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TOWN OF CLINTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2008 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON
AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON

WHEREAS, the Town finds that the current Section of the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton regulating signs does not promote a desirable character in the Town’s commercial districts and should be amended to better reflect the Town’s historic character and needs of the business community.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton be amended as follows (deletions are shown as ~~thus~~ and additions are shown as thus):

- I. Section 88-4., entitled “Definitions and Word Usage” of Article II entitled, “Definitions” of the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton, as heretofore supplemented and amended, is hereby supplemented and amended to add the following:**

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE – A part, portion, or projection on the exterior of a building that contributes to the historic character, beauty or elegance of a building or structure, including but not limited to, windows, columns, cornices, eaves, belt courses, sills and decorative ornaments.

AWNING – A cloth, plastic or other nonstructural covering that is either permanently attached to a building or can be raised or retracted to a position against a building when not in use.

BILLBOARD – A permanent sign that directs attention to a business, organization, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.

FLAG - a piece of cloth, or similar flexible material, varying in size, shape, color, and design, usually attached at one edge to a staff or cord, and used as the symbol of a nation, state, or organization.

LED LIGHTING – A type of solid state lighting which uses light-emitting diodes as a source of illumination.

NEON LIGHTING –Lighting in which a gas and phosphors, or similar, are used in combination to illuminate transparent or translucent tubing or other materials.

PERSON - Any individual, partnership, volunteer association or profit or nonprofit corporation or entity.

PUBLIC ACCESS – Pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular access to a private or public property permitted via a public right-of-way or public open space.

SIGN -Any announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person when the same is placed out of doors in view of the general public or when of a permanent nature and placed within the window of a commercial or other structure so as to be visible to persons from the outside for the purpose aforesaid. Any object, device, or structure, or part thereof, which is used to advertise, identify, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, or service, or an event sponsored by any institution, organization, or business, or location by any means, including, but not limited to, words , letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, illumination, or projected images. Included in this definition are any of the above which are affixed to or located within a window and visible from the exterior of the building. Excluded from this definition are flags, athletic scoreboards and merchandise displayed within a building.

SIGN, AREA OF – The product of the largest horizontal width and the largest vertical height of the lettering, illustration, display or background. This shall not be construed to include the supporting members of any sign which are used solely for such purpose. If the letter, illustration, display or background are attached directly to the face of a building, the height or width of the sign shall be the height or width of the largest letter, illustration, display or background, whichever is the greater. For signs with two display faces, the maximum area requirement shall be permitted on each side.

SIGN, AWNING – Any sign which is painted or applied to the surface of an awning and does not project or hang from an awning.

SIGN, DIRECTIONAL - Any sign which is designed and erected solely for the purpose of traffic, bicycle or pedestrian direction which is placed on the property to which or on which the public is directed.

SIGN, DIRECTORY – A sign listing the tenants or occupants of a building or group of buildings and that may indicate their respective professions or business activities as well as a map or floor plan diagram indicating the location of the buildings and/or offices.

SIGN, ~~DIFFUSED LIGHTED~~ INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED – Any sign which spreads light over the sign surface from a source located within the sign and behind a translucent sign surface and wherein the direct source of light is not visible.

SIGN, FREESTANDING – Any sign supported by uprights or braces placed upon or in the ground, not attached to any building, the display area of which is located above normal eye level.

SIGN, GROUND - Any sign supported by uprights or braces placed upon or in the ground and not attached to any building, the display area of which is located at or approximately at normal eye level.

SIGN HEIGHT – The highest spot at any one (1) point on the sign measured from the average grade level surrounding the sign.

SIGN, ILLUMINATED – Any sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs or outline illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes as part of the sign proper.

SIGN, NAMEPLATE - A sign indicating the name and address of a building or the name of an occupant thereof and/or the practice of a permitted occupation therein.

SIGN, PERMANENT – A sign constructed of durable materials and intended to exist for the duration of time that the use or occupant is located on the premises.

SIGN, PORTABLE – Any sign designed to be transported, including but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels, inflatable displays, umbrellas used for advertising of the establishment they are used for, and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked to enhance visibility from the public right-of-way. Excluded from this definition are standing signs.

SIGN, PROJECTING – A permanent sign attached to and projecting out from a building wall, generally at right angles to the building.

SIGN, STANDING – A temporary and moveable “A-frame” sign generally placed along a sidewalk or other area intended for the view of pedestrians.

SIGN, TEMPORARY – A sign or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, plywood, or other light material and designed or intended to be displayed for a short period of a time.

