

ORDINANCE

-To Repeal and Recreate Title 13
Article G.; Signs-

The Village Board of the Village of Turtle Lake does hereby ordain as follows:

Section One: That Title 13, Article G, be repealed and recreated to read:

ARTICLE G – SIGNS

Sec. 13-1-80 Purpose

The purpose of this Article shall be to promote and preserve the public health, welfare and safety by regulating the placement and maintenance of signs and to protect the public against poorly constructed and maintained signs, while at the same time affording to the business community an opportunity to promote its products and services and to others an opportunity to engage in this means of communication information, as well as maintaining and enhancing the visual environment to preserve the natural beauty of the community and its attractiveness. It is, therefore, the intent of the Village to minimize the potential of adverse effects on the public at large in the use and occupation of both private and public property and to provide for fair and efficient enforcement of these regulations.

Sec. 13-1-81 Definitions

- (a) **Abandoned Sign:** A sign which is in disrepair or which no longer identifies a bonafide business or current service, owner, product, or activity carried out on or off of the premises upon which the sign is located or whose message is for an event whose time has passed or whose object or subject no longer exist or for which sign the owner cannot be located. It shall also include any sign which no longer supports or contains the medium of communication for which it was designated.
- (b) **Advertising Sign:** A sign containing commercial, point of sale, or pricing information to acquaint consumers with a product, service or activity or to solicit patronage, of or from a business located on the premises upon which such sign is located.
- (c) **Awning Sign:** A non-illuminated sign painted on or attached to a fabric or vinyl cover on a rigid frame which is affixed as a projection from or extension of a building or other structure, erected in such a manner as to provide shelter or cover over the approach to the entrance of any building or other structure or place of assembly. Awning signs shall contain only the names of businesses, logos and address and no other or further information or message.
- (d) **Banner:** Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole or a building at one or more edges. National flags, state, or municipal flags or the official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered a banner.

- (e) **Billboard:** An outdoor advertising sign which directs attention to a business, product, service, activity, or solicits patronage of a business not conducted upon or offered on the premises where the sign is located.
- (f) **Bulletin Board:** A sign erected by a charitable, educational, or religious institution or a public body, erected upon the premises occupied by the institution or public body for the purpose of announcing events which are held on the premises upon which the sign is located and contains no commercial message.
- (g) **Business Sales Sign:** A special type of temporary sign erected by a business to promote an offer to sell merchandise or services at a lower than normally designated price by a merchant or business owner. To meet this definition, however, a merchant or business owner cannot engage in a sale on a permanent or quasi-permanent basis, resulting in the posting of business sales signs on a continuous basis.
- (h) **Business Sign:** A sign which directs attention to a business, profession, service, or entertainment sold from or offered upon the premises where such sign is located, which contains no other or further messages.
- (i) **Changeable Copy Sign:** A manual, electronic sign, or electronic time or temperature sign, or reader board whose message is electronically or mechanically changed.
- (j) **Commercial Message:** Any message advertising a particular business or identifying goods, services, recreational activities, or other public or private services made available to the public at large.
- (k) **Directional Sign:** A sign erected and maintained by the State or a municipality having jurisdiction over the right-of-way of a street or highway used for the guidance or warning of traffic or which contains information as to points of scenic, historical, cultural, recreational, educational, or religious interest and placed in said right-of-way by the highway authority. Each such sign shall conform to all applicable State regulations regarding the placement of signs in the street or highway rights-of-way.
- (l) **Display Face:** The entire surface area of a sign upon which information copy can be placed. Display face shall not be interpreted to include the super structure or supports of a sign outside of the display face area contained thereupon. One side of a double-faced sign shall be used to determine the surface area of the display face of that sign.
- (m) **Entrance Sign:** A sign or an arrow that is located adjacent to a public street right-of-way limited to a one (1) by three (3) foot maximum size, the contents of which are limited to the name of the business, subject to approval of the Building Inspector, together with or on an arrow providing directions as to entering or exiting from a parking lot/street. Entrance signs may be internally illuminated but shall require a permit, if illuminated.

