5	20 square feet
2.5-4.99	30 square feet
5.0-9.99	40 square feet
10-19.99	50 square feet
20 +	75 square feet

h) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text is determined by the classification of the road on which the sign is located. Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen. The minimum height of text for the sign is defined in Table 151.20 C:

**151.20 C- Minimum Text Height For Automotive Dealers Freestanding Signs**

Road Classification	Minimum Text Height
Regional Arterial	12"
Community Arterial	10"
Major Collector	8"
Neighborhood Collector	7"

2. **Wall Signs**

Regulations of a Wall Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign.

a) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. All Wall Signs must be aligned on one common centerline. Only one wall sign shall be located on a building per road frontage.

b) **Number:** A maximum of three Wall Signs are permitted per dealership. For the purpose of this chapter, an automotive dealer may erect a flag containing corporate identification or business logo, which cannot measure greater than 3’x5’. Any flag containing corporate identification or business logo will be included in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign.

c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated lit channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document.

- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to each business. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include the name of the business (es) or business center, address, telephone number, and or business logo
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of any individual Wall Sign is 50 square feet.

### 3. *Permanent Window Signs*

Regulations of a Window Sign are determined by a percentage of the total window frontage.

- a) **Number:** One window sign shall be permitted per frontage on public ROW and or frontage on a main point of ingress egress into the development. Text may not encompass more than one window.
- b) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Window Signs is prohibited.
- c) **Materials:** A Window Sign must be painted directly upon or permanently fastened to the window surface itself and shall not be composed of any neon, or other bare-bulb illumination.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Window Signage pertaining to a business
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information of a Window Sign shall be limited to the business name, address, telephone number, and or business hours.
- f) **Area:** The maximum allowable area of a Window Sign is 25% of the total frontage window area.

## 151.21 THEATER

The following signs are permitted and can be placed on property occupied by a theater.

- A. **Exempted Signs**
- B. **Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

## 1. *Freestanding Sign*

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign are determined by the classification of the road on which the Freestanding Sign is located as defined in Exhibit A, as amended from time to time, as well as the square footage of the associated building. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage.
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscaped bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Freestanding Signs may be internally illuminated or illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document. Internally illuminated Box Signs are prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by the sign.
- e) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors
- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Freestanding Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone number, and or business logo.
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Sign for a theater is determined by the classification of the road on which the development is located. The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features. The height of the sign for a theater is defined in the following table (Table 151.21 A):

**Table 151.21 A – Maximum Height Of Theatre Signs**

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Sign Height</b>
Regional Arterial	7'
Community Arterial	6'
Major Collector	5'
Neighborhood Collector	4'

h) **Area:** The maximum area for a Freestanding Sign of a theater is defined in Table 151.21 B:

**Table 151.21 B- Maximum Area For Theatre Signs**

<b>Total Building Size</b>	<b>Area of Sign Face</b>
Zero to 9,999	15 square feet
10,000 to 24,999	20 square feet
25,000 to 49,999	30 square feet
50,000 to 99,999	40 square feet
100,000 to 147,999	50 square feet
175,000 and up	75 square feet

i) **Text Size:** The minimum height of the text is determined by the classification of the road on which the sign is located. Text height will be measured using the lower case height (or shortest character height) of the font chosen. Table 151.21 C defines the minimum text height for theatre signs.

**Table 151.21 C- Minimum Text Height For Theatre Signs**

<b>Road Classification</b>	<b>Minimum Text Height</b>
Regional Arterial	12"
Community Arterial	10"
Major Collector	8"
Neighborhood Collector	7"

2. **Wall Signs**

Regulations of a Wall Sign are determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or other wise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover, wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed. Only one wall sign shall be permitted to be located per building frontage.
- b) **Number:** One Wall Sign is permitted per roadway frontage provided that the frontage is adjacent to a public right-of-way or adjacent to a main point of ingress or egress into a development. For the purpose of this chapter, a theatre may erect a flag containing corporate identification or business logo, which cannot measure greater than 3’x5’. Any flag containing corporate identification will be included in the total square footage of the allowable wall sign
- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated lit channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to each business. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, or a combination of name and logo.

- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Wall Sign is seven (7) feet.
- g) **Area:** The area for Wall Signage may not to exceed 1.0 square foot for every linear foot of the principal structure's frontage which includes both text and logos. The maximum area of a Wall Sign is 200 square feet, the minimum area is 20 square feet.

### 3. *Accessory Signs To Theaters*

Permanent Accessory Signs to Theaters are defined as theater posters that display current forthcoming movies or performances and show times.

- a) **Location:** Accessory Signs to Theaters shall be affixed flat to the wall along the front of the building.
- b) **Number:** One Accessory Sign is permitted for each stage or movie screen.
- c) **Illumination:** Accessory Signs to Theaters may be illuminated via spot lighting or similar external forms. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Materials:** An Accessory Sign to Theaters must be enclosed in a locked and vandal proof case, which does not project more than 3" from the wall on which it is displayed.
- e) **Items of information:** Items of information for an Accessory Sign to Theaters shall be limited to display posters for current or forthcoming movies or performances and show times. The show times may be changeable copy.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of an Accessory Sign to Theaters is fifteen (15) square feet.

### **151.22 Church, School, Park District, and other Public/Quasi-Public Institution**

The following signs are permitted and can be placed on property occupied by a church, school, park district and other public/quasi public institutions.

#### **A. Exempted Signs**

#### **B. Permitted Permanent Identification Signs**

##### **1. *Freestanding Sign***

Regulations of a Freestanding Sign restrict the location, area and the illumination of the sign. For the purpose of this chapter, a Freestanding Sign shall include all signs that are supported by either a masonry base or two (2) 6x6 or 4x4 wood supports not exceeding a height of two (2) feet.

- a) **Number:** One Freestanding Sign is permitted per public right-of-way frontage.
- b) **Location:** No Freestanding Sign shall project into, over, or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. All Freestanding Signs must maintain a setback of twenty-five (25') feet from the property line. Each Freestanding Sign must be surrounded with a landscape bed of living plant material in accordance with the landscape ordinance as amended from time to time. Only one (1) Freestanding Sign may be located on a road frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** All signs must be externally illuminated. All sign illumination must comply with Section 151.03 of this document
- d) **Materials:** All materials of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by sign.
- e) **Color:** All colors of any Freestanding Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Text on a Freestanding Sign is limited to three (3) colors.
- f) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Freestanding Sign shall include only the name, address, telephone, number, hours of business or service and a logo for the development
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Sign is six (6) feet in height to the highest part of the sign or post. The height of the Freestanding Sign may be increased 10% to allow for ornamental features.
- h) **Area:** The maximum area of a Freestanding Sign is twenty-four (24) square feet per sign face.

## 2. *Wall Signs*

Regulations of a Wall Sign area is determined by the linear frontage of the building on which the sign is erected.

- a) **Location:** No Wall Sign shall project into, over or otherwise encroach upon a public right-of-way. No Wall Signs shall cover,

wholly or partially, any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends, top or bottom of the wall to which it is affixed. No sign shall project more than one (1) foot from the wall on which it is displayed.

- b) **Number:** One Wall Sign is permitted per building.
- c) **Illumination:** Wall Signage shall consist of internally illuminated channel letters, reverse channel lit letters, spot lighting or similar external forms of illumination. Internally illuminated signs shall have an opaque background with only letters and logo illuminated. All Wall Sign illumination must be in compliance with Section 151.03 of this document.
- d) **Color:** No more than three colors shall be used for all Wall Signage pertaining to each institution. If a Wall Sign is mounted on a raceway, the color of the raceway shall match the color of the exterior of the building.
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information for a Wall Sign shall be limited to the name of the institution, logo, or a combination of name and logo.
- f) **Area:** The area for Wall Signage is to not exceed forty (40) square feet.
- g) **Height:** The maximum height of a wall sign cannot exceed seven (7) feet

### 151.23 Directional Signs

The following are signs that can be placed on property that is zoned B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, I2, and OR Districts.

#### A. Exempt Signs

#### B. Permitted Directional Signs

##### 1. *Directional Signs*

Regulations of a Directional Signs restrict the area and the illumination of the signs. Upon submittal of a sign permit for Directional Signs, a site plan indicating the location of the proposed Directional Signs must be submitted and approved by the Code Official.

