

Update to Village sign code.

The Village of Webster in an effort to ensure both the beauty as well as the uniformity of signage in the Business District has made some changes in our sign code that you as a business owner need to be made aware of. While it is important as a business to be aware of all of the Village ordinances, this letter serves as an overview to highlight some of the changes that immediately affect all business owners. The code changes are as follows:

F. Temporary signs. All signs of a temporary nature, such as posters, banners, promotional devices and other signs of a similar nature, may be granted a temporary permit by the Planning Board for a period not to exceed 60 days, provided that such signs are not attached to fences, trees, utility poles or the like, and further provided that such signs are not placed in a position that will obstruct or impair vision or traffic or in any manner create a hazard or disturbance to the health and welfare of the general public. Such signs shall not be illuminated nor shall any lighting device be used in connection therewith. Such signs shall not exceed 16 square feet in area and shall not be located within any highway right-of-way nor on any public property. A nonrefundable fee, as set by the Village Board in the annual fee schedule, shall be paid upon the issuance of a permit. In addition, a cash deposit of \$25 shall be made to ensure the removal of such sign at the expiration of the permit. The Building Inspector, after five days' written notice to the permit holder to remove such sign and the failure of the permit holder to do so, shall cause said sign to be removed, and the cash deposit shall be forfeited to help defray the cost of removal. Temporary real estate sale and open house signs are exempt from the fee provision but must conform in all other respects.

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- 1) An "open" banner must be no more than three feet by five feet in size, must have no other word than the word "open" on it, and must be displayed only during business hours. The banner must be safely and securely mounted in such a way that it will not impede or be a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.**
- 2) Decorations or outdoor displays celebrating special days or occasions including sales are considered temporary signs and as such are limited to a period of 30 days after such event or occasion. Merchandise that is for sale shall not be exhibited outdoors in the Central Business District, West End Business District, and Neighborhood Business District without prior approval of the Planning Board.**

In driving around the Village I have seen several signs out that are not in compliance with the current code. I am aware that for many of you this code change will come as a surprise and that you were not aware of the change. I am therefore giving everyone until **May 1, 2009** to comply with this notice. At that time I will be driving through the Business District to enforce the new code.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please feel free to call Will Barham at 265-3770 ext 16 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m