- (n) **Event Sign:** A sign that is utilized by residents of the Village, religious, educational and civic organizations and not-for-profit associations for the purpose of promoting or advertising a social, educational or community occurrence or activity
- (o) **Flashing Sign:** An illuminated sign, whose lighting is not constant in intensity or color at all times and whose message is displayed by means of those changes. Illuminated signs that indicate the time, temperature, weather, or similar public service information are not flashing signs.
- (p) **Garage Sale Sign:** Any temporary sign that advertises a private sale of used goods on private property. Garage sale signs shall also include a temporary off-premises sign used to direct people to the sale site. Garage sale signs shall not be used by or on behalf of any business. Signs shall be placed and maintained only on the days of the event.
- (q) **Ground Pole Sign:** A sign that rests upon or is affixed to the grade or the premises upon which it is located.
- (r) **Illuminated Sign:** Any sign which emanates light by means of exposed or recessed artificial lighting devices. It shall not include a “flashing sign.”
- (s) **Incidental Sign:** A sign that is subordinate to but customarily associated with other permitted or conditionally permitted signs but is also minor in significance thereto and which sign is also reasonably related to the principal use of the property on which it is located. Such signs shall be limited to those that contain no advertising or business information and which direct customers or clients to the location of handicapped parking stalls, entrances or exits, loading zones, or provide information such as limitations on parking of unauthorized vehicles. Incidental signs shall not be counted, either by number or size, toward total allowable signage per any given parcel of real estate.
- (t) **Indirect Illuminated Sign:** A sign illuminated with a light that is shielded so that no direct rays from it are visible beyond the premises where the illumination occurs.
- (u) **Joint Business Sign:** A ground sign which serves as a collective means of identifying three (3) or more businesses or occupations operated on the same premises upon which the sign is located including, but not limited to, sign advertising a retail mall, shopping center, or office complex. The messages on such signs shall be limited to the name and telephone number of the business.
- (v) **Marquee:** A sign painted on, attached to, or consisting of interchangeable letters or other characters, figures, or means of representation on the face of a permanent overhanging shelter extending from any building face over a public way. The letters, symbols, and characters set forth thereupon shall not exceed six (6) inches in height. A minimum clearance of ten (10) feet above grade shall be required for all marquees. “Marquee” does not include an awning sign.
- (w) **Message:** Communication consisting of numbers, letters, characters, or pictorial descriptions or representations designed to attract the attention of the public.

- (x) Monument Sign: A sign made of brick, masonry, stone, or other materials, the bottom of which is attached directly to and permanently affixed to the ground and physically separated from any other structure located on the same premises as is the sign.
- (y) Name Plate: A sign stating the name and address of the occupant of the premises upon which the sign is located.
- (z) Non-Conforming Sign: A sign legally in existence and actively in use as of the effective date of this article or any amendment thereto which does not comply with all of the requirements of this article.
- (aa) On-Premises Sign: A sign identifying or advertising a business, person, activity, goods, or services located upon or doing business from the same premises upon which the sign is located.
- (bb) Off-Premises Sign: A sign identifying a business, profession, activity, goods, products, or services not produced upon, generated from, or offered for sale or use upon the premises upon which the sign is located. Off-premises signs shall be limited to the name, address, and telephone number of the person or business so identified. This definition shall not include billboards.
- (cc) Off-Premises Joint Business Sign: A sign used to identify or advertise multiple businesses, limited to the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity so advertised.
- (dd) Political Sign: Any sign that promotes or opposes the election of a particular candidate or promotes or opposes an issue that is to be voted upon in a local, state, or federal election.
- (ee) Portable Sign: Any sign including, but not limited to, a reader board sign, not permanently affixed to or attached to the ground that is designed to be easily moved from one location to another, with or without wheels, including, but not limited to, signs in or upon trailers and trucks.
- (ff) Premises: A legally-described and recorded lot, parcel, or other tract of land.
- (gg) Projecting Sign: A sign attached to the wall of a building or any other structure that projects horizontally more than twelve (12) inches from the face of the wall or structure. This definition does not include “marquee.”
- (hh) Public Service Message: Any message contained on a sign whose intent is to promote and provide information of general interest to the community.
- (ii) Real Estate Sign: A temporary sign used to offer real estate for sale, lease, or rent, located on the same premises that are for sale, lease, or rent.

(jj) Roof Sign: Any sign erected or constructed wholly upon and over the roof of any building or other structure, supported by the roof or other structure and extending vertically above the highest portion of said roof or structure at its highest point above grade.

(kk) Sign: An object, device, display, placard, or other form of structure or part thereof, displayed out of doors and visible from any street or highway right-of-way, adjoining premises or navigable water which contains a display face which, in turn, contains a message whose purpose it is to display a message to persons through visual means.

(ll) Temporary Sign: Any sign which is erected or constructed and is portable including, but not limited to, portable poster-type signs, banners, flags, pennants, and inflatable signs. Said definition shall include, as well, A-frame sandwich boards and reader board signs.