SIGN, WINDOW – A temporary or permanent sign that is applied or attached to the interior or exterior of a window or glass (or similar substitute) on a door or located in such a manner within a building that it is directed at people outside of the building.

2. **Section 77-3., entitled “Fees: of Part II entitled “General Legislation” of the Code of the Town of Clinton New Jersey as heretofore supplemented and amended, is hereby supplemented and amended to add an amend the following:**

C. **Municipal land use fees.**

Board of Adjustment	Fee
Sign variance [Amended 2-23-1993 by Ord. No. 93-4]	\$100.00 per meeting \$25.00
Interpretation of Zoning Map or zoning regulations or for decisions on other special questions	\$300.00 per meeting
Variations from lot area, lot dimensions, setback and yard requirements	\$100.00 per meeting

Variances from use regulations	\$550.00 per meeting
Direction for issuance of a permit for a building or structure in the bed of a mapped street or public drainageway, flood control basin or public area reserved on an official map	\$550.00 per meeting
Escrow fees [Added 5-8-1990 by Ord. No. 90-5; amended 12-10-2002 by Ord. No. 02-14]	\$1,000 or equal to application fee, whichever is higher

* NOTE: When site plan applications or major subdivisions are being reviewed, the Planning Board fees will apply.

3. **Section 88-13., entitled “Fees” of Article II entitled, “Administration” of the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton as heretofore supplemented and amended, is hereby supplemented and amended to add an amend the following:**

A. Escrow Account.

(1) In addition to the nonrefundable application fees required on every application for development, the applicant shall be required to establish, at the time of application, one or more escrow accounts with the Town to cover the cost of professional services in connection with the review of said application, including all environmental, legal, engineering, planning, expert review and consultation fees and services of the Town, including the testimony and cost of certified reporters and transcripts associated with the review and processing of this application. Such fee shall be payable by cash, check or money order.

(a) Applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief from the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton where all of the below conditions are met shall not be required to establish an escrow account or any associated escrow agreement or initial escrow deposit, unless determined to be necessary by the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to a determination that the input of Board Professionals is needed. All other applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall require an escrow account and the associated escrow agreement and initial escrow deposit.

[1] The only relief from the Land Use Code requested pertains to one or more signs;

[2] The application does not require site plan or subdivision approval;

[3] The applicant is not proposing a ground sign;

[4] The applicant is not proposing a wall sign which is equal to or greater than 60 square feet; and

[5] The applicant is not proposing any internally illuminated signs. Note that this does not include neon and LED signs.

4. **Section 88-64., entitled “Signs” of Article VII entitled, “Zoning Regulations” of the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton, is repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

§88-64. Signs.

A. Purpose

- (1) To promote the free flow of traffic and protect pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists from injury and property damage caused by, or which may be fully or partially attributable to cluttered, distracting, or illegible signs.
- (2) To promote the use of signs that are aesthetically pleasing and of appropriate scale to the building(s) they relate to.
- (3) To promote the use of signs that are integrated with the surrounding buildings and landscape.
- (4) To promote the use of signs that are compatible with the Town’s historic character.
- (5) To provide functional flexibility, encourage variety, and create an incentive to relate signage to basic principles of good design.

B. General sign limitations and requirements.

- (1) Permits for signs. Except for signs as permitted in Subsection R below, no sign shall be erected or displayed unless a permit shall have first been obtained from the Zoning Officer.
- (2) The following signs shall be permitted in all zone districts and shall not be subject to the sign regulations for each zone district.
 - (a) Temporary safety, traffic, directional and warning signs approved by the governing body or required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
 - (b) Signs which are required by any provision of law.

- (c) Traffic or other signs deemed necessary to the public welfare by the governing body, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs and such temporary emergency signs as may be erected by governmental or public utility employees in carrying out their official work.
- (d) Wall or ground vehicular or pedestrian directional and traffic safety signs containing such wording as, but not limited to, "enter", "exit", "one-way", "do not enter", "stop", "no parking" or "parking for patrons only", provided that such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet.
- (e) Memorial tablets or signs, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other noncombustible materials.
- (f) Signs used on property warning the public against hunting or trespassing thereon.
- (g) Historic markers.
- (h) Temporary signs, pursuant to Subsection N, below.
- (i) Any flag or ribbon protected by N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.58 (Supp.)
- (3) The following signs shall be prohibited in all zone districts:
 - (a) Moving or rotating signs, including streamers, pennants and similar displays.
 - (b) Signs with letters moving or rotating on an electronically controlled screen or similar device.
 - (c) Any sign that uses the words "stop" or "danger" or otherwise presents or implies the need or requirement of stopping or caution or the existence of danger or which is likely to be confused with any sign displayed by public authority.
 - (d) Signs made wholly or in part of a reflective material, with the exception of those directly related to traffic direction or safety.
 - (e) Portable signs.

