

**ARTICLE 25: SECTION 3500 SIGNS:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3500 of the Carver Zoning By-Laws, as set forth below, deletions are shown in strikethrough and additions are shown in bold type, or take any other action relative thereto:

## **3500. SIGNS**

3510. Purpose.

**Move Section 3560 Administration to here and renumber**

~~3560~~ **3515.** Administration

~~3561~~ **3516.** Sign Permits

- a. No sign shall be erected, displayed, altered or enlarged until an application has been filed, and until a permit for such action has been issued by the Planning Board **except for those signs that the Building Commissioner is authorized to approve.** Applications may be filed by the owner of the land or building, or any person who has the authority to erect a sign on the premises, and shall be on forms prescribed by the Planning Board. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, illumination, letter sizes, color, support systems, and location on land or buildings with all relevant measurements. Permits shall be issued only if the Planning Board determines that the sign complies or will comply with all applicable provisions of this Sign By-Law.
- b. The Planning Board shall act within 30 days of receipt of such application together with the required fee. The Planning Board's action or failure to act may be appealed to Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the expiration of said 30 day period.
- c. After the Planning Board has issued a sign permit, a copy of the permit shall be transmitted to the Building Inspector, who shall assign a registration number to the sign, issue a building permit if required, and monitor compliance with the terms of the permit.

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~~3563~~ **3518.** Duration of Permits. The Planning Board may limit the duration of any sign permit and may condition said permit upon continued ownership or operation of the business advertised upon the sign.

~~3564~~**3519.** Enforcement. The Zoning Enforcement Officer is hereby designated as the Sign Officer, and is hereby authorized to enforce this bylaw. The Sign Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous, or in disrepair or which is erected or maintained contrary to this bylaw.

~~3565~~ **3519.1. Removal of Signs.** Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Sign Officer, or which is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the person, firm, or corporation responsible for the sign within thirty (30) days of written notice to remove. **The Building Commissioner or any other person designated by the Town Administrator has authority to remove any unauthorized sign. The Building Commissioner shall provide written notification to the property owner and/or sign owner and if the sign is not removed with ten (10) days of written notice to remove then the Building Commissioner may remove the sign or cause it to be removed. Temporary or moveable signs do not require written notification to remove. The property owner and/or sign owner shall bear the cost of removal and disposal of any sign ordered removed by the Building Commissioner. Any sign not removed within the time limit shall be deemed a public nuisance, and shall be removed by the Town of Carver. The cost of said removal shall be borne by the sign and/or property owner and may be recovered by the Town, if necessary, in an action in the appropriate court. A sign or structure removed by the Town shall be held for not less than thirty (30) days by the Town during which period it may be recovered by the owner upon payment to the Town of the cost of removal and storage, and upon payment of any fine which may have been imposed. If not recovered within said thirty (30) day period, the sign or structure shall be deemed abandoned and title thereto shall be vested in the Town for disposal in any manner permitted by law.**

~~3566~~**3519.2. Penalties.** Violation of any provision of this bylaw or any lawful order of the Sign Officer shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$300.00 per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

~~2350-~~ 3519.3 Sight Obstruction

~~2351-~~ At corners, no sign (except signs erected by a public agency), fence, wall, hedge, or other obstruction shall be allowed to block vision between 2 1/2 and 8 feet above the street grade within an area formed by the intersecting street lines and a straight line joining the points of said street lines 20 feet back from their point of intersection.

### 3520. General Regulations

3521. Permitted Signs. Only signs which refer to a use permitted by the Zoning By-Law or protected by statute are permitted, provided such signs conform to the provisions of this Sign By-Law.