(mm) Traffic Control Sign: A sign designed to regulate traffic erected by the highway authority having jurisdiction over a public street or highway right-of-way.

(nn) Wall Area: The total exterior wall area surface visible with respect to any given structure above grade.

(oo) Wall Sign: A business sign permanently attached to and constructed of rigid material, erected upon, or painted on or applied to the wall of a building or other structure, projecting not more than eight (8) inches from the wall.

(pp) Window Sign: Any advertising sign affixed to an exterior window of a building or other structure.

(qq) Yard Card: Any temporary sign on a residential or commercial premises temporarily to commemorate a personal event including, but not limited to, a birthday, graduation, or anniversary. Yard cards shall be placed upon premises only upon the day of the event in question.

Sec. 13-1-82 Sign Permits

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct, enlarge, modify, or move any sign for which a permit is required under this Article without first obtaining a sign permit from the Clerk-Treasurer. In addition to being in compliance with all of the provisions of this Article, each sign shall meet the structural requirements of the Village Building Code.

(b) Permits shall not be required for changes in messages, repainting, cleaning, normal maintenance, or other general refurbishing of any sign.

(c) For purposes of permits, a double-faced sign shall be equivalent of one (1) sign.

(d) Sign permits issued by the Clerk-Treasurer for the erection, construction, enlargement, modification, or moving of a sign shall be subject to the following time limitations: Work permitted by the permit issued shall commence within sixty (60) days of the date of issue or the permit shall be null and void. Each sign or work on a sign subject to a permit shall be completed within six (6) months after the date of the permit of the owner shall be required to apply for and receive another permit before continuing to work on the sign.

(e) Sign permit applications shall include the following information:

(1) If located on land not owned by the owner of the sign subject to the application, the written consent or approval or a lease or other form of contract executed by the owner of the land on which the sign is to be placed, indicating that permission has been granted for placement of the sign at the location in question.

(2) A scale drawing of the proposed sign, indicating the design of the sign, the materials to be used in its construction, the proposed means of construction or erection, any lighting that is proposed for the sign and a description of the means by which the sign will be attached to a building or other structure or to the ground.

(3) A site plan showing the location of the building, other structure or site on a given premises to which the sign is to be attached or affixed, demonstrating the relationship of the sign to buildings and other structures on the premises and its property lines.

(4) Electrical permits applied for or obtained for the sign.

(5) Calculations demonstrating that the sign, as it is designed, meets the requirements of this Article for dead load and wind pressure.

Sec. 13-1-83 Fee

At the time an application is submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer for a sign permit under this Article, the applicant shall pay the applicable fee in full with the fee to be determined in accord with the administrative fee schedule adopted annually by the Village Board and maintained on file with the Clerk-Treasurer.

Sec. 13-1-84 Signs in Residential Zoning Districts

This section shall govern the placement and maintenance of signs in each of the designated Residential Zoning Districts in the Village, further defined as being the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and RD Districts established in Title 13 of the Village Code as well as such other residential districts as may, from time to time, be established.

(a) Residential District Signs that Do Not Require a Sign Permit

- (1) Bulletin boards for public, charitable or religious institutions or organizations, which do not exceed eight (8) square feet in size, located on the premises of such institutions or organizations.
- (2) Real estate sales signs, not exceeding eight (8) square feet in size.
- (3) Memorial signs or plaques, including but not limited to tables, names of buildings, or dates of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of metal and affixed or attached to the surface of a building. No such sign or plaque shall project from the surface to which it is attached or affixed.
- (4) Traffic control signs.
- (5) Political signs.
- (6) Garage sale signs and yard cards.
- (7) **Event signs.**
- (8)** Other temporary signs, with authorization of the Zoning Administrator, not falling into categories, (1) to (6), above and which shall be removed no later than ten (10) days after being erected.

(b) Residential District Signs Requiring a Sign Permit

- (1) Home occupation signs, to include one (1) indirect illuminated sign per premises, not to exceed four (4) square feet in size.
- (2) Subdivision signs, multi-family complex signs, mobile home park signs, nursing home and assisted living facility signs, for which one (1) monument sign, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet and six (6) feet in height shall be permitted.
- (3) Signs associated with permitted or conditionally permitted non-residential uses of properties in residential zoning districts, consisting of no more than one (1) monument sign not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in size or six (6) feet in height, together with one (1) wall sign, not larger than fifteen (15) square feet in size.