- a) **Location:** Directional Signs shall be located at access points or interior to the property or development, such as the parking area.

- b) **Illumination:** Internal illumination of Directional Signs is not permitted.
- c) **Materials:** All materials of any Directional Signs shall be compatible and harmonious with the materials of the building identified by the sign.
- d) **Color:** All colors of any Directional Sign shall be compatible and harmonious with the color of the building identified by the sign. Furthermore, text on a Directional Sign is limited to three (3) colors, unless otherwise regulated by the approved Uniform Sign Plan
- e) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Directional Sign can only display “exit”, “enter”, “drive-up/thru”, along with any symbol or text used for directing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Directional Signs is four (4) feet.
- g) **Sign Area:** The maximum area for the Directional Signs is five (5) square feet.

## **SECTION 5: TEMPORARY SIGNS**

### **151.24 SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS**

The following signs are special event signs that can be placed on a property within the B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, and I2 zoning districts. This section does not include temporary signs as outlined in section 151.25 of this ordinance.

#### **A. Special Event Sign Permits**

1. Special Event Signs; A permit must be obtained for all special event signs except as noted elsewhere in this section. Permits shall be limited in duration to 15 days, except as noted elsewhere in this section. A maximum of one (1) special event sign shall be allowed per permit. All special event signs must be removed by the permit holder within 24 hours after the expiration of the permit. No more than six (6) special event sign permits shall be issued per applicant in any calendar year. The permit fee is \$15 and must be paid with each new application or renewal thereof.
2. Each application for a special event sign must be submitted to the Code Official, who will review the application for compliance with the Village Code. The Mayor shall grant final approval or disapproval.
3. Each special event sign shall be issued a special event sign permit, which is required to be displayed in the window of the associated business for the duration of the permit. Once the permit has expired, both the sign permit and the special event sign must be removed.

## B. Exempted Signs

## C. Permitted Special Event Signs

### 1. *Portable Signs*

- a) **Location:** All Portable Signs must comply with the setback of the Freestanding Sign and the Wall Sign setbacks as outlined for the zoning district in which the sign will be located. No Portable Sign shall be located on public right-of-way.
- b) **Number:** One Portable Sign will be allowed per permit.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Portable Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Height:** The maximum permitted height of a Portable Sign is four feet to the highest part of the sign or post.
- e) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of a Portable Sign is sixteen (16) square feet per sign face.

### 2. *Banners*

- a) **Location:** All Banners must be securely affixed to the wall of the associated building.
- b) **Number:** One Banner will be allowed per permit.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Banners is prohibited.
- d) **Height:** The maximum permitted height of a Banner is four (4) feet to the highest part of the sign or post.
- e) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of a Banner is twenty-four (24) square feet per sign face.

### 3. *Inflatable Signs*

- a) **Location:** Inflatable sign permits shall be issued to anchor tenants and auto dealerships only.
- b) **Number:** One inflatable sign, as defined by Section 151.05, shall be allowed per permit.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of inflatable signs is prohibited.

## 151.25 TEMPORARY SIGNS-ER, HR,R1, R2, R3 AND R4 DISTRICTS

The following signs are temporary signs that can be placed on property within the ER, HR, R1, R2, R3 and R4 Zoning Districts. All temporary signs must comply with all regulations set forth in Section 151.24

### A. Exempted Signs

### B. Permitted Temporary Sign

#### 1. *Freestanding Real Estate Sign*

The following sign regulations shall apply to Real Estate Signs advertising property for rent, lease or trade located on the property. A permit is not required for Real Estate Signs within a Residential District.

- a) **Location:** Real Estate Signs shall be located on private property no closer than five (5) feet from any property line or public right-of-way.
- b) **Number:** One Real Estate Sign shall be permitted per property.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Real Estate Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Height:** The maximum height of a Real Estate Sign is four and a half (4.5) feet to the highest part of the sign or post.
- e) **Area:** The maximum area of a Real Estate Sign is four (4) square feet per sign face.

#### 2. *Development Signs*

- a) **Location:** Development Signs shall be located on private property no closer than five (5) feet from any property line or public right-of-way and must be located in away as to not interfere with the line of site of vehicles or pedestrians traffic. Should an applicant request to locate a development off site, an application can be made which special consideration will be given and if deemed appropriate approved by the Code Official.
- b) **Number:** One Development Sign per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Development Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Development Sign may include advertising lots within the development on which the

sign is located, along with the name, address, telephone number, and logo of the development.