## VILLAGE AND AGRICULTURAL/ RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS#1

[Strikethrough # and add footnote 1]

Sign	Permitted	Max. Number	Max Area	Max Height	Clearance/ Setback
Address*2	Yes	1 per building	2 square feet	4 feet	Setback at least 3 feet from right of way
Traffic Flow*2	Yes	Unlimited	3 sq. feet per sign	4 feet	
Directory*2	Yes	1 per multiple-occupancy commercial building	4 sq. ft. for the name of the building; 2 sq. ft. for each business	5 feet	
Freestanding*3	Yes	1 per single-occupancy commercial building	4 square feet	5 feet	
Marquee/ Canopy	Yes	1 per business	4 square feet; letters may not exceed 12" in height	Lowest point of the roof	10 foot clearance above sidewalk
Monument	No	1 per single-occupancy commercial building or business park			
Wall	Yes	1 per business*4	10% of wall area	Lowest point of the roof	Shall not project more than 6" from building
Window	Yes	1 per business	30% of the window area		
Individual letters or symbols	No				
<b>TOTAL OF ALL SIGNS</b>		2 per business	8 sq. ft. per business		

- # 1. Signs for home occupations are subject to the provisions of Sections 2241 and 2242
- \*2. Shall not count in the total number or area of signs allowed per business.
- \*3. Free standing signs over six feet in height may have no more than two sides; those less than six feet in height may have three or four sides.
- \*4. 2 wall signs may be permitted per business where the business has frontage on two streets. The name of the business included within a directory sign will not count as the one sign per business. However, the aggregate area will include both the directory sign and the additional sign permitted per business.
- 5. **Building Commissioner is authorized to issue permit for this type of sign.**

PLANNING BOARD

GENERAL BUSINESS AND SPRING STREET INNOVATION DISTRICT (SSID)

Sign	Permitted	Max. Number	Max. Area	Max. Height	Clearance/ Setback
Address <sup>#2</sup>	Yes	1 per building	2 sq. feet	4 feet	setback at least 3 feet from right of way
Traffic Flow <sup>#2</sup>	Yes	unlimited	3 sq. ft. per sign	4 feet	
Directory <sup>#2</sup>	Yes	1 per multiple-occupancy commercial building	16 sq. ft. for the name of the building; 2 sq. ft. for each business	10 feet	
Freestanding	Yes	1 per single-occupancy commercial building	10 sq. feet	10 feet	
Marquee/ Canopy	Yes	1 per business	8 sq. feet; letters may not exceed 12" in height	lowest point of roof	10 foot clearance above sidewalk
Monument	Yes	1 per single-occupancy commercial building or business park	10 square feet	4 feet	
Projecting	Yes	1 per business	10 square feet	Bottom sill of the second story window or the lowest point of the roof of a 1 story building	setback at least 2 ft from the curb; 8" clearance above sidewalk; 13" clearance above driveway
Wall	yes	1 per business <sup>#4</sup>	10% of wall area	lowest point of the roof	shall not project more than 6" from building
Window	Yes	1 per business	30% of the window area		
Individual letters of symbols	Yes		10% of wall area		shall not project more than 12" from building surface

TOTAL OF ALL SIGNS		2 per business	16 sq. ft. per business		
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### HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

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3552. Moveable or Temporary Signs (and/or moveable). Such signs are prohibited except as follows. **The Building Commissioner is the permitting authority for the following signs:**

Type	Duration	Max. Size	Permit Required
Charitable or Civic Events	Week prior to event	80 square feet	no
Commercial	30 days; twice yearly	32 square feet	yes
Construction	6 months	12 square feet	no
For Sale/Rent/Lease	Till 30 days after sale or lease	6 square feet	no
Grand Opening Banner	21 days	32 square feet	no
Holiday displays: Banners & Bunting	4 separate 30 consecutive day periods in each calendar year	as appropriate (shall consist of cloth, canvas, vinyl or the like)	no
Political - unlighted	30 days prior; 7 days after election *	6 square feet	no
Yard Sale	5 days prior	2 square feet	no

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\* signs erected for a primary election may remain up through the final election

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*INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY: The Building Commissioner has requested changes to Section 3500 of the Zoning By-Law to make it easier to enforce the removal of signs by reducing the notification period from thirty (30) days to ten (10) days; and remove the notification requirement for temporary or moveable signs.*

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move that the Town approve Article 28 as set forth in the Warrant.  
**(2/3rds Vote Required)**

*Recommendation: Select Board 0-0; Planning Board 4-0*