- (4) Sign Illumination:
- (a) Internal illumination shall be prohibited. All signs shall be lit from an exterior source.
 - (b) Neon and LED tube lighting, for the use of signs or otherwise, shall be prohibited with the exception of "Open" signs as regulated by Subsection L. below.
 - (c) No sign shall be lit by means of flashing or intermittent illumination.
 - (d) Lights used for the illumination of any sign, whether or not such lights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project light above the highest elevation of the wall of the building to which the sign is affixed.
 - (e) Lights used for the illumination of any signs, with the exception of ground signs, shall be directed downward.
 - (f) Any illuminated tubing or strings of lights outlining signs, rooflines, doors, windows or wall edges of any building, except holiday decorations, is prohibited.
 - (g) All sign illumination shall be shut off by eleven (11) pm, unless the business which the sign advertises is still open, in which case the illumination shall be shut off within one half (.5) hour of the closing of the business.
- (5) Computation of sign area.
- (a) Sign area shall be calculated as the entire area within a continuous perimeter, enclosing the extreme limits of sign display, including any frame or border. Curved, spherical, or any other shaped sign face, as well as signs composed of individual letters, numerals, or other devices shall be the sum of the area of the smallest area encompassing all of said letters or devices.
 - [1] This shall not be construed to include the supporting members of any sign which are used solely for such purpose.
 - (b) For double-faced sign, where the sign faces are back to back or where the interior angle formed by the faces is sixty (60) degrees or less, provided that it is a common attached structure, only one (1) sign face shall be measured to determine sign area. Where the two (2) faces are

of unequal size, the larger face shall be used to determine the sign area.

- (c) For double-faced sign that is a common attached structure, where the sign faces are not back to back or where the interior angle formed by the faces is greater than sixty (60) degrees, the sign area shall consist of the sum of all sign faces.
- (6) No sign shall be placed so as to interfere with or be mistaken for a traffic light or similar safety device or interfere with traffic visibility.
- (7) No sign shall be erected or located on any public right-of-way, unless specifically permitted by the Council.
- (8) No sign shall be erected on or attached to the roof of a building.

C. Signs in the residential districts. In the residential districts, only the following signs shall be permitted, with the exception of signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above:

- (1) One (1) non-illuminated sign, either a wall sign or a ground sign, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area, related to a major home occupation as permitted in the district.
- (2) Approved housing developments containing ten (10) or more units may display one (1) ground sign at each street entrance to the development, designating only the name of the development, the location, name of the developer and the names of any buildings located therein.
 - (a) The maximum area of each sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet.
 - (b) No such sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall exceed a height of four (4) feet.
 - (c) The minimum setback of each ground sign shall be fifteen (15) feet.
 - (d) The sign shall be constructed of wood or of a synthetic wood product having the appearance of wood.

D. Signs in the C-1 and C-2 Commercial Zone Districts:

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed more than three (3) of the sign types listed below.

- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
- (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted on each building wall that faces a street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) The total area of such signs shall not exceed five (5) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall, including window and door area, to which they are attached.
 - (b) The total of the width of any one (1) sign shall not exceed fifty (50) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) No sign shall exceed fifty (50) square feet in area.
 - (d) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (e) The height of any such sign shall not exceed three (3) feet.
 - (f) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (h) No wall sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (4) Awning Signs. Awning signs are permitted on each building wall that faces a street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) Signage shall be permitted on all portions of an awning, subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- [1] The total of the widths of all signage located on the downward flap of an awning, which is located perpendicular to the street, shall not exceed seventy (70) percent (%) of the downward flap on which the sign is located.
 - [2] Signage located on the portion of an awning not consisting of the downward flap shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of said area.
- (b) The sign's letter height shall not exceed one and one half (1.5) feet.
- (5) Projecting signs. Not more than one (1) projecting sign shall be permitted for each building tenant, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) The height of said sign shall not exceed three (3) feet.
 - (b) No such sign shall project more than four (4) feet from the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (d) Signs shall project from the wall, to which it is attached, at a ninety (90) degree angle.
 - (e) No sign shall extend vertically beyond the window sill of the second story of the building to which it is attached, or twenty (20) feet, whichever is less.
- (6) Window signs. Subject to the following limitations and requirements, permanent and temporary window signs shall be permitted on or in the glass (or similar substitute) surface of each window or door that faces a public street or public access.
- (a) Said signs shall be located on the same story of the building that the business being advertised is located.
 - (b) Fifty (50) percent (%) of the surface area of the glass (or similar substitute) of each such window or door shall remain free of signs.
 - (c) The total square footage of all window signs for any tenant shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of the total available surface area of glass (or similar substitute) in the doors and windows that face a public street or public access and are located on the same story in which the business is located.