- e) **Height:** The maximum permitted height allowed for a Development Sign is eight (8) feet to the highest part of the sign or post
- f) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of a Development Sign is fifty (50) square feet.
- g) **Time Frame:** A Development Sign permit is only valid for two (2) years from the time the sign is erected.

3. ***Garage Sale Signs***

The following sign regulations shall apply to garage sale signage. Only those signs issued by the Village may be displayed.

- a) **Number:** Upon issuance of the sale permit the Village will furnish each applicant with three (3) garage sale signs.
- b) **Location:** One sale sign, issued by the Village, shall be displayed at the front lot line on the premises on which the sale is conducted. Garage Sale Signs are prohibited to be located on Village property at the intersections of U.S. Route 45 (LaGrange Road) and Route 30 (Lincoln Highway), U.S. Route 45 and White Street, or White Street and Nebraska Street. No Signs shall be placed in the village flowerbeds. No other signs may be displayed within the corporate limits of the Village.
- c) **Time Frame:** Garage sale signs shall not be displayed more than one day prior to the commencement of the sale and must be removed no later than one day following the conclusion of the permitted sale.

**151.26 TEMPORARY SIGNS-FOR B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, I2 AND OR DISTRICTS**

The following signs are temporary signs that can be placed on property within the B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, I2 and OR Zoning District. All temporary signs must comply with all regulations set forth in Section 151.24.

**A. Exempt Signs**

**B. Permitted Temporary Signs**

## 1. *Contractor Sign*

- a) **Location:** Contractor signs shall be located on private property no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any property line or public right-of-way and must be located in away as to not interfere with the line of site of vehicles or pedestrians traffic.
- b) **Number:** One Contractor Sign shall be permitted per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Contractor Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Items of Information:** The items of information on the Contractor Sign may only include information identifying the architects, engineers, contractors, and other individuals or firms involved with the construction, but not including the advertisement of any product announcing the character of the building enterprise, or the purpose for which the building is intended.
- e) **Height:** The maximum permitted height allowed for a Contractor Sign is eight (8) feet to the highest part of the sign or post for property located in the I1, I2 and OR Districts and a maximum height of six (6) feet to the highest part of the sign for property located within the B1, B2, B3 and B4 Districts.
- f) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of a Contractor Sign is thirty-two (32) square feet
- g) **Time Frame:** A Contractor/Construction sign permit is only valid for a period not longer than one (1) week following the use and occupancy of the structure.

## 2. *Development Signs*

- a) **Location:** Development Signs shall be located on private property no closer than five (5) feet from any property line or public right-of-way and must be located in away as to not interfere with the line of site of vehicles or pedestrians traffic. Should an applicant request to locate a development off site, an applicant can be made which special consideration will be given and if deemed appropriate approved by the Code Official.
- b) **Number:** One Development Sign shall be per public right-of-way frontage.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Development Signs is prohibited.

- d) **Items of Information:** The items of information on a Development Sign may include advertising lots within the development on which the sign is located, along with the name, address, telephone number, and logo of the development.
- e) **Height:** The maximum permitted height allowed for a Development Sign is eight (8) feet to the highest part of the sign or post
- f) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of a Development Sign is fifty (50) square feet.
- g) **Time Frame:** A Development Sign permit is only valid for two (2) years from the time the sign is erected.

### 3. *Temporary Window Signs*

A permit is not required for Temporary Window Signs within the B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, I2 and OR Zoning District.

a) **Location:** Temporary Window Signs shall be located on windows, which are adjacent from public right-of-way or adjacent to a main point of ingress/egress into a development.

b) **Illumination:** Illumination of Temporary Windows Signs is prohibited.

c) **Area:** The combined area of Temporary Window Signs and Permanent Window Signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75%) of the total frontage window area.

