

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP  
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**Application for Sign**

The undersigned understands that per Bloom Twp. Zoning Resolution 412-414, all permits shall be conditioned upon the commencement of work within one year of the filing of the application. If work has not been completed within 2 years of the date of issuance, the permit shall expire.

**Applicant must fill out application in its entirety before permit will be issued.**

Name of property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel# of property for permit: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of property where permit is to be issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ acres, Road frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Measuring from the building line, indicate how many feet your sign will be from:

1. Front Building line: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
2. From rear of sign to rear yard line: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
3. From side of sign to right side yard line: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
4. From side of sign to left side yard line: \_\_\_\_\_ feet
5. Total height of sign will be \_\_\_\_\_ feet
6. Total square footage of sign will be \_\_\_\_\_ sq. ft.

Attach the following documentation to this form:

- Legal Survey
- Site Plan which shows the plans for the sign drawn to scale showing the actual dimensions and shape of lot to be built on, exact size and location of existing buildings, if any, and the location and dimensions of proposed sign or alterations.
- Zoning Application Fee (See attached Bloom Twp. Fee Schedule for Sign Fee amount.)

I certify that the information supplied in this application is true and correct and that all information requested has been supplied with this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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For official use only

Approval for:

Denial (state reason):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tina Leising, Zoning Processor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne D. Cyphert, Zoning/Board Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Approved

## ARTICLE X

### SIGNS

#### 1001 GENERAL

The purpose of this article is to promote and protect the public health, welfare, and safety by regulating existing and proposed outdoor advertising, outdoor advertising signs, and outdoor signs of all types. It is intended to protect property values, create a more visually attractive economic and business climate, enhance and protect the physical appearance of the community, and preserve the scenic and natural beauty of designated areas. It is further intended to reduce sign or advertising clutter, distraction, and obstructions that may contribute to traffic accidents, reduce hazards that may be caused by signs overhanging or projecting over public rights-of-way, provide more open space, curb the deterioration of the natural environment, and enhance community development by permitting signs which are compatible with their surroundings.

#### 1002 GOVERNMENTAL SIGNS EXCLUDED

For the purpose of this Resolution "sign" does not include signs erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function, or required by any law, ordinance, or governmental regulation.

#### 1003 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SIGNS AND DISTRICTS

The regulations contained in this section shall apply to all signs and all use districts.

- A. Any illuminated sign or lighting device shall employ only light emitting a light of constant intensity, and no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving light or lights. In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed or directed so as to permit the beams and illumination therefrom to be directed or beamed upon a public thoroughfare, highway, sidewalk, or adjacent premises so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance;
- B. No sign shall employ any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, spin or otherwise make use of motion to attract attention. Subsections (A) and (B) of this 1003 shall not apply to any sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, or similar services;
- C. All wiring, fittings, and materials used in the construction, connection, and operation of electrically illuminated signs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the local electric code in effect, if any;
- D. No projecting sign shall be erected or maintained from the front or face of a building a distance of more than two feet, including those projecting from the face of any theater, hotel, or motel marquee;
- E. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building, except those signs whose supporting structure is screened so the sign appears to be a continuation of the face of the building.
- F. No portable or temporary sign shall be placed on the front or face of a building or on any premises, except as provided in Section 1008 herein;

- G. No sign or part thereof shall contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners, or other similar moving devices. Such devices, as well as strings of lights, shall not be used for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention when not part of a sign;
- H. No sign erected or maintained in the window of a building, visible from any public or private street or highway, shall occupy more than 20 percent of the window surface;
- I. No sign of any classification shall be installed, erected, or attached in any form, shape, or manner to a fire escape or any door or window giving access to any fire escape;
- J. Should any sign be or become unsafe or be in danger of falling, the owner thereof or the person maintaining the same shall, upon receipt of written notice from the zoning inspector, proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign;
- K. No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way except publicly-owned signs, such as traffic control signs and directional signs. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property but bearing no advertising matter shall be permitted on any property;
- L. No advertising signs shall be attached to or supported by a tree, utility pole, trash receptacle, bench, vending machine, or public shelter;
- M. No sign shall be located on a vacant lot, except for the purpose of advertising the lot for sale or lease, or for such purpose as the notification of present danger or the prohibition of trespassing;
- N. No sign shall be located nearer than eight feet vertically or four feet horizontally from any overhead electrical wires, conductors, or guy wires;
- O. No vehicle or trailer may be parked on a business premises or a lot for the purpose of advertising a business, product, service, event, object, location, organization, or the like.

#### 1004 PERMIT REQUIRED

- A. No person shall locate or maintain any sign, or cause a sign to be located or maintained, unless all provisions of this Article have been met. To assure compliance with these regulations, a sign permit issued pursuant to this Resolution shall be required for each sign unless specifically exempted in this Article.
- B. A sign initially approved for which a permit has been issued shall not be modified, altered or replaced, nor shall design elements of any building or lot upon which such sign is maintained be modified, altered or replaced if any such design element constituted a basis for approval of such sign unless a new or amended permit is obtained consistent with these regulations.
- C. The repainting, changing of parts, and preventive maintenance of signs shall not be deemed alterations requiring a sign permit.

#### 1005 SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT

- A. Signs advertising the sale, lease, or rental of the premises upon which the sign is located, shall not exceed twelve square feet in area, except in all residential districts where the area of the sign shall not be more than six square feet;

- B. Professional name plates not to exceed four square feet in area;
- C. Signs denoting the name and address of the occupants of the premises, not to exceed two square feet in area.

