

Village of Enosburg Falls
Board of Trustees

Ordinance Regarding
Placement of Signs on Sidewalks/Rights of Way

SECTION 202-A

SUBSECTION 1. Application of Ordinance.

This Ordinance applies to signs that are placed by private individuals or organizations, that call attention to a special event, organization, business, sale, or other activity where such signs are placed or located within the public right of way or on Village property in the Village of Enosburg Falls (signs on private property require a permit under the Village of Enosburg Falls Zoning By Laws). To the extent that this Ordinance conflicts with Section 202 of the Village Ordinances, this Ordinance shall control.

SUBSECTION 2. Fees, Effective Dates of Permits.

Applications for all sidewalk sandwich board sign permits shall be filed with the Village Zoning Administrator, and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. Said fee may be adjusted from time to time by the Village Trustees in their discretion. All permits issued under this Ordinance shall be effective commencing on April 15th of each year, and shall expire on the following November 15th of each year.

SUBSECTION 3. Definition of Sign.

As used in this Ordinance, the term "Sign" includes any card, poster, notice, yard sale sign, sandwich board "A" sign, flat, pennant or banner, balloon(s) or other outdoor advertising devices, including, but not limited to those defined by the Village of Enosburg Falls Zoning Bylaws.

SUBSECTION 4. Excluded Signs.

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

- A. Official traffic control or highway regulatory signs.
- B. Street name signs or public place name director/guide signs that have been approved by vote of the Enosburg Falls Board of Trustees and are maintained by the Village or Town (examples: Enosburg Elementary School, Enosburg Falls High School).
- C. Any street banner or decorations placed on the utility poles by the Village of Enosburg Falls (example: Enosburg patriotic banners, Christmas light decorations).
- D. Any streets or businesses outside of the Village Center Designation as recognized by the Vermont Downtown Program. Businesses or streets outside of this area will not be allowed to have signs on the public right of way.
- E. Businesses in the Main Street Plaza are not included in this policy. Businesses in the

Main Street Plaza may place signs within the plaza property with permission from its owner(s) as long as they are compliant with all other zoning bylaws, but may not place signs on Main Street.

SUBSECTION 5. Conditions of Approval.

The following policies and conditions apply to all signs licensed under this policy:

- A. All signs will be sited at the nearest point possible to the building the business or organization is located in. Such signs shall not, in the determination of the Zoning Administrator, unreasonably impede pedestrian traffic along the sidewalk.
- B. All signs permitted under this Ordinance shall be displayed only during the effective dates of the applicable permit. All signs must be removed immediately upon expiration of the permit.
- C. The Village reserves the right to deny permits for any signs that it determines to be offensive, lewd or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by children.

SUBSECTION 6. Violations, Penalty.

Any person or entity that displays a sign in violation of this Ordinance may be fined \$100.00 for violation. Each day such a sign is displayed shall constitute a separate violation.

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ADOPTED May 13, 2008

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CONDITIONS

The following policies and conditions shall apply to all signs licensed under this policy:

- A. All signs will be sited at the nearest point possible to the building the business or organization is located in. Every effort will be made not to impede traffic along the sidewalk.
- B. All sign permits under this policy will be effective for display between May 1st and October 31st of each year.

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- C. There will be no more than 1 sign per business allowed under this policy.
- D. Each sign will conform to the Zoning Bylaws of the Village of Enosburg Falls.
- E. No sign will be placed at any other location other than on the street, and in front of the business at which the business is physically located.
- F. Each sign must be removed from the sidewalk at the close of business each day.
- G. Nothing herein shall limit the right of the Village to take additional legal action, and recover costs of enforcement, and damage to Village sign poles, signs, light poles, etc., and to seek other relief as allowed by law.
- H. No signs containing references to alcohol or tobacco will be allowed under this policy.

REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS

The Village Manager, Zoning Administrator, and Public Works Department are authorized to remove and dispose of any sign in a public right of way or on Village property that does not display a permit, and approval in accordance with this policy.

In approving, and managing signs on sidewalk right of ways, the Planning and Zoning Office shall balance the need to minimize clutter, and avoid excess advertising with the need for businesses, and organizations to inform the public of their location.

Appeals from license denials or other actions under this policy shall be to the Village Board of Trustees, whose decision shall be final.

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