

<p>TOWN OF SANDGATE Sandgate, VT 05250</p> 	<p>TITLE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SIGNS</p>	<p>Document Type: Ordinance</p> <p>Document Number/ Revision: 201.01</p> <p>Original Issue: 01/31/1952</p> <p>Reissue Date: 11/07/2011</p>
---	--	--

SECTION I. PURPOSE: This Ordinance, regulating and controlling outdoor advertising will promote the general welfare of the Town of Sandgate by encouraging the most appropriate use of the land throughout said Town and will check the defacement of, and preserve the value of the property within said Town.

SECTION II. DISTRICTS: The Town of Sandgate, bounded as said Town is bounded shall constitute one district.

SECTION III. RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS: After the enactment of these ordinances no outdoor advertising structure, device or display shall be erected by any person, firm or corporation in the Town of Sandgate except signs specifically exempted from the provisions of these ordinances as set forth hereinafter, unless such outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays shall conform to the following regulations and restrictions:

- A. All outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays shall be constructed of wood or metal, except as exempted in paragraph (a) hereinafter.
 1. Placards and posters of a material other than wood or metal advertising fairs, socials, bazaars, entertainments, sales, exhibitions and auctions displayed on a temporary basis for a period not exceeding thirty days may be exhibited provided approval of the Selectboard is first obtained.
 2. No advertising structure, device or display shall have either the vertical or horizontal measurement more than five (5) feet in length nor contain more than six (6) square feet. In computing the measurements specified herein the frame work of the panel shall be included in the computation.
 3. No sign shall be painted with more than three (3) colors including the painted background.
 4. There shall be no luminous advertising structures, devices or displays erected in said Township.
 5. No outdoor advertising structure, device or display shall name any article or item not manufactured, prepared or grown by the owner of the place of business advertised in lettering larger than that of the Owner's name.
 6. No property owner of lessee shall place or permit to be placed on his/her property more than three signs of any kind nor shall any sign be placed on said property closer to another residence or place of business than to his/her own.
 7. Regulations made under these ordinances shall not apply to an existing structure erected at the time of passage of this ordinance.

8. All signs erected under the provisions of this ordinance shall be maintained in good order by the owner of the sign.
9. The following signs shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:
 - a. An advertising sign from a municipality for an advertisement owned by it and advertising its industries or attractions and maintained at public expense.
 - b. Signs and other devices on or in the rolling stock, station, subways or structures of or used by common carriers.
 - c. Highway lighthouse signs, with no advertising thereon located at places of danger, provided the written consent of the State highway board is obtained as to location, plan and style of erection.
 - d. Purely direction signs erected and maintained by municipal or State officials.
10. A certified copy of this ordinance, together with a certificate of actions taken toward the passing of said ordinance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State with a request that all permits issued through his office for advertising signs in the Town of Sandgate shall require that the applicant conform to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: The Town of Sandgate Selectboard assumes the duties of an Administrative Officer.

SECTION V. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: The Town of Sandgate Selectboard assumes the duties of a Board of Adjustment. The Selectboard shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of this ordinance in harmony with its general purpose and the intent as set forth in Section I hereof, and the powers of the Selectboard shall be those set forth under 24 VSA 1971 and 24 VSA 2291(7).in chapter 173 of the Vermont Statutes, Revision of 1947 and the procedure of this Board shall be governed by said Chapter 173. Appeals from the Board shall be g.

SECTION VI. ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES: Upon being notified that an outdoor advertising structure, device or display is being erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted or maintained in violation of the terms of these ordinances, the Selectboard may forthwith notify the Town Agent to institute any appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such violation.

The Selectboard of the Town, upon being notified that a sign is displayed contrary to the provisions of this ordinance may order the firm, person or corporation to remove such sign and if such sign is not removed within ten days after written notice, the Selectboard may cause such advertisement or sign to be removed. The expenses of such removal may be collected from the person, firm or corporation owning or controlling the same in an action of Tort on this Ordinance.

The Selectboard shall notify, in writing, all owners of defaced signs to repair the same and put the same in good order, or to remove the signs. If such signs are not repaired or removed by the owner within ten days after written notice, the Selectboard may remove such signs.

The rights of enforcement provided herein shall not be construed as exclusive and shall not abridge any other right or remedy provided by law.

SECTION VII. PENALTY: A person who erects, maintains, displays or allows to remain in view an advertising display or device, or sign or any structure designed for the display of advertising matter contrary to the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.

SECTION VIII. AMENDMENTS: The regulations and restrictions set forth herein may be amended, repealed or altered in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

Revision History:

Doc. Number	Date	Actions
201.00	01/31/1952	Approved by the Selectboard
201.01	11/07/2011	Reformatted with no change in content other than references and responsibilities. Approved by the Selectboard.