(7) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of fifty (50) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:

- (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.
- (b) No such sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall exceed a height of five (5) feet.
- (c) No such sign shall exceed a width of five (5) feet.
- (d) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
- (e) Said sign shall be at least five (5) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
- (f) Said sign shall be at least five (5) feet from the nearest building.
- (g) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
- (h) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.

[1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.

[2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

E. Signs in the C-3 Commercial Zone District:

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed more than three (3) of the sign types listed below.
- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.

- (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted on each building wall that faces a street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) The total area of all such signs shall not exceed five (5) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall, including window and door area, to which they are attached.
 - (b) The total of the widths of any one (1) sign shall not exceed fifty (50) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) No sign shall exceed fifty (50) square feet in area.
 - (d) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (e) The height of any such sign shall not exceed four (4) feet.
 - (f) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (h) No wall sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (4) Awning Signs. Awning signs are permitted on each building wall that faces a street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) Signage shall be permitted on all portions of an awning, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - [1] The total of the widths of all signage located on the downward flap of an awning, which is located perpendicular to the street, shall not exceed seventy (70) percent (%) of the downward flap on which the sign is located.

- [2] Signage located on the portion of an awning not consisting of the downward flap shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of said area.
- (b) The sign's letter height shall not exceed one and one half (1.5) feet.
- (5) Projecting signs. Not more than one (1) projecting sign shall be permitted for each building tenant, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) The height of said sign shall not exceed three (3) feet.
- (b) No such sign shall project more than four (4) feet from the building wall to which it is attached.
- (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
- (d) Signs shall project from the wall, to which it is attached, at a ninety (90) degree angle.
- (e) No sign shall extend vertically beyond the window sill of the second story of the building to which it attached, or twenty (20) feet, which ever is less.
- (6) Window signs. Subject to the following limitations and requirements, permanent and temporary window signs shall be permitted on or in the glass (or similar substitute) surface of each window or door that faces a public street or public access.
- (a) Said signs shall be located on the same story of the building that the business being advertised is located.
- (b) Fifty (50) percent (%) of the surface area of the glass (or similar substitute) of each such window or door shall remain free of signs.
- (c) The total square footage of all window signs for any tenant shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of the total available surface area of glass (or similar substitute) in the doors and windows that face a public street or public access and are located on the same story in which the business is located.

- (7) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.
 - (b) No such sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall exceed a height of six (6) feet.
 - (c) No such sign shall exceed a width of six (6) feet.
 - (d) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
 - (e) Said sign shall be at least ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
 - (f) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
 - (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

F. Signs in the C-4 Commercial Zone District:

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed more than three (3) of the sign types listed below.
- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
 - (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.

- (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted on each building wall that faces a street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
 - (a) The total area of all such signs shall not exceed five (5) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall, including window and door area, to which they are attached.
 - (b) The total of the widths of any one (1) sign shall not exceed fifty (50) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) No sign shall exceed fifty (50) square feet in area.
 - (d) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (e) The height of any such sign shall not exceed four (4) feet.
 - (f) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
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 - [1] The total of the widths of all signage located on the downward flap of an awning, which is located perpendicular to the street, shall not exceed seventy (70) percent (%) of the downward flap on which the sign is located.
 - [2] Signage located on the portion of an awning not consisting of the downward flap shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of said area.

- (b) The sign's letter height shall not exceed one and one half (1.5) feet.
- (5) Projecting signs. Not more than one (1) projecting sign shall be permitted for each building tenant, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - (a) The height of said sign shall not exceed three (3) feet.
 - (b) No such sign shall project more than four (4) feet from the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (d) Signs shall project from the wall, to which it is attached, at a ninety (90) degree angle.
 - (e) No sign shall extend vertically beyond the window sill of the second story of the building to which it attached, or twenty (20) feet, whichever is less.
- (6) Window signs. Subject to the following limitations and requirements, permanent and temporary window signs shall be permitted on or in the glass (or similar substitute) surface of each window or door that faces a public street or public access.
 - (a) Said signs shall be located on the same story of the building that the business being advertised is located.
 - (b) Fifty (50) percent (%) of the surface area of the glass (or similar substitute) of each such window or door shall remain free of signs.
 - (c) The total square footage of all window signs for any tenant shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of the total available surface area of glass (or similar substitute) in the doors and windows that face a public street or public access and are located on the same story in which the business is located.
- (7) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.

