

- g. An appeal of the Zoning Officer's decision shall be made to the Lake Township Zoning Board of Appeals.
- h. The sign permit becomes null and void if work does not start within 180 days of permit date. If work is suspended or abandoned for 90 days, a new permit shall be required, with the fee to be set by the Township Board.

703 C. GENERAL SIGN RULES

- 1. All sign installers shall comply with any necessary licenses, permits, certifications and all applicable codes, laws and ordinances.
- 2. All signs shall comply with this Ordinance and any other applicable codes, laws and ordinances.
- 3. Signs shall not be erected, constructed or altered until a sign permit has been issued by the Zoning Officer (unless it falls into the exempt category).
- 4. No sign shall be located in, project into or overhang a public right-of-way or dedicated public easement, or be fastened to a public utility pole except those signs established and maintained by the Roscommon County Road Commission, State of Michigan or the U.S. Government for traffic control/regulation and direction.
- 5. When more than one business is located on a lot or parcel, only one free standing sign is allowed.
- 6. Signs shall be limited in size and meet setbacks, according to the zoning classifications.
- 7. One (1) sign at the entrance of each platted subdivision will be permitted to identify the subdivision. Such sign shall be no larger than fifty (50) square feet in size and shall be no closer to the highway or road right-of-way than twenty-five (25) feet. All bare incandescent light sources and immediately adjacent reflecting surfaces shall be shielded from vehicular view and residential areas.
- 8. All signs not on the premises of a business advertised shall have the name and address of the owner legible on the sign. Off premise signs larger than sixteen (16) square feet shall require a special land use permit. There shall be no off premise advertising on any shrink-wrapped items within Lake Township.
- 9. No signs shall be permitted in the clear view area at street and/or roadways. Clear view area shall be twenty (20) feet from the street right-of-way of both intersecting streets.
- 10. A home occupation sign shall be no larger than eighteen (18) inches square whether it is free standing or attached to the residence.
- 11. All off premise signs shall be clearly labeled with the owner's name, address and phone number.

704 D. TEMPORARY/PORTABLE SIGNS

Signs on wheels or to be temporarily installed (other than those mentioned elsewhere, i.e. real estate and political signs) shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 1. A permit shall be obtained from the Zoning Officer.
- 2. A permit for temporary signs shall be issued for a maximum period of fifteen (15) days. No permit shall be allowed more than once in every four-month period.
- 3. The placement of any such sign shall be such that it is not in the road right-of-way and shall not interfere with any clear vision area of traffic and pedestrian flow.
- 4. All such temporary/portable signs shall contain no flashing, pulsating, rotating or unshielded lights.

705 E. PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

No permit is required for the following:

- 1. Regular maintenance, cleaning and/or painting of an established sign.

2. Temporary cutouts, extensions and/or decorations on holidays or events. Such signs shall be erected no more than 30 days prior to said **events and shall be removed within 15 days after the end of said event.**
3. Signs for traffic control/regulation, street and road signs, and the like, which are maintained and erected by the Roscommon County Road Commission, the State of Michigan or the U.S. Government.
4. Warning signs which warn of danger but are not advertising a product or service. Such warning signs shall be removed when the danger is no longer present.
5. Emergencies. When there is imminent danger of personal injury or harm to property, work may be initiated/completed without a permit, however, a sign permit shall be obtained on the next business day after the emergency work has started.
6. Directional/instructional signs located entirely on property to which they pertain, such as those identifying restrooms, telephones, parking lot directions, etc.
7. Flags and windsocks.
8. House numbers, addresses, name plates, memorial signs, erection dates and building names when cut into, inlaid or mounted against a building surface.
9. Posted-No trespassing, no dumping, private property, "beware" signs that do not exceed two (2) square feet each.
10. Political/campaign signs. Such signs shall be erected no more than 60 days prior to the election and shall be removed within 10 days after the election to which they refer. Political signs not pertaining to an election shall be permitted for a period of 90 days only within one calendar year.
11. Official public notices posted by government offices in the performance of their duties. Also, public signs required or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute or ordinance. Such may be of any type or size as required by such law, statute or ordinance, and shall be removed in a timely fashion.
12. Real estate signs. One lease/rent/sale sign per lot or one for every 200 feet of frontage for a parcel. Waterfront and corner lots may have two signs. Real Estate Signs in residential areas shall not exceed six (6) square feet and in commercial areas shall not exceed 32 square feet. No illumination shall be allowed. Signs shall be removed within (14) days after the lease, rent, or sale.
13. Symbols or insignia which are mounted flat against a building.
14. Signs that pertain to drives or events of a civic, philanthropic, educational or religious nature, provided such signs are erected no more than (30) days prior and shall be removed within (7) days after the end of said drive or event. In no case shall the sign remain longer than a total of (90) days. Such signs shall be limited in size to (20) square feet.

706 F. PROHIBITED

E.

Prohibited

1. Tacking, pasting or hanging of miscellaneous signs or posters on walls, fences, buildings, trees, poles and/or posts.
2. Abandoned signs, those signs which advertise a business, product, event, lessor, activity or owner which no longer exists, or which has ceased for a period of 30 days. Any sign considered to be obsolete shall be removed.

