

# TOWN OF THORNTON SIGN REGULATIONS

Adopted by the Planning Board at a Public Hearing Held on:

AUGUST 17, 2000

## Signs shall be permitted subject to the following regulations:

1. Official Town, State and/or Federal signs shall be exempt from these regulations:
2. No sign shall be placed in a manner that will endanger traffic by obscuring views, cause confusion with official signs, cause glare either by sunshine or artificial lights, or provide a seasonal visual obstruction during snow season.
3. Illuminated signs shall be placed or shielded in such a manner to produce no glare, undue distraction, confusion, nuisance to neighbors, or hazards to the surrounding area or vehicular traffic. No flashing signs shall be permitted.
4. Double-Sided (two-faced) signs shall be considered as a single unit and only one surface shall be considered in determining the area.
5. In the Commercial and Industrial Zones, a maximum of 100 square feet of exterior free-standing signage for each business will be permitted on the premises where services or products are available. Sign height not to exceed 25 feet.
6. In all other zones, a maximum of 50 square feet of exterior signage for each legally constituted business will be permitted. The total height of a free standing sign shall not exceed 15 feet.
7. All signs, lawfully existing as of August 17, 2000, but not in compliance with these regulations, may continue in existence and be maintained, but shall not be changed in any way to increase dimension or height to exceed the above stated dimension, or moved or replaced unless it is made to comply with the provisions of these regulations.
8. Off-premise signs shall be directional in content. I.e., lodging, golf course, skiing, services etc. and must state the distance or directions to the business or service. Maximum Square feet not to exceed 10 square feet. No more than 4 directional signs per business.
9. "Sold: or "Sale Pending", or similar real estate signs shall be removed, weather permitting, no later than 30 days after the property has been sold.
10. Neglected or obsolete signs may be removed by the Town of Thornton at the direction of the Selectmen, after a notice to the owner, and a 90 day opportunity to be heard.
11. In a Golf Course Zone, exterior signs that are used to provide information and/or directions are permitted as appropriate. Exterior signs that are used for advertising purposes shall be permitted and shall be subject to the same limitations as exterior signs in Commercial and Industrial Zones. Exterior signs that are used to identify and/or offer residential property for sale at the entrance to a residential subdivision within a Golf Course Zone shall be limited to 50 square feet for each subdivision.
12. The Planning Board shall review each proposed sign (with the exception of realty signs and community function signs). for content (directional, signs off premises shall not contain advertising), size, location and illumination if any. The Planning Board shall have the authority to waive specific requirements if justified.
13. **Enforcement:** It shall be the duty of the Selectmen and they are hereby empowered to administer and enforce the provisions of this regulation.
14. **Penalty for Violation:** The Selectmen may impose a penalty of up to \$50.00 per day for violation of this regulation.