

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 16, "ZONING", CHAPTER 16.40, "SIGN REGULATIONS", REVISING VARIOUS REGULATIONS THEREIN REGARDING TEMPORARY TYPES OF SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Village of Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 16, "Zoning", Chapter 16.40, "Sign Regulations", provides a legal framework for a comprehensive but balanced system of street graphics throughout the village; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Carpentersville, hereinafter referred to as the "Village Board", find that it is desirable and beneficial to periodically amend the sign regulations to reflect current zoning practices; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Carpentersville held a public hearing on amendments to the text of Chapter 16.40 of the Zoning Ordinance on June 17, 2010, following a notice of said hearing published in accordance with law, and continued said public hearing to July 15, 2010, and after completion of the hearing on July 15, 2010 said Commission voted (aye: 4, nay: 1, absent: 2) to recommend to the Village Board that the amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance, as hereinafter described, be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Carpentersville, Kane County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Village of Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 16, "Zoning", Chapter 16.40 "Sign Regulations", Section 16.40.030 "Definitions", specifically the definition of "Real estate sign" is hereby amended, and as amended shall read as follows:

"Real estate sign" means a sign located for purposes of advertising a parcel, building, or tenant space to be available for sale, rental, or lease. Such a sign may also include a Sold sign for a period not to exceed seven days.

SECTION 2: The Village of Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 16, "Zoning", Chapter 16.40 "Sign Regulations", Section 16.40.030 "Definitions", is hereby amended by adding the following definition:

"Daily Temporary Sign" means a sign that is placed in front of a business during the hours of operation of the business on a daily basis and taken in nightly. Such signs are intended to benefit and to attract the attention of pedestrians.

SECTION 3: The Village of Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 16, "Zoning", Chapter 16.40 "Sign Regulations", Section 16.40.040 "Graphic regulations by district

and administration”, subsection 16.40.040.D is hereby amended, and as amended shall read as follows:

- D. Permits Not Required. The provisions and regulations of this section shall not apply to the following community graphics, nor shall the area of such community graphics be included in the sign area permitted for any establishment:
1. Public Signs. The signs required or specifically authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute, or ordinance; which may be of any type, number, area, height above grade, location, illumination, or animation, authorized by the law, statute or ordinance under which the signs are created.
 2. Memorial Signs. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or inlaid so as to be part of the building or when constructed of bronze or other non-combustible material.
 3. Holiday Decorations. Signs in the nature of decorations, clearly incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national, local, or religious holiday; provided that such signs shall be displayed for a period of not more than sixty (60) days in any one year; and may be of any type, number, area, height, location, illumination or animation. Such decorations may not be used for advertising purposes.
 4. Contractor Signs. Not more than one such sign per premise shall be allowed. Contractor signs shall not exceed six square feet in area and shall be removed at the time of issuance of the occupancy permit for said property. Any contractor sign which exceeds six square feet in area shall require a permit, valid for six months, and shall be subject to all of the provisions and regulations of this chapter. Contractor signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area nor exceed eight feet in height except contractor signs located in any residential district shall not exceed five feet in height.
 5. Signs of Public Utility Companies. Indicating danger or which serve as an aid to public safety or which show the location of underground facilities or of public telephones.
 6. Window Promotional Signs. There shall be not more than one window promotional sign per associated window, the total area of which signage shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the surface area of each associated window. A maximum number of two window promotional signs are allowed per building, parcel, or unit.
 7. No Trespassing Signs or other such signs regulating the use of a property, such as no hunting, no fishing, etc., of no more than two square feet in area.
 8. Flags. Symbols or crests of nations, states and cities, fraternal, religious and civic organizations containing no advertising material or message.
 9. Institutional Signs. Bulletin boards not over thirty-two (32) square feet in area for public, charitable, or religious institutions where the same are located on the premises of said institutions.

