

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION
FEE: \$50.00**

Name of Individual/ Organization / Firm _____

Address _____

Name of Applicant / Contact Person _____

Map _____ Lot _____ Lot Size _____ Zoning District _____

Purpose (Check One) _____ Permanent _____ Temporary

____ Advertising _____ Directional _____ Identification _____ Political

Number of Sign(s) _____ Size of Sign(s) _____

Sign Material _____

Location(s)

Please provide a plot plan showing location of sign(s)

This sign permit is granted on the express condition that the said construction shall, in all respects, conform to Section 424, Signs; of the Town of Cumberland Zoning Ordinance. This permit may be revoked at any time upon violation of any provisions of said Ordinance.

Applicant(s) Signature

Date

Approved

Not Approved

Code Enforcement Officer

Date

Fee \$50.00

Date Paid

*Conditions / Restrictions _____

424.2 General regulations:

- .1 No sign shall be painted upon or otherwise directly affixed to any rock, ledge, or other natural feature except for signs reading "No Trespassing", "No Hunting", or other signs of similar import relating to controlling the use of private property.
- .2 No sign shall be erected at any location where, by reasons of position, shape, wording or color, it interferes with or obstructs the view of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or which may be confused with any other traffic signs, signal, or device.
- .3 Permanent signs, other than municipal, state directional signs in accordance with Section 424.4.3 and 424.4.4, shall not be erected within the right-of-way of any street or approved sight easements, nor shall any sign, including temporary signs, be located so as to constitute a traffic hazard.
- .4 All signs and their supporting structures shall be properly maintained to prevent rust, rot, peeling, or similar deterioration.
- .5 Whenever a sign shall become structurally unsafe or endanger the safety of a building or the public, the Building Inspector shall order such sign to be made safe or removed. Such order shall be complied with within ten (10) days of the receipt thereof by the person owning or using the sign, or by the owners of the building or premises on which such sign is affixed or erected.
- .6 Any sign which advertises, identifies or pertains to an activity no longer in existence shall be removed by the owner of the sign or the property or person otherwise responsible within 30 days from the time the activity ceases existence. This provision does not apply to seasonal activities during the regular periods in which they are closed.

Where due written notification has been given by the Building Inspector and compliance has not been made within the required thirty (30) day period, the town may cause removal of such sign and charge the cost of such removal to the owner.

- .7 No sign shall have visible moving parts or have blinding, moving or glaring illumination or consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers or similar devices.
- .8 No animated, flashing, apparently moving, or portable signs shall be permitted.
- .9 Signs attached to a principal structure shall not extend above the roof line or the parapet.
- .10 No sign, except business directional signs (see Sec. 424.4), shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to any lot line, or five (5) feet from the edge of any public way as may be determined by a lawful authority or otherwise encroach over in the airspace of any public right-of-way.
- .11 No advertising or identification sign, whether permanent or temporary, shall be erected on any premises other than the premises where the activity to which the sign pertains is located, other than those permitted under Section 424.3.2, or Section 424.2.15 (Amended, effective 10/28/97)
- .12 A sign may be illuminated provided it identifies the premises on which it is displayed. An illuminated sign may be displayed in OC-N, OC-S, HC or I Zones provided it does not emit a glare beyond the premises upon which it is located. All other illuminated signs may only be lighted during the daylight hours or those hours during which the premises may be opened to the public. Internally illuminated signs will only be allowed in the Highway Commercial, and Industrial. [Amended, effective 10/22/07]
- .13 In all residential districts the source of light of an illuminated sign shall be shielded or concealed. In all other districts the use of an illuminated sign with unshielded light shall be subject to a finding by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals that such a sign will not adversely affect adjacent properties.
- .14 Signs which are not visible from a public way are not subject to this Ordinance.
- .15 Signs advertising the sale of fresh fruit and vegetable crops are allowed as permitted by 23 M.R.S.A. § 1913-2-F as amended from time to time. (Amended, effective 10/28/97)

424.3 Standards:

- .1 The number of permanent or temporary identification signs which may be displayed on any lot in any zone must not exceed three (3).
- .2 The number of permanent or temporary advertising signs which may be displayed on any lot only in a commercial, business, or industrial zone must not exceed four (4). Advertising signs in all other zones are prohibited except for signs advertising the sale of real estate and except as may be specifically provided for by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals in its granting of a use and of a corresponding temporary advertising sign by special exception. Signs associated with home occupations or one day sales such as yard/garage/tag sales are permitted in all zones. Such specific provisions shall not violate the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.
- .3 No individual sign shall contain more than twenty-five (25) square feet, except in the Highway Commercial (HC) district where no individual sign shall exceed forty (40) square feet.
- .4 No individual sign shall have a height greater than twenty-five (25) feet above the ground level of land upon which it is located and as may be measured from the highest point on the sign.
- .5 The top of free-standing signs shall not exceed the height limit of principal structures in the zone where located or twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is less.
- .6 The area surrounding free-standing signs shall be kept neat, clean, and landscaped.
- .7 A temporary sign used to provide directional instructions to a single-family residence that is for sale shall not exceed four (4) square feet in size, shall be limited to four (4) in number at any one time relative to a single house, and shall be so located as not to interfere with traffic or otherwise cause a public nuisance. Temporary signs for the sale of real estate other than a single-family residence shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area and a renewal permit shall be required after the expiration of the first six (6) months that such a sign is posted; such renewal permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months.
- .8 Temporary political campaign signs which do not individually exceed sixteen square feet may be erected in any zone provided they conform with the conditions of this Ordinance and only after obtaining a permit for the display of such signs from the Code Enforcement Officer and payment of a refundable application fee as established by order of the Town Council. Applications for such political campaign signs shall be made on forms provided for by the Code Enforcement Officer. If following the election the Code Enforcement Officer finds that all such political advertising signs pertaining to an individual applicant have been removed, he may refund the application fee. No temporary political campaign signs may be erected more than thirty (30) days prior to the election for which such signs pertain. All such temporary political campaign signs shall be removed within 7 days following the election or the deposit fee shall be forfeited to the Town. [Amended, effective 9/1/98]