- (b) No such sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall exceed a height of six (6) feet.
- (c) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
- (d) No such sign shall exceed a width of six (6) feet.
- (e) Said sign shall be at least ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
- (f) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
- (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

G. Signs in the I Industrial District:" In the I Industrial District.

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed a total of more than two (2) signs.
- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
 - (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.

- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) A maximum of one (1) wall sign for each building tenant shall be permitted on each wall that faces a public street or has public access has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (d) The total area of all such signs attached to a building shall not exceed one-hundred (100) square feet or ten (10) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall to which they are attached, whichever is greater.
 - (e) The height of any such signs shall not exceed five (5) feet or twenty (20) percent (%) of the height of the building wall to which it is attached, whichever is less.
 - (f) The total of the widths of any such signs shall not exceed fifty (50) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which they are attached.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (h) No wall sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (4) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one-hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements.
- (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.
 - (b) No such sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall exceed a height of six (6) feet.
 - (c) No such sign shall exceed a width of six (6) feet.
 - (d) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign.

Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.

- (e) Said sign shall be located at least ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
- (f) Said sign shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
- (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

H. Signs in the OB-1 Office Building District.

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed more than three (3) of the sign types listed below.
- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
 - (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - (a) A maximum of one (1) wall sign for each building tenant shall be permitted on each wall that faces a public street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.

- (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (d) The height of any such sign shall not exceed four (4) feet.
 - (e) The total of the widths of all such signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which they are attached.
 - (f) The total area of any such signs shall not exceed five (5) percent of the gross area of the building wall, including window and door area, to which they are attached, or fifty (50) square feet, whichever is less.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (h) No sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (4) Window signs. Subject to the following limitations and requirements, permanent and temporary window signs shall be permitted on each window or door that faces a public street or public access, provided said window(s) or door(s) are located on the same story that the building tenant which is being advertised is located.
- (a) Permanent and temporary window signs may consist of no more than thirty (30) percent (%) of the total area consisting of glass (or similar substitute) in a window(s) or door(s) that faces a public street or public access and is located on the same story that the business which is being advertised is located.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the above, permanent and temporary window signs shall not consist of more than fifty (50) percent (%) of any window area or area of a door consisting of glass (or similar substitute) which the sign is attached.
- (5) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one-hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.
 - (b) Said sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet.

- (c) Said sign shall not exceed a maximum width of six (6) feet.
- (d) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
- (e) Said sign shall be at least ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
- (f) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
- (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

I. Signs in the OB-2 Office Building District. In the OB-2 Office Building District.

- (1) Excluding nameplate, directory and signs permitted pursuant to Subsection B(2) above, no building tenant shall be allowed more than three (3) of the sign types listed below.
- (2) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
 - (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (3) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted subject to the following limitations and requirements.
 - (a) A maximum of one (1) wall sign for each building tenant shall be permitted on each wall that faces a public street or has public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.

- (b) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) The bottom of said sign shall be at least eight (8) feet above the ground level or sidewalk below the sign.
 - (d) The height of any such sign shall not exceed three (3) feet.
 - (e) The total of the widths of all such signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent (%) of the width of the building wall to which they are attached.
 - (f) The total area of all such signs shall not exceed five (5) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall to which they are attached, including window and door area, or fifty (50) square feet, whichever is less.
 - (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (h) No wall sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (4) Window signs. Subject to the following limitations and requirements, permanent and temporary window signs shall be permitted on or in the glass (or similar substitute) surface of each window or door that faces a public street or public access.
- (a) Said signs shall be located on the same story of the building that the business being advertised is located.
 - (b) Fifty (50) percent (%) of the surface area of the glass (or similar substitute) of each such window or door shall remain free of signs.
 - (c) The total square footage of all window signs for any tenant shall not exceed thirty (30) percent (%) of the total available surface area of glass (or similar substitute) in the doors and windows that face a public street or public access and are located on the same story in which the business is located.
- (5) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one-hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign and the finished grade.

- (b) Said sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet.
- (c) Said sign shall not exceed a width of four (4) feet.
- (d) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
- (e) Said sign shall be at least ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or property line.
- (f) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
- (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

J. Signs in the OB-3 and OB-4 Office Building District. In the OB-3 and OB-4 Office Building District.

- (1) Nameplate and directory signs. Nameplate signs shall be permitted where there is one (1) building tenant in the building. Directory signs shall be permitted where there are multiple building tenants in the building.
 - (a) One (1) nameplate sign, provided that the sign does not exceed seventy-two (72) square inches in total area, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
 - (b) One (1) directory sign, provided that the sign does not exceed eight (8) square feet, shall be permitted for each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (2) Wall signs. Wall signs are permitted subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - (a) A maximum of one (1) wall sign shall be permitted on each building wall that faces a public street or has public access to the establishment which it advertises.