(c) All other signs are prohibited in residential zoning districts.

(d) Special regulations applicable to all signs in residential zoning districts are set forth in §§ 13-1-86, 13-1-87 and 13-1-88 below.

Sec. 13-1-85 Signs in All Zoning Districts Other Than Residential Districts

The following regulations shall apply to signs on premises located in any zoning district other than the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 or RD Districts.

(a) Signs that do Not Require a Permit

(1) Temporary signs. For each business that possesses a sign permit under this Article, signs may be attached or affixed to the ground or a pole sign structure or light poles on the premises but not in such a manner or place as to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Temporary signs are also subject to the following restrictions.

a. No temporary sign shall be attached or affixed to a Joint Business Sign or to an Off-Premises Joint Business sign.

b. Temporary business signs advertising open houses, grand openings, anniversaries, special sales (including truckload sales, going-out-of-business sales, or special holiday sales), not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet, may be placed on the premises no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the event in question and shall be removed no later than at the end of the last day of the event.

c. Temporary placard-type business/product signs shall not be placed for more than 30 days in any given 12 month period of time on any given parcel of real estate, and they shall be limited to not more than 12 square feet per parcel per business sale event and shall be placed and removed in accord with the time limitations expressed in b., above.

(2) Seasonal signs, including farm or produce stand signs, to be displayed for no longer than one hundred twenty (120) days in any calendar year but only by vendors possessing Village sellers permits. Seasonal signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in size and shall be located on the premises where the sales activity is taking place.

(3) Bulletin boards for public, charitable, or religious institutions which do not exceed eight (8) square feet in size located on the premises of such institutions or organizations.

(4) Real estate sale signs, not exceeding eight (8) square feet in size.

(5) Memorial signs or plaques, including, but not limited to, tables, names of buildings, or dates of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of metal and affixed or attached to the surface of a building. No such sign or plaque shall project from the surface to which it is affixed or attached.

(6) Traffic control signs.

- (7) Window signs under eight (8) square feet in size.
 - (8) Political signs.
 - (9) Entrance signs; however, illuminated signs shall require a permit.
 - (10) Incidental signs.
 - (11) Event signs.
- (b) Signs requiring permits:
- (1) Awning Signs. If an awning sign is used, no other signs may be affixed or attached to the exterior of the building to which it is joined. The area covered by awning signs shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the building face and awnings shall be at least seven (7) feet above grade and shall not project outward from the building by more than seven (7) feet. Internally lit awnings are prohibited and lettering shall only be on the valance.
 - (2) Ground and Pole Signs not to exceed thirty (30) feet in height above the mean centerline grade of the street upon which the premises on which they are placed has its only or principal frontage and meeting all setback requirements for the zoning district in question not exceeding one hundred twenty (120) square feet of total display face area, maximum 60 square feet per side, including borders. No more than one (1) ground or pole sign may be erected on a single premises. There shall be at least ten (10) feet of clearance between each pole sign and the grade on which it is situated.
 - (3) Monument Signs not to exceed fifty (50) square feet in size nor to be more than ten (10) feet in height above grade.
 - (4) Projecting Signs fastened to, suspended from, or supported by other structures not exceeding seven and half (7.5) square feet in size nor more than five (5) feet from the building face to which they are attached or affixed located at least ten (10) feet from all side lot lines with a height of not greater than twenty (20) feet above the mean centerline grade of the street upon which the premises on which they are placed has its only or principal frontage. In addition, each projecting sign shall at its lowest point be not less than ten (10) feet above a sidewalk or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of any alley or driveway.
 - (5) Wall Signs not exceeding three times linear frontage plus an additional 25% of said calculated frontage for corner lots in total size nor twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline grade of the street upon which the premises on which they are placed has its only or principal frontage, provided that on corner lots such signs are not placed on the front facade of the building, further defined to mean that side of the building facing the front yard of the lot on which it is situated.

- (6) Window Signs shall be calculated as part of total sign square footage.
 - (7) Roof Signs not to exceed ten (10) feet in height above the roof of the structure to which they are attached or affixed meeting all height restrictions for the zoning district in which they are located and calculated as part of total sign square footage for any one premises.
 - (8) Joint Business Signs and Industrial Business Signs. No more than one (1) joint business sign shall be allowed for the exterior of each building, facing the street or a highway in the event that there are three or more tenants in a building. As a complete alternative, separate individual business signs for each tenant or occupant of a building which has a separate and direct exit to and from the exterior of the building may be allowed listing the business by name.
- (c) No more than one (1) ground, pole or roof sign for each business on a given premises.
 - (d) Special Regulations applicable to signs erected and placed on premises located in other than residential zones, as set forth in §§ 13-1-86, 13-1-87 and 13-1-88.