3. Banners, pennants, searchlights, sandwich board signs, balloons or gas-filled figures EXCEPT by special permit. Such special permit shall be issued by the Zoning Officer for a maximum of thirty (30) days. The placement of any item shall be such that it is not in the road right-of-way and shall not interfere with any clear vision area for traffic and pedestrian flow. For banners and pennants, a said permit shall be renewable if the banners and pennants are not dilapidated, abandoned, dangerous, or obsolete. When any banners or pennants are determined by the Zoning Officer to be dilapidated, abandoned, dangerous, or obsolete, they shall be removed or replaced.
4. Flags, banners and windsocks shall not be used to advertise home occupations, products or services.
5. Any sign which by reason of size, location, movement, content, coloring or illumination which could be confused with a traffic control sign, signal or device or lights of emergency and road control vehicles.
6. Signs containing statements or pictures of an obscene or pornographic nature.
7. Signs which emit audible sound or visible matter.
8. No Temporary signs made of paper, cardboard, canvas or similar material, other than a sign advertising a sale or renting of the premises on which the same is located shall be permitted on the exterior walls.
9. No sign shall be allowed to remain standing which is not maintained and in good repair. Such signs not in good repair shall be removed at the owners expense, at the determination of the Zoning Officer.
10. No signs shall be permitted in the clear view area at street and/or road intersections and where there are any variations in road rights- of-way. Clear view area shall be twenty feet from the street right-of-way of both intersecting streets.
11. Any sign considered to be obsolete shall be ordered removed.
12. There shall be no off premise advertising on any shrink-wrapped Items within Lake Township.

707 G. Maintenance.

1. All signs shall be kept in good structural condition at all times.
2. All signs shall be kept neatly painted and maintained. All parts shall be in good working order.
3. The Zoning Officer shall have the authority to order the painting, repair, alteration, or removal of signs which are determined to be dilapidated, abandoned, dangerous, or are obsolete. The Zoning Officer shall require compliance with all standards of this ordinance and shall enforce such standards.

708 H. C-W, C-1 and C-2. SIGNS PERMITTED

1. Temporary cutouts, extensions and/or decorations on holidays or events. Such signs shall be erected no more than 30 days prior to said events and shall be removed within 15 days after the end of said event.
2. Flags and windsocks not used to advertise home occupations, products or services.
3. House numbers, addresses, name plates, memorial signs, erection dates and building names when cut into, inlaid or mounted against a building surface.

4. Posted - No Trespassing, No Dumping, Private Property, "Beware" signs that do not exceed two (2) square feet each. /campaign signs. Such signs shall be erected no more than 60 days prior to the election and shall be removed within 10 days after the election to which they refer. Political signs not pertaining to an election shall be permitted for a period of 90 days only within one calendar year.
6. Official public notices posted by government offices in the performance of their duties. Also, public signs required or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute or ordinance. Such may be of any type or size as required by such law, statute or ordinance, and shall be removed in a timely fashion.
7. Real estate signs. One lease/rent/sale sign per lot or one for every 200 feet of frontage for a parcel. Waterfront and corner lots may have two signs. Real estate Signs in residential areas shall not exceed six (6) square feet and in commercial areas shall not exceed 32 square feet. No illumination shall be allowed. Signs shall be removed within 14 days after the lease, rent or sale.
8. Symbols or insignia which are mounted flat against a building.
9. Signs that pertain to drives or events of a civic, philanthropic, educational or religious nature, provided such signs are erected no more than 30 days prior and shall be removed within 7 days after the end of said drive or event. In no case shall the sign remain longer than a total of 90 days. Such signs shall be limited in size to 20 square feet.
10. Signs may be attached flat against a main building or parallel to the building with a projection not to exceed eight (8) inches and shall face only public streets or parking areas which are part of the development.
11. Signs may be illuminated, but if intended to have moving illumination, such illumination shall first be approved by the Zoning Officer whom shall insure that light intensity, color, and movement will not distract motor vehicle operations or constitute a traffic safety hazard.
12. Free standing signs shall not exceed 32 square feet.
13. The total sum of all sign faces allowed per business shall be three hundred (300) square feet total with an additional three hundred (300) square feet allowed for a mall identification sign.
14. Signs for grand openings of stores, businesses, buildings, projects or Subdivisions which refer to the contractors, financial institutions and such involved with the project: such signs shall be in place no longer than 30 days prior to the grand opening and shall be removed within 30 days after the grand opening. Signs for ground breaking of stores, businesses, buildings, projects or subdivisions which refer to the contractors, financial institutions and such involved with the project: such signs shall be in place no longer than 180 days prior to the groundbreaking and shall be removed within 30 days after the grand opening.
15. Advertising structures or outdoor signs greater than 32 square feet must first be approved by the Planning Commission which shall insure that size, light intensity, color, and movement will not distract motor vehicle operators, constitute a traffic safety hazard or adversely impact adjacent residential property and is at least twenty-five (25) feet from any street or highway right-of-way.
16. All free standing and permanent signs must be at least ten (10) feet from the traveled portion of the roadway. Any free standing sign less than twenty-five feet from the right-of-way must have a minimum height of six (6) feet from the ground level to the bottom of the sign.