- (b) No such sign shall project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (c) Sign area shall not exceed one-hundred (100) square feet or ten (10) percent (%) of the gross area of the building wall, including window and door area, to which it is attached, whichever is less.
 - (d) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (e) No sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
- (3) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted on lots that meet a minimum required street frontage of one-hundred and fifty (150) feet, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
- (a) Any sign facing a local road shall comply with the ground sign regulations of the OB-1 and OB-2 zone districts contained in Section 88-64.I.(5) of the Land Use Code of the Town of Clinton.
 - (b) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign.
 - (c) Said sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall not exceed a maximum height of fifteen (15) feet.
 - (d) The area of the sign shall not exceed one-hundred (100) square feet.
 - (e) Ground signs shall have either a solid base with a width equal to the sign's total width or two (2) supports on either ends of the sign. Ground signs shall not have a single support that is less than fifty (50) percent (%) of the total sign width.
 - (f) Said sign shall be located at least thirty (30) feet from the street right-of-way or property line.
 - (g) Said sign shall have plantings entirely surrounding the base of the sign.
 - [1] Planting area shall be provided at a ratio of two (2) square feet of planting area for every one (1) square foot of sign area.
 - [2] Plantings shall consist of low shrubs and groundcover.

- K. Signs for motor vehicle service stations. Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations and requirements, motor vehicle service stations may display only the following signs:
- (1) Ground signs. One (1) ground sign shall be permitted, subject to the following limitations and requirements:
 - (a) Said sign shall not have an open area in excess of three (3) feet below the sign.
 - (b) Said sign shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet in area on each side.
 - (c) Said sign, including the uprights or braces to which it is mounted, shall not exceed a height of fifteen (15) feet.
 - (d) Said sign shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the point of intersection of any two (2) street lines.
 - (2) Directional signs or lettering displayed on the building wall over individual entrance door or bays, consisting only of the words "washing," "lubrication," "repair," "mechanic on duty" or other similar phrases, subject to the following:
 - (a) Not more than one (1) such signs shall be located over each entrance or bay.
 - (b) The letters shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in height.
 - (c) The letters shall be limited to a single line.
 - (d) All such signs shall not project more than six (6) inches from the face of the building to which it is attached.
 - (e) No wall sign shall extend beyond the limits of the building wall to which it is attached.
 - (f) No sign shall cover a building's architectural features.
 - (3) Customary lettering on or other insignia which are a structural part of a gasoline pump, consisting only of the brand name of gasoline sold, lead warning sign, a price indicator and any other sign required by law and not exceeding a total of three (3) square feet on each pump.
 - (4) Signs shall not be permitted on the canopy of the motor vehicle service station.

L. Neon and LED “Open” Signs.

- (1) Neon and LED tube lighting shall only be permitted for “Open” signs. Said lighting shall only be used to illuminate the word “Open” and, if desired, a full or partial border around the word. Said lighting shall not be used for advertising the business name or products or services sold by the business.
- (2) Said signs shall only be placed in a first story window or door.
- (3) The maximum size of said signs shall be 10 inches by 24 inches (10” x 24”).
- (4) Said sign shall contribute toward the permitted window sign area.
- (5) One sign shall be permitted at each public access to the establishment which the sign advertises.
- (6) Said signs shall only be permitted on properties located within the C-3 or C-4 zone districts.
- (7) Said signs shall only be illuminated during the business hours of the establishment which the sign advertises.

M. Flags.

- (1) The height of a flagpole in all zone districts shall not exceed the height of the principle building on the lot.
- (2) Lights used for the illumination of a flag, in all zone districts, shall be shut off during the times the flag is not flying and any glare from the light fixtures illuminating the flag shall be shielded from view from all neighboring properties.

N. Temporary Signs.

- (1) No temporary signs shall be displayed anywhere in the Town of Clinton except as regulated by Section 88-64.
- (2) On-site temporary signs are permitted subject to the following requirements.
 - (a) On-site temporary ground signs for any residential subdivision advertising lots or units for sale which has been approved by the Planning Board shall be permitted subject to the following requirements:

[1] No more than two (2) signs shall be permitted.