Sec. 13-1-86 Special Limitations

- (a) The following restrictions apply in all zoning districts:
 - (1) No signs are permitted in the triangle formed by the point at the corner of an intersection and points 15 feet from the corner along each street.
 - (2) Signs shall not be placed on utility poles, light standards, trees, utility pedestals or boxes or any similar structure.
 - (3) Signs shall not be attached or affixed to or adhered to or drawn upon any public street or sidewalk.

Sec. 13-1-87 Illumination Restrictions—All Zoning Districts

- (a) The following restrictions on illumination of signs shall apply in all zoning districts.
 - (1) No illuminated sign shall cause any reflection or glare upon any public street, highway or sidewalk, nor create glare on adjoining private properties.
 - (2) Exposed lighting media such as light bulbs and tubes are prohibited. All external sources of illumination must be hidden from view by the planting of vegetation, such as shrubbery, or by being camouflaged by non-vegetative means, subject to the approval of the Village.

(b) No sign which is allowed to be erected or constructed without a permit shall be illuminated without the express permission of the Village.

Sec. 13-1-88 Temporary Sign, Electronic Sign, Portable Sign and Political Sign Limitations

(a) Temporary Sign Removal Requirements

(1) Real estate and construction signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after their functional life has ended.

(2) Political signs shall be removed within three (3) days after the election to which they apply.

(3) No temporary sign may be displayed for more than thirty (30) days in any given calendar year.

(b) Electronic Sign Regulations

(1) One reader board per business to be calculated as part of total sign square footage.

(2) Segmented messages shall be displayed for not less than one-half (1/2) second and for no more than ten (10) seconds.

(3) Traveling messages shall be no slower than sixteen (16) light columns per second and no faster than thirty-two (32) light columns per second.

(c) Portable Sign Restrictions

(1) To be placed on premises for no more than seven (7) consecutive days at one time and for not more than three (3) such periods per calendar year.

(2) Maximum size to be limited to twenty-five (25) square feet per sign with double-faced signs each qualifying for this maximum size.

(d) Political Signs

Political signs may be placed on private property in the Village during an election campaign period, subject to the following limitations: No sign exceeding eleven (11) square feet may be placed or erected without the prior approval of the Village Zoning Administrator based upon public safety concerns pertaining to their locations and size. This limitation shall not apply to political signs affixed to a permanent structure, including, but not limited to, buildings and billboards. No political sign attached or affixed to a building shall obscure a window, door, fire escape, or other area

required by building codes to remain unobstructed. All political signs, including those placed on billboards, shall be removed not later than three (3) days after the election to which they pertained.

Sec. 13-1-89 Off-Premises Signs and Billboards

No billboards shall be allowed at any place in the Village of Turtle Lake. This prohibition does not include off-premises signs, however, advertising businesses in the Village.

Sec. 13-1-90 Prohibited Signs

The following types of signs are prohibited:

- (a) Animated signs, signs containing beacons or signs containing moving lights, other than revolving signs.
- (b) Flashing signs.
- (c) Signs containing or consisting of bare reflecting bulbs.

Sec. 13-1-91 Abandoned and Dilapidated Signs

A sign that is deemed to have been abandoned by the owner or user is subject to the following:

- (a) Each sign advertising an on-premises business that has not been conducted upon or from the premises for six (6) months in succession shall be removed by the owner of the premises upon which it is located or his or her lessee of said property. All other abandoned signs shall be removed upon order of the Building Inspector.
- (b) Dilapidated signs shall be removed upon order of the Building Inspector. For purposes of this paragraph, a dilapidated sign is one that is so old and out of repair as to become dangerous or unsafe, whether to the public at large or merely to guests and invitees on the premises on which it is located.
- (c) In the event that the owner of a premises upon which an abandoned or dilapidated sign is situated or his or her lessee fails or refuses to remove such sign, the Village may, upon notice of its intent to remove it, sent by first class mail or personally delivered to the owner of the premises upon which the sign is located, remove the sign and impose the cost thereof against the real estate as a special charge under §66.0627, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 13-1-92 Non-Conforming Signs

- (a) No non-conforming sign shall be enlarged, physically altered or replaced by another sign, relocated, whether on or off of the premises on which it was situated at the time that it became non-

conforming without causing it to become a conforming sign under this Article. These limitations shall not apply to the changing of messages or the contents of the sign. All non-conforming signs shall be removed at the time of a change in business on the premises upon which the sign is located.