### 4. *Window Real Estate Signs*

The following sign regulations shall apply to Real Estate Signs advertising property for rent, lease or trade located on the window of the associated building. A permit is not required for Window Real Estate Signs within the B1, B2, B3, B4, I1, I2 and OR Zoning District.

a) **Location:** Real Estate Signs may be displayed in the store window.

b) **Area:** The maximum area of a Real Estate Sign is six (6) square feet.

c) **Number:** One Real Estate Sign is permitted per business

d) **Illumination:** Illumination of Window Real Estates Signs is prohibited.

### 5. *Freestanding Real Estate Signs*

The following sign regulations shall apply to Real Estate Signs advertising property for rent, lease or trade located on the property.

- a) **Location:** Freestanding Real Estate Signs shall be located on private property no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any property line or public right-of-way.
- b) **Number:** One Freestanding Real Estate Sign shall be permitted per property.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Freestanding Real Estate Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Materials:** All Freestanding Real Estate Signs shall be mounted on a wooden or metal post.
- e) **Height:** The maximum height of a Freestanding Real Estate Sign is six (6) to the highest part of the sign or post.
- f) **Area:** The maximum area of a Freestanding Real Estate Sign is twelve (12) square feet per sign face.

**151.27 TEMPORARY SIGNS-FOR THE HISTORIC DISTRICT (H1)**

The following signs are temporary signs that can be placed on property within the H1 District. All temporary signs must comply with all regulations set forth in Section 151.24, with respect to timeline, permit process and fees. Temporary signs are as follows:

**A. Exempt Signs**

**B. Permitted Temporary Signs**

**1. Temporary Window Signs**

A permit is not required for Temporary Window Signs within the Historic District.

- a) **Area:** Not to exceed 25% of the total frontage window area.
- b) **Illumination:** Illumination of Temporary Window Signs is not permitted.

**2. Real Estate Signs**

A permit is not required for a Real Estate Sign within the Historic District.

- a) **Location:** Real Estate Signs must be located in the store window only.

- b) **Number:** One Real Estate Sign shall be permitted per property.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Real Estate Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Area:** The maximum area of a Real Estate Sign is six (6) square feet per sign face.

### 3. *A-Frame Signs*

- a. A permit is not required for A-Frame Signs within the Historic District.
- b. **Location:** A-Frame Signs are permitted to be placed upon private property and public sidewalks within the Historic District provided a minimum five (5) feet of unobstructed walkway is maintained per the Illinois American Disability Act.

When located upon public sidewalks A-Frame Signs shall not be placed more than six (6) feet from the primary entrance of the business nor shall they be erected or maintained in a manner that prevents free ingress or egress from any door, window or fire escape.

A-Frame Signs shall maintain a minimum 6' setback from the curb and shall not obstruct line of sight from an adjacent roadway.

- c. **Number:** For a single tenant building one A-Frame Sign shall be permitted per frontage on a public ROW, main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development and/or frontage along the Old Plank Road Trail.

For multi-tenant buildings one A-Frame Sign shall be permitted per business with first floor store frontage on a public ROW, main point of ingress/egress into the commercial development and/or frontage along the Old Plank Road Trail. For the purposes of this chapter a shared first floor entrance shall not constitute store frontage.

- d. **Height:** The maximum height of an A-Frame Sign is fifty (50) inches.
- e. **Area:** The maximum area of an A-Frame sign is six (6) square feet per sign face
- f. **Illumination:** Illumination of A-Frame Signs is prohibited.
- g. **Duration:** A-Frame Signs shall only be displayed during operating hours of the business. All A-Frame Signs must be stored indoors when the business is closed.

- h. **Materials:** The use of wood is encouraged for all A-Frame Signs. Alternative materials including steel, iron and aluminum are acceptable, however must be compatible and harmonious with the colors and materials of the building identified by the sign. Plastic signs are prohibited.

Changeable copy areas shall be limited to chalkboard only. Dry erase boards and individual removable lettering is prohibited.

- i. **Prohibited Design Elements:** Animation, movement, miscellaneous attachments including but not limited to flags, ribbons, balloons, streamers, pennants, etc. are prohibited from use on A-Frame Signs. Landscaping at the base of the sign is encouraged and is not considered a prohibited design element.

Permanent logos shall be limited to that of the subject business only.

- j. **Maintenance:** A-Frame Signs must be maintained in like new condition and all changeable copy areas wiped clean prior to change in advertisement.