- [2] The minimum setback to any public right-of-way or lot line shall be fifteen (15) feet.
 - [3] The maximum size of each sign shall be twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - [4] Any such sign shall be removed within thirty (30) days after eighty (80) percent (%) of the lots in the subdivision have been either sold or a residence built thereon.
- (b) The following maximum number of on-site temporary signs shall apply, with the exception of those regulated by Subsection N.(2)(a) above:
- [1] One (1) sign per lot for each contractor, which includes contractors, architects, tradesman and artisans, performing their services for the owner or occupant of the lot shall be permitted on a lot.
 - [2] One (1) “For sale” or “for rent” sign shall be permitted on a lot.
- (c) Unless otherwise noted, on-site temporary signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet:
- [1] “For sale” or “for rent” signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet unless located in the OB-3 or OB-4 zones, where such signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - [2] Signs for contractors, which include contractors, architects, tradesman and artisans performing their services for the owner or occupant of the lot shall not exceed six (6) square feet.
- (3) Standing Signs.
- (a) Standing signs shall only be permitted for business tenants in the C-1 zone district.
 - (b) No more than one (1) standing sign shall be permitted per building tenant.
 - (c) Said sign shall be located within six (6) inches of the building in which the building tenant it is advertising is located.

- (d) Standing signs shall not be placed where pedestrian traffic will be impeded. Said sign shall only be permitted where a minimum of four (4) feet of unimpeded, or clear, sidewalk area will remain.
 - (e) The minimum distance between standing signs shall be ten (10) feet.
 - (f) The maximum dimensions of said sign shall be three (3) feet in height and two (2) feet in width.
 - (g) Said signs shall be constructed of wood or of a synthetic wood product having the appearance of wood and can have an erasable inner surface consisting of chalkboard or a dry-erase marker board.
 - (h) Individual movable letters shall not be permitted.
 - (i) Said sign shall not be illuminated.
 - (j) Said sign shall only be located on the sidewalk during the hours when the building tenant the sign advertises is open for business.
 - (k) Standing signs shall require a license issued by the Town Council.
 - [1] A condition of the license shall be that the licensee agrees to indemnify the Town from any claims brought against it by a third party and agrees to name the Town as an additional insured party in the licensee's insurance policy.
 - [2] Said license shall only be issued for a twelve (12) month period and shall be renewable.
- (4) Off-site temporary signs subject to the following requirements.
- (a) Off-site temporary directional open house signs shall be permitted.
 - [1] Permission to locate the sign must be obtained from the property owner.
 - (b) Off-site temporary signs shall be permitted for educational, charitable, civic, religious or like organizations that are hosting an event in the Town of Clinton, subject to the following:
 - [1] In special cases, a permit allowing off-site temporary signs announcing any educational, charitable, civic, religious or like organizations that are hosting an event in the Town of

Clinton may be granted by the Mayor and Council, subject to the following:

- [a] Permission to locate the sign must be obtained from the property owner.
- [b] The property on which the sign is to be located is in the commercial, industrial or office zone districts.
- [c] The information called for in Subsection O(1) is submitted to the Municipal Clerk.
- [d] Any such sign must be removed within seven (7) days of the date of the event advertised.

[2] The Mayor and Council may grant the permit, provided that:

- [a] The sign is consistent with the purposes of the sign ordinance.
- [b] The sign will not interfere with pedestrian or traffic visibility.
- [c] The sign will not interfere with usage of roads and sidewalks.
- [d] The sign will not present a danger to the public.
- [e] The sign will not impact adversely on the district in which the sign is to be located or upon the historic look or appearance of the district in which it is located.

(5) The period of time during which any such temporary sign is permitted shall not exceed thirty (30) days, unless otherwise noted.

- (a) Signs for contractors, which include contractors, architects, tradesman and artisans performing their services for the owner or occupant of the lot, may be located on a lot during the time said services take place and shall be removed within ten (10) days after said services are completed.
- (b) For sale/for rent signs may be located on a lot during the time the building/property is for sale or rent and shall be removed with ten (10) days after the sale or rental of the building/property.

- (c) Off-site temporary directional open house signs shall only be utilized during the day of the open house.

O. Administration.

- (1) Application for a permanent and temporary sign permits. An applicant for a sign shall file with the Zoning Officer a sign permit application that includes the following information:

- (a) An application for a sign permit.
- (b) The name and contact information for the applicant.
- (c) The name and address of the owner of the property on which the sign is proposed.
- (d) The name and address of the person or entity erecting the sign.
- (e) The lot, block and street address of the property on which the sign is proposed.
- (f) Zoning District in which the sign is proposed.
- (g) A site plan sketch or map of the property showing the location of buildings, existing signs and the proposed sign and the proposed method of installation.
- (h) A sketch or other depiction of the graphics of the proposed sign.
- (i) As applicable, dimensions of the proposed sign and the wall on which the sign is to be mounted, such that compliance with this section of the Land Use Code can be determined.
- (j) Any other information necessary to determine compliance with this Section of the Town's Land Use Code, as determined by the Zoning Officer.