10. Real Estate Signs. Said signs, as defined in Section 16.40.030, must be located on the same property as the real estate being advertised, and may remain in place during the time the property is actually for sale or for rent. No more than one real estate sign is allowed per lot except that a corner lot may have one such real estate sign per street front. Real estate signs are allowed as follows:
 - a. Real estate signs for residential uses shall not exceed six square feet in area.
 - b. Except as noted in subsection c below, real estate signs for non-residential uses shall not exceed 32 square feet in area.
 - c. In addition to the real estate sign noted in subsection b above, one real estate sign banner not exceeding 120 square feet in area may be attached to any non-residential building of 25,000 square feet or larger. Such banners shall be securely attached to the subject building and shall be removed or replaced if they become frayed or damaged.
11. Nameplates. Signs not exceeding four square feet in area and bearing only names or occupants and/or addresses of premises not having commercial connotations.
12. Public Signs. Legal notices, identification, informational, or directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies, or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute, or ordinance.
13. Residential Development Signs (Subdivision Signs). Permanent residential development signs at no more than three entrances designed to identify a residential subdivision or planned unit development and containing no commercial advertising of any type, including the developing company name or logo, but shall include the recorded legal name of the subdivision/planned unit development. Such a sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area for the single main entrance to a residential subdivision or planned development that contains fifty (50) or fewer subdivided lots and not to exceed fifty (50) square feet in area for the single main entrance to the residential subdivision or planned development that contains in excess of fifty (50) subdivided lots. Secondary subdivision signs are permitted for secondary entrances to a residential subdivision but shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. The community development department shall determine which subdivision entrance is the main entrance and which are the secondary entrances. One sign is allowed per subdivision entrance only when secondary entrance signs are permitted. All residential development signs (subdivision signs) shall include on the sign face thereof sufficient provision of identification that the residential development or subdivision is located within the village of Carpentersville. A permit is required for any and all such signs.
14. Rummage Sale or Garage Sale Signs. For purposes of this chapter, all such garage sale signs and the like shall be subject to the provisions regulating temporary signs. In addition, no such sign shall exceed five feet in surface area, and no such sign shall exceed a maximum exposure period of five days. All such signs shall be placed on private property.

15. Window Displays. Merchandise, picture, models, products or services incorporated in a window display.
16. Political Campaigning Signs. Signs or posters announcing candidates seeking public political office and/or political issues, and data pertinent thereto, up to an area of sixteen (16) square feet. Political campaigning signs may be displayed on residential property during any period of time. On non-residential property, political campaigning signs may be displayed for no more than sixty (60) days and shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the election. All such signs shall be placed on private property.
17. Daily Temporary Signs.
 - a. One Daily Temporary Sign, as defined in Section 16.40.030, may be displayed for each business located on non-residential property.
 - b. Daily Temporary Signs shall not exceed the following total display area:
 - i. Sandwich board (also known as A-frame) maximum size twenty four inches by thirty six inches (24" x 36") per side with display copy on two (2) sides, not to exceed 12 square feet total.
 - ii. Three (3) legged easel with a single side display area of thirty six inches by thirty six inches (36" x 36"), 9 square feet.
 - iii. Pedestal sign with a maximum size of twenty four inches by thirty six inches (24" x 36") per side with display copy on two (2) sides, not to exceed 12 square feet total, with a maximum height of four feet.
 - c. A Daily Temporary Sign may be placed anywhere on the same property as the business being advertised, but shall not create an obstruction for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and shall not obstruct the vision of drivers.
 - d. Daily Temporary Signs shall be constructed with durable materials designed to withstand outdoor weather conditions, and paper or similar easily decomposed displays are not allowed. Other materials designed to draw further attention to the sign (such as balloons, streamers, pennants, etc) are prohibited.
 - e. All Daily Temporary Signs shall be allowed only until August 1, 2012 and shall be prohibited after August 1, 2012.

SECTION 4: The Village of Carpentersville Municipal Code, Title 16, "Zoning", Chapter 16.40 "Sign Regulations", Section 16.40.050 "Permitted community graphics and construction of graphics and signs", subsection 16.40.050.A.5 is hereby amended, and as amended shall read as follows:

5. Temporary;
 - a. Size. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area.
 - b. Number. Not more than one temporary sign as defined by this chapter shall be permitted on a parcel of property.

- c. Permit Limitations. A permit must be obtained for all temporary signs. Permits for temporary signage shall be limited to thirty (30) days or less as determined by the community development department. Such a sign shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of the permit unless a new permit is obtained. No more than three temporary permits shall be issued for one building, parcel or unit in any calendar year.
- d. Legend. No temporary sign shall contain any advertisement of any business, industry, or pursuit not, conducted on or in the premises on which such sign is erected or maintained.
- e. Grand Openings and Special Events. Temporary signs and attention-getting devices as defined within this chapter, may be permitted for new business grand openings and promoting special events as determined by the community development department. A permit must be obtained for all such temporary signs and attention-getting devices and shall be limited to sixty (60) days or less as determined by the community development department. Such a sign or attention-getting device shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of the permit.

SECTION 5: The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 6: The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with law.

Motion made by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____, that the Ordinance be passed.

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of Carpentersville, Kane County, Illinois, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of July 2010, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: _____

NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this 20th day of July 2010.

Ed Ritter
Village President