

## SIGN ORDINANCE

- A. No sign or advertising device shall be erected or placed on any property in the Town of Danbury or be visible from outside any structure in the Town of Danbury or be affixed to a vehicle and allowed to remain on the premises with intent to serve as a sign without a permit. The applications for permits shall be submitted to the Selectmen. An application for a sign permit shall include the site location, the sign's size and content.
- B. Exemptions:
- (1) Signs indicating the existence of private property, forbidding trespass or other activities on the property.
  - (2) Signs located on private property and intended to regulate or guide activities within the property even though such signs may be incidentally visible from outside the property.
  - (3) Temporary signs in use for a period of not more than 30 days during a 12 month period. These signs shall be non-illuminated signs such as for community events, political campaigns, special sales promotions, auctions, and the like.
  - (4) Temporary real estate signs advertising sale of the property on which the sign is located not exceeding three feet by four feet in size.
  - (5) Non-illuminated home business signs which shall not exceed two per property and shall not have a surface area in excess of eight square feet per sign.
- C. All signs within the Town of Danbury shall comply with the following standards:
- (1) Flashing Signs: No signs shall be intermittently illuminated nor be of such traveling light type, animated, or flashing, except such portions of the sign as consists solely of indicators of time or temperature or both.
  - (2) Shielding fixtures shall be arranged to direct the light away from the street and away from adjoining structures.
- D. All signs shall be maintained in good condition and repair. Any business that closes its operation permanently shall remove any signs in connection with that business within 30 days. The Selectmen shall notify sign owners, in writing, to remove or repair any sign which is in violation of this ordinance or becomes in disrepair. If the owners fails to comply within 30 days after date of notice, the Selectmen shall have the sign removed at the expense of the owner.
- E. All costs of removal of signs, including attorney's fees, costs, and expenses related to the removal of an unlawful sign shall be borne by the violator.
- F. Each business at a commercial site is allowed two advertising signs on the property where the business is located, either two single faced signs, each face not exceeding 36 square feet, or one double faced sign with each face not exceeding 36 square feet. Additionally, each business may display a business identification sign externally. Such signs shall not exceed 16 square feet per side.

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- G. All signs shall comply with minimum set-back requirements of permanent structure.
- H. No sign shall be erected or placed in the Town of Danbury which advertises a business not located in the Town of Danbury.
- I. Directional signs may be allowed by permit on location off the business premises as follows:
  - (1) Such signs shall indicate only the name and direction or location of the business and its general type of activity (for example: building supplies, general store, etc.) and/or its logo.
  - (2) Such off-premise directional signs shall contain no other advertising matter and shall not exceed 16 square feet in size per side per sign.
- J. The height of any free-standing sign shall not exceed 20 feet above surrounding road grade or 2 feet above the roof ridge of any building to which it is affixed.
- K. Any sign which is damaged or destroyed may be replaced and/or restored to its former condition within 45 days of the date of damage or destruction.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION PENALTIES:**

Any person who fails to comply with any ordinance adopted by the Town of Danbury shall be subject to a \$25.00 penalty. Each day of non-compliance shall be a separate violation. The Selectmen shall notify any persons in violation by certified mail and may assess penalties from the date the party in violation either signs for, or refuses to accept delivery of, the notification by certified mail. Any penalties collected shall be committed to the Town's Treasury.