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Application number \_\_\_\_\_  
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## TOWN OF NEWBURGH SIGN APPLICATION

**Application Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map and Lot Number \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**General Information:**

Sign Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Location \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Lighting (YES/NO, if yes what type) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Materials \_\_\_\_\_

**Drawing of Proposed Sign:**

I hereby state to the best of my knowledge all of the above stated information is true and correct. I understand that if false or misinformation has been given, this application is considered null and void. I also hereby agree to adhere to all applicable state laws and town ordinances regarding signs and their replacement.

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Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Action on Application**

( ) Approved ( ) Denied

( ) Tabled ( ) Withdrawn

**Newburgh Building Inspector**

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**Explanation of Inspector's Decision:**

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1. The continued use of nonconforming luminaires legally existing as of the effective date of this section shall be permitted unless determined to be a safety hazard.
2. Nonconforming luminaires replaced or moved after the effective date of this section shall comply with the provisions of this section.

## **18. Signs**

The following provisions shall apply to all new or replacement signs for outdoor display in Newburgh, excepting name signs identifying residential occupants, farms and tree farms.

### **A. Dimensions**

1. Single signs shall be allowed up to 32 sq. ft. each, whether free-standing or attached to a structure. The maximum total sign area per business shall be 50 sq. ft.
2. Double-sided signs with equal and parallel faces shall be measured as if they were single-sided, because only one side can be seen at a time.
3. Signs may be allowed to be larger in area when they advertise a group of businesses located in a single building, mall, plaza or office park. In such cases, the maximum permitted sign area shall be 16 sq. ft. for the sign bearing the name of the building, mall, plaza or office park; and 2 sq. ft. for each business or office located there. In addition to the group sign, each business in the mall, plaza, or office park may have a sign on their premises, up to 32 sq. ft. in area.

### **B. Height**

1. Free-standing signs may be up to 15' high, measured with respect to the average ground grade.
2. Roof signs or signs above eaves level of building are not allowed to extend beyond the peak of the roof. However, signs mounted on a parapet wall which extends above the roofline may be permitted, provided they don't extend above the top of the parapet.

### **C. Location**

1. As required by state law (Title 23, MRSA, Sect. 1914), no signs may be located:
  - a. Within 33 feet of the center-line of any public way if the highway is less than 66 feet in width;
  - b. Within 20 feet from the outside edge of the paved portion of any public way with more than 2 travel lanes and a total paved portion in excess of 24 feet in width; or
  - c. Within the full width of the right-of-way of any public way, whichever is stricter.
2. Signs shall be placed at least ten feet from any side lot lines, and shall be placed so as not to obstruct the view of traffic.

### **D. Lighting**

1. Flashing, moving, or animated sign shall be prohibited. (This shall not prohibit signs which swing from hooks.)
2. Signs will be illuminated only by shielded non-flashing lights so as to effectively prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at neighboring residential properties or any portion of the main traveled way of a roadway, or is of such low intensity of brilliance as not to cause glare or impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle or otherwise interfere with the operation thereof.
3. Plastic signs which are internally lit shall be allowed, provided they contain dark backgrounds with light-colored letters or symbols (to reduce roadside glare). When plastic signs are to be externally illuminated, they may be any color.

### **E. Miscellaneous**

1. Strings of light bulbs, pennants, propellers, etc. shall not be permitted, except as part of a holiday celebration.

2. Mobile signs, such as those mounted on a movable chassis (with or without wheels) may be displayed for up to fifteen days at a time, and no more than two times in any twelve month period.

#### F. Administration

Prior to erecting a sign or replacing an existing sign, owners shall first submit a drawing to the Building Inspector showing the dimensions, location, materials, and illumination proposals. The Building Inspector shall issue a permit if the application meets all the requirements of this ordinance and conforms with all applicable state laws. Unless exempted below, in paragraphs G or H, no sign may be erected or replaced without a permit.

#### G. Exceptions: For the purpose of this Section, the term "sign" shall not include:

1. Signs erected for public safety and welfare or pursuant to any governmental function.
2. Directional signs solely indicating entrance and exit placed at driveway locations, containing no advertising material, and where display area does not exceed three square feet or extend higher than seven feet above ground level.
3. Signs relating to trespassing and hunting, not exceeding two square feet in area.
4. Temporary sign advertising property for lease or sale, and political campaign signs.

#### H. Non-Conforming Signs

1. **Maintenance:** Any new sign of different size, shape, or material replacing a non-conforming sign shall conform to the provisions of this Section, and the non-conforming sign shall not thereafter be displayed.
2. **Replacement:** Any new sign of different size, shape, or material replacing a non-conforming sign shall conform to the provisions of this Section, and the non-conforming sign shall not thereafter be displayed.
3. **Continuance:** Any conforming sign may continue to be displayed indefinitely. Signs which exceed the maximum standards for area shall be brought into compliance with this ordinance.
  - A twelve-month extension may be granted once to any sign-owner, by Selectmen, continuance of the sign, and if it finds that the sign has been well-maintained. Such extension shall not be granted to any applicant whose premises are in violation of other town requirements.
  - Signs not removed within these time limits shall be removed by the Town, if the sign owner of property owner fails to do so after being so instructed by the Selectmen. Costs of said removal shall be borne by the property and/or sign owner and may be recovered by the Town, if necessary, in an action of contract in the District court.

### 4. STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC LAND USES

1. **Automobile Junkyards/Graveyard:** The following performance standards are required of all automobile graveyards, junkyards and automobile recycling businesses, whether new or existing.
  - A. The site must be enclosed by a visual screen at least 6 feet in height and built in accordance with the requirements of Title 30-A MRSA, Section 3754- A(1)(A)(1)-(4), and any regulations of the Maine Department of Transportation;
  - B. No vehicle shall be stored within any protected zone of any water body or inland wetland.
  - C. No vehicle shall be stored within three hundred (300) feet of public or private well (excluding owners), school, church or public playground or public park;
  - D. No vehicles shall be stored over a sand and gravel aquifer or aquifer recharge area as mapped by the Maine Geological Survey or by a licensed geologist;
  - E. No vehicle shall be stored within a floodplain;