(b) Non-conforming signs may be routinely maintained, but no repairs shall be made to them for the purpose of prolonging its anticipated life beyond what is reasonably anticipated as of the time such repairs are proposed to be made.

(c) Without the express, written consent of the Village, no new signs, including, but not limited to, those capable of being permitted under this Article may be erected on any premises upon which a non-conforming sign is located unless the non-conforming sign is brought into full compliance with this Article or is removed.

(d) Non-conforming signs which have been abandoned in accord with § 13-1-91 lose their non-conforming status and shall be removed from the premises upon which they are located in accord with the procedures set forth in § 13-1-91. Thereafter, no sign may be erected on the same premises that is not in full compliance with the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 13-1-93 Construction Specifications

(a) All signs, other than temporary and portable signs, shall comply with all applicable provisions of state and Village building and electrical codes at all times. Verification of compliance therewith may be required of the sign owner by the Village.

(b) All free standing signs or pole signs shall be self-supporting and permanently affixed to the real estate on foundations adequate to support their superstructures.

(c) Signs that use glass or transparent panels shall be constructed using tempered, safety glass only.

(d) All signs shall be constructed to withstand wind pressure of not less than thirty (30) pounds per square foot and shall be constructed so as to support dead loads in accord with the building code.

(e) Supports and braces shall be integral to the design of a sign. Angle irons, chains, or wire used for supports or braces shall be hidden from public view to the extent that this is physically feasible.

(f) No sign shall be suspended in such a fashion or manner that will allow it to swing in an unrestricted manner, whether due to wind or other causes or to the extent that swinging may cause damage to the sign superstructure, supports, or foundation.

(g) All signs shall be appropriately maintained so as to present a neat and clean appearance off of the premises on which they are located.

Sec. 13-1-94 Administration

(a) The Village Building Inspector shall be responsible for enforcing the requirements of this Article.

(b) Should any sign be erected or constructed that fails to meet all requirements of this Article and any applicable building or electrical code, notwithstanding the fact that the owner thereof was granted a permit with which to construct it or, in other cases, that no permit was required under this Article, the Building Inspector may provide notice to the owner of the premises upon which it is located that the sign be rebuilt to standards and that the owner or his or her agent shall have from thirty (30) to ninety (90) days in which to do so. The failure to do so shall result in the loss of the sign permit in cases where a sign permit is required. Signs that are subject to this paragraph shall, if not rebuilt or reconstructed by the owner, be subject to § 13-1-90 and shall be treated by the Village as abandoned or dilapidated signs, subject to removal by the Village in accord therewith.

(c) Violations of this Article, if uncorrected in accord with the requirements of the notice provided by the Village, shall be subject to imposition of a forfeiture in the amount of not less than \$100 for each day such a violation continues, with each day constituting a separate violation.

(d) Each violation of the requirements of this Article pertaining to permanent signs is deemed by the Village to create a public nuisance which endangers the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Village. Correspondingly, in addition to or as a complete alternative to pursuing the imposition of a forfeiture for violations of this Article, the Village may seek injunctive relief against the continued maintenance of such signs, requesting of the court that it order removal or authorize the Village to do so at the expense of the owner of the premises on which the offending sign is located.

(e) Fee: The fee for a permit shall be \$35.00. Should a reinspection be required after a permit is issued, the permit holder shall be assessed a \$25.00 charge for each such inspection.

Sec. 13-1-95 Variances and Appeals

(a) Application process pursuant to Village policy and procedure and established fee shall apply. Variances may be requested to be granted by the Board of Appeals. No use variances shall be permitted.

(b) The Board of Appeals shall be authorized to hear appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector. Appeals may be taken within thirty (30) days of issuance of written notice of a determination of the Building Inspector.

Section Two: That this Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication as required by law. That this section not be codified.

Sec. 13-1-96 Limitations Applicable to Signs Under §§ 13-1-85 and 13-1-88

Off-premises signs for special events held by non-profit organizations are limited to 32 square feet in size, to be located upon which such events are to be held. In addition, these signs can be located off premises only with the permission of the owner(s) of the property or properties on which they are to be placed. Furthermore, permission for placement of signs of this type shall be obtained from the Building Inspector upon the basis of public safety concerns pertaining to the size and proposed location of the sign. Special event signs exceeding the limitations stated above shall require approval of the Village Board.