- (2) Application for window sign(s).

- (a) One (1) sign permit may be granted for up to the maximum permitted window sign area, including temporary and permanent signs. The Zoning Officer shall have the authority to issue one (1) sign permit for the entirety of the window sign area permitted.

(b) Applicants for window signs shall be subject to the limitations and requirements for obtaining a sign permit.

(3) Approval Process.

(a) Application for sign permits shall be made by the owner of the premises and the person responsible for the erection of the sign, and both shall be responsible for compliance with the terms as herein set forth.

(b) The Zoning Officer shall grant or deny an application for a temporary or permanent sign within ten (10) days of receipt of a complete application. Failure to grant or deny a permit within the time period specified shall constitute an approval. Any applicant denied a sign permit in accordance herewith may apply to the full Board of Adjustment for a variance in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.

P. Duration of Permit.

(1) If the work authorized under a sign permit has not been completed within one (1) year after the date of issuance, the permit shall become null and void.

Q. Fees.

(1) No fee shall be required for signs in connection with the following uses: houses of worship, Sunday school buildings, public libraries, museums, art galleries, parish houses, buildings used exclusively by federal, state, county and local government for public purposes, public, private and parochial schools, public recreation and community center buildings and grounds .

(2) The fee for each application for a permanent sign shall be three dollars (\$3) per square-foot of surface area of one (1) side of the sign or fifty dollars (\$50), which ever is greater.

(a) No fee shall be required until the applicant has been approved; no fee shall be required for denied applications.

(3) No fee shall be required for temporary signs.

(4) The cost of the license for a standing sign shall be forty dollars (\$40).

R. Exemptions. The following exemptions shall apply only to the requirement for a sign permit and shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility for its erection and maintenance in good and safe condition.

- (1) Temporary safety, traffic, directional and warning signs approved by the governing body or required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- (2) Signs which are required by any provision of law.
- (3) Traffic or other signs deemed necessary to the public welfare by the governing body, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs and such temporary emergency signs as may be erected by governmental or public utility employees in carrying out their official work.
- (4) Wall or ground vehicular or pedestrian directional and traffic safety signs containing such wording as, but not limited to, "enter", "exit", "one-way", "do not enter", "stop", "no parking" or "parking for patrons only", provided that such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet.
- (5) Memorial tablets or signs, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other noncombustible materials.
- (6) Signs used on property warning the public against hunting or trespassing thereon.
- (7) Historic markers.

S. Unsafe signs.

- (1) Whenever, in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer, any sign becomes unsafe or endangers the safety of a building or premises or endangers the public safety, the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer shall send a registered letter to the owner of the sign or the owner of the premises on which the sign is located, ordering that the sign be made safe or removed within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter. If the permittee fails to remove, alter or repair said sign within 10 days after said registered letter, the sign may be removed, altered or repaired, in order to comply, by the Zoning Officer, at the expense of the permittee or owner of the property upon which it is located.
- (2) The Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer may cause any sign or sign structure to be removed or repaired summarily and without written notice if it is an immediate peril to persons or property by virtue of its construction or moorings.

T. Obsolete signs.

- (1) Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, a product sold or is not used for a permitted use hereunder shall be taken down and removed by the permittee, owner, agent or person having the beneficial use of the building or structure or land upon which such sign may be found within ten (10) days after written notification from the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer.
- (2) Upon failure to comply with such notice within the time specified in such order; the Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer is hereby authorized to cause removal of the sign, and any expense incidental thereto shall be paid by the permittee or owner of the building or structure to which the sign is attached.

U. Abandoned signs.

- (1) The failure to keep a nonconforming sign painted or in good repair for a period of six (6) months shall constitute abandonment, and such sign may not be reused and must be removed. Said sign shall be repainted or repaired as necessary within ten (10) days after written notification from the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer.

V. Violations and penalties.

- (1) Any person, association or corporation installing any permanent sign without being properly licensed therefore or who or which shall violate any of the other terms and regulations of this Section of the Land Use Code shall, upon conviction, be fined no less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation. Each day that such installation of any temporary or permanent sign shall continue without being duly licensed shall be considered a separate violation. The Town of Clinton Police Department is given the authority, in addition to the Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer, to enforce the limitations and requirements of this Subsection relating to temporary signs.

4. Inconsistency. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, section, paragraph, sentence or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

7. **Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof according to law.**

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