1006 SIGNS REQUIRING A PERMIT

- A. Signs or bulletin boards customarily incidental to places of worship, libraries, museums, social clubs, or societies, which signs or bulletin boards shall not exceed fifteen square feet in area and which shall be located on the premises of such institution;
- B. Any sign advertising a commercial enterprise, including real estate developers or subdividers, in a district zoned residential shall not exceed twelve square feet in area and shall advertise only the names of the owners, trade names, products sold and/or the business or activity conducted on the premises where such sign is located.

1007 SIGNS PERMITTED IN COMMERCIAL AND MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS REQUIRING A PERMIT

The regulations set forth in this section shall apply to signs in all commercial and manufacturing districts and such signs shall require a permit.

- A. In a commercial or manufacturing district, each business shall be permitted one flat or wall on-premises sign. Projection of wall signs shall not exceed two feet measured from the face of the main building. The area of all permanent on-premises signs for any single business enterprise may be an area equivalent to one and one-half square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of building width, or part of a building, occupied by such enterprise but shall not exceed a maximum area of one hundred square feet.
- B. In a commercial or manufacturing district, two off-premises signs with a total area not exceeding 600 square feet may be permitted at a single location. No single off-premises sign shall exceed 1,200 square feet, nor shall off-premises signs visible to approaching traffic have a minimum spacing of less than 200 feet. Off-premises signs shall conform to all applicable yard and height regulations for the appropriate zoning district, except that such signs intended to be viewed from an elevated highway shall be not more than 20 feet above the level of the roadway at its nearest point. Off-premises wall signs shall have all structural and supporting members concealed from view.

1008 TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs not exceeding fifty square feet in area, announcing special public or institutional events, the erection of a building, the architect, the builders, or contractors may be erected for a period of sixty days plus the construction period. Such temporary signs shall conform to the general requirements listed in section 1003, the setback requirements in Sections 1012 and 1015 and, in addition, such other standards deemed necessary to accomplish the intent of this Article.

1009 FREE STANDING SIGNS

Free-standing on-premises signs not over thirty feet in height, having a maximum total sign area of one hundred square feet per display area and located not closer than ten feet to any street right-of-way line and not closer than thirty feet to any adjoining lot line may be erected to serve a group of business

establishments. There shall be only one free-standing sign for each building, regardless of the number of businesses conducted in said building.

1010 WALL SIGNS PERTAINING TO NONCONFORMING USES

On-premises wall signs pertaining to a nonconforming use shall be permitted on the same premises of such use, provided the area of such sign does not exceed twelve square feet.

1011 POLITICAL SIGNS

No political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public property upon posting or removal. No political sign shall be posted in a public right-of-way nor shall any such sign be posted on a utility pole. No political sign shall be posted more than sixty days before an election. All candidates for public office, their campaign committees, or other persons responsible for the posting on public property of campaign material shall remove such material within two weeks following Election Day. Political signs must not exceed nine (9) square feet and must not exceed four (4) feet in height from the ground.

1012 SIGN SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

Except as modified in Sections 1013, 1014, and 1015, on-premises signs where permitted shall be set back from the established right-of-way line of any thoroughfare at least ten feet. No off-premises sign shall be erected in front of the required setback line for the appropriate zoning district.

1013 INCREASED SETBACK

For every square foot by which any on-premises sign exceeds fifty square feet, the setback shall be increased on one-half foot but need not exceed one hundred feet.

1014 SETBACKS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS

If a setback line is not established for the appropriate zoning district, off-premises signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty feet from the right-of-way line.

1015 SETBACKS FOR PUBLIC AND QUASIPUBLIC SIGNS

Real estate signs and bulletin boards for a church, school or any other public, religious or educational institution may be erected not less than ten feet from the established right-of-way line of any street or highway provided such sign or bulletin board does not obstruct traffic visibility at street or highway intersections.

1016 SPECIAL YARD PROVISIONS

On-premises signs where permitted shall be erected or placed in conformity with the side and rear yard requirements of the district in which located.

1017 LIMITATION

For the purposes of this Article, outdoor advertising off-premises signs shall be classified as a business use and be permitted in all district zoned for manufacturing or business or lands used for agricultural

purposes. In addition, regulation of signs along interstate and primary highways shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5516 and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

#### 1018 NONCONFORMING SIGNS AND STRUCTURES

Advertising signs and structures in existence prior to the effective date of this resolution which violate or are otherwise not in conformance with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed nonconforming. All such legal nonconforming signs and structures shall be maintained in accordance with this Article. The burden of establishing the legal non-conforming status of any advertising sign or structure shall be upon the owner of the sign or structure.

#### 1019 LOSS OF LEGAL NONCONFORMING STATUS

A legal nonconforming sign shall immediately lose its legal nonconforming status, and therefore must be brought into conformance with this Article or be removed, if the sign is altered in copy (except for changeable copy signs) or structure; or if it is enlarged, relocated, or replaced; or if it is part of an establishment which discontinues operation for ninety consecutive days; or it is structurally damaged to an extent greater than one half of its estimated replacement value. Similarly, any legal nonconforming advertising structure so damaged must be brought into compliance or be removed.

#### 1020 VIOLATIONS

In case any sign shall be installed, erected, constructed, or maintained in violation of any of the terms of this resolution, the zoning inspector shall notify in writing the owner or lessee thereof to alter such sign so as to comply with this Resolution. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed a violation and shall be punishable under section 409 of this Resolution. Political signs posted in violation of section 1011 of this Resolution are subject to removal by the zoning inspector five days after written notice of violation.

