



CHAPTER 16.5

SIGNS

Article I.

In General

Editor's note-Ord. No. 82, S1-3, adopted Jan. 28, 1975, did not specifically amend the Code. Codification herein as Ch. 16.5, S16.5-1---16.5-6 was therefore, at the discretion of the editor.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

SECTION 16.5-1. DEFINITION. A sign is defined as any device or display consisting of letters, numbers, symbols, pictures, illustrations, announcements, cutouts, insignia, trademarks or demonstrations; designed to advertise, inform, identify or to attract the attention of persons. (Ord. No. 82, S1, 1-28-75)

SECTION 16.5-2. UNLAWFUL TO ERECT OR DISPLAY SIGNS; EXCEPTION. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or display any sign in any area of the town, except that, at the sole discretion of the planning board, signs may be displayed or erected for limited or special purpose upon obtaining of a sign permit from said board. Permits will be required for the alteration or relocation of any signs which have been erected prior to the effective date of this chapter. (Ord. No. 82, S1, 1-28-75)

SECTION 16.5-3. SIGNS EXCLUDED FROM CHAPTER PROVISIONS. The following signs are excluded from the operation of this chapter unless hereinafter noted:

- (1) Memorial signs, tablets, plaques or names of buildings and date of erection.
- (2) Mailbox signs as permitted by U. S. Postal Service limited to occupants's name and address with letters and numerals not exceeding two and one- half (2 1/2) inches in height or width.
- (3) Professional name plates not exceeding one square foot of surface area.
- (4) Signs noting the architect, engineer or contractors when placed upon site under construction, provided that such signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days of issuance of the certificate of occupancy. These signs shall be limited to four (4) square feet of

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surface area. Only one sign per construction site will be permitted by operation of this paragraph.

(5) Directional signs to historical or geographical points of interest.

(6) Traffic or other municipal signs, legal notices, danger signs and temporary emergency signs.

(7) One sign of not more than one square foot which offers real estate for sale or rent by the owner listing his telephone number. This sign may only be displayed on the real estate offered for sale or rent.

(8) Flags and insignia of any governmental level.

(9) Signs not exceeding one square foot of surface area and bearing only property numbers and names of occupants of premises not having commercial connotations.

(10) Temporary signs not exceeding two (2) square feet of surface area announcing recreational or special events sponsored by the Town of Melbourne Village or by bona fide organizations whose membership is limited to residents or property owners of Melbourne Village; provided however, that such temporary signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the event was scheduled. (Ord. No. 82, S1, 1-28-75)

SECTION 16.5-4. MAINTENANCE OF ERECTED SIGNS. Any erected sign must be maintained in good repair and appearance. (Ord. No. 82, S1, 1-28-75)

SECTION 16.5-5. NONCONFORMING SIGNS ERECTED PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE. Any nonconforming signs which have been erected prior to the effective date of this chapter may continue to be maintained for three (3) years after the effective date of this chapter. Thereafter, unless such signs conform to the provisions of this chapter, they shall be removed and the owners or maintainers of such signs shall bear all expenses related thereto. (Ord. No. 82, S3, 1-28-75)

SECTION 16.5-6. PENALTY. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this chapter and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), or subject to imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Each day a violation is committed shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such. (Ord. No.82, S2, 1-28-75)

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