## **151.28 TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

These regulations shall apply to all temporary signs for civic organizations, which are restricted to double faced A-Frame signs (sandwich boards). Unlike temporary signs, which are restricted to private property, temporary signs for Civic Organizations may be located on public right-of-way. A permit must be obtained prior to placement of any sign.

### **A. Exempted Signs**

### **B. Permitted Temporary Signs**

#### **1. *A Frame Signs***

- a) **Location:** All double faced A-Frame signs may be placed on public property at the following locations:

- (1) Nebraska and LaGrange (Route 45)
- (2) Old Frankfort Way and LaGrange (Route 45)
- (3) East outlot entrance of Frankfort Crossings on Route 30
- (4) Pfeiffer Road and Lincoln Highway (Route 30)
- (5) Laraway Road and Center Road

(6) Colorado Avenue and LaGrange (Route 45)

- b) **Number:** A maximum of four (4) A-Framed signs may be placed at preference of choice of the six locations listed above.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of an A-Framed Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Height:** The maximum permitted height of an A-Framed sign is four (4) feet to the highest part of the sign or post.
- e) **Area:** The maximum permitted area of an A-Framed sign is sixteen (16) square feet per sign face.

## 151. 29 POLITICAL SIGNAGE

### A. Permitted Temporary Signs

#### 1. *Political Signs*

These regulations shall apply to all types of Political Signage, including those advertising a specific candidate for political office or those advocating a particular preference with regard to a position on a referendum. Political Signs are temporary signs that can be placed on property within all zoning districts. No permit shall be required for the placement of a Political Sign on private property with the property owners consent.

- a) **Location:** Political Signs shall only be permitted on private property, in all zoning districts with the property owners consent. Political Signs shall be expressly prohibited at the following locations:
  - (1) Within any public right-of-way that is included in the corporate limits.
  - (2) On any trees.
  - (3) On any principal or accessory building.
  - (4) On any utility poles.
  - (5) On any traffic poles or sign structures.
  - (6) In any manner or at any location determined by the Village to create a visual hazard for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- b) **Number:** No more than one sign per candidate, political party, or "issue" per public right of way.
- c) **Illumination:** Illumination of Political Signs is prohibited.
- d) **Types:** The types of permitted Political Signs shall include only yard signs, which can be placed only in a front yard no closer than five

feet to a public sidewalk. Corner lots shall have two front yards for purposes of this chapter.

- e) **Materials:** All Political Signs shall be mounted on a wooden or metal post.
- f) **Height:** The maximum height of a Political Sign shall not exceed four (4) feet from the ground to the top of the sign or post.
- g) **Area:** The maximum sign area for a Political Sign shall be four (4) square feet.

## **SECTION 6: SIGNAGE ENFORCEMENT**

### **151.30 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL**

The primary enforcement official for the Village shall be the Code Enforcement Officer or other duly appointed agents.

### **151.31 MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL**

The standards set forth in the building code (2000 International Building Code) Article 2903.1 and 2903.2; and the Village property Maintenance Code shall be used and are hereby incorporated into this section by reference.

### **151.32 LEGAL NON-CONFORMING STATUS OF EXISTING SIGNS**

All existing signs under the jurisdiction of this chapter rendered non-conforming by adoption of this chapter shall be permitted to remain in use, subject to the following provisions:

A. Any sign not in conformance with the allowable area (square feet) or allowable height (lineal feet) provisions of this chapter by an amount less than 20% in excess of the allowable area or allowable height, shall be permitted to remain as a legal non-conforming use throughout the useful life of the sign.

B. Any sign not in conformance with the allowable area or allowable height provisions of this chapter by an amount more than or equal to 20% in excess of the allowable area or allowable height, or is non-conforming with any other provision of this chapter, must be brought into conformance by modification, replacement, or removal of the non-conforming sign when:

1. More than 50% of the non-conforming sign must be replaced due to physical deterioration or damage, or
2. The business to which the sign pertains is relocated or has ceased operation for a period of six months.

3. The business to which the sign pertains is sold, provided, the compliance is stayed for 24 months from the date of-sale.

C. Any sign which comes under the jurisdiction of the Village and which is non-conforming with respect to the requirements contained herein must be brought into full compliance with all applicable Village requirements within 60 months.