

**TOWN OF SCOTT SIGN ORDINANCE 020998-A2
AMENDED APRIL 10, 2000**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Scott recognizes a need for some measure of control over appearance, placement, type and size because of their effect on the public safety and the aesthetic qualities of the town:

Now, therefore be it ordained, by the Town Board of the Town of Scott, Burnett County, Wisconsin, under village power, to allow signs of the following type, size, location, with the restrictions as noted:

- (1) GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, OFF-PREMISES AND ON-PREMISES SIGNS..**
 - (a) All signs shall be of durable construction, shall be erected on their own self-supporting standard or attached to a building, and shall not exceed forty (40) square feet, including face, border and trim, but not including supports. No sign shall be more than 10 feet from ground to top of sign to eliminate billboards.
 - (b) All signs if illuminated shall be lighted directly or indirectly with a white light only. No sign shall contain, include, or be illuminated by a flashing or rotating light, with the exception of time and temperature signs if so permitted by the Town Board. No sign shall throw light directly toward a neighboring residence, road lake or river. Electrical service to all free-standing signs shall be underground.
 - © No sign shall be located within right-of-way of the outside edge of a county or town road. This includes all free-standing signs and those attached to trees and fence posts unless specifically exempted from this ordinance.
 - (d) No off-premise sign shall be located within one thousand (1000) feet of the high water mark of any stream or lake.
 - (e) Political signs must be removed within five (5) days after election. The responsibility of removing the election signs lies with the landowner.
 - (f) No signs shall be painted or mounted on trees, rocks or other natural features, except the following signs which may be affixed to trees on private property only: no hunting, no trespassing, no fishing, no dumping, no parking, and other warning signs.
 - (g) The text of signs shall pertain exclusively to a business name, location and services offered.
 - (h) All signs shall attempt to maintain the natural beauty of the northwoods on color, appearance and landscaping.
 - (I) All signs shall be maintained in a safe state and a state of good repair by the owner and shall be inspected at regular intervals by Town Board appointed personnel.

- (2) SIGNS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM THIS ORDINANCE:**
 - (a) Official government signs and notices.
 - (b) Public utility signs
 - © Security signs
 - (d) Real estate signs provided such signs meet regulations in Section (1 (a), (b) & (I)). There shall be no more than one real estate sign on any one property facing any one road, lake or stream.
 - (e) Fire number signs for single family residence provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet in size.
 - (f) Name signs for single family residences provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet in size and collective residence signs not to exceed forty (40) square feet.
 - (g) Signs placed on interior surface of windows of buildings.
 - (h) Seasonal holiday decorations provided such decorations are removed within sixty (60) days of initial posting.
 - (I) Temporary location, garage sale, private sale, and auction type sale signs not to exceed four (4) square feet in size. All such signs shall be removed within five (5) days after the sale.

3. GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

Signs erected prior to the passage of this Ordinance that meet all previous Town, County and State requirements shall be grand fathered as either conforming signs or legal non-conforming signs except those in a poor state of repair as determined by the Town Board.

4. CONFORMING SIGNS

Signs erected prior to the passage of this Ordinance that meet all previous Town, County and State requirements but fail to meet the additional requirements of this Ordinance shall be considered conforming signs except those in a poor state of repair as determined by the Town Board.


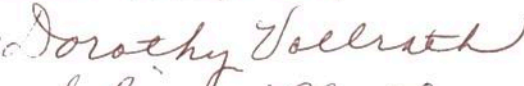
5. ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- (a) The Scott Town Board may establish guidelines which further define and interpret the provisions in this Ordinance. Those guidelines, if any, shall be made available to all persons requesting information on sign regulations.
- (b) Signs erected in violation of sign regulations are subject to removal. Notice to remove shall be issued by certified mail by the Scott Town Board to the sign owners and/or the property owners, with an allowance of ten days (10) from receipt of the notification for compliance. Failure of owners to remove the illegal sign within the allotted time will cause the Town Board to begin proceedings to have the sign removed at the owners expense.
- (c) The Scott Town Board may order the repair of signs which are determined to be in disrepair or unsafe, with corrections to be made within forty-five days from receipt of notice. Failure to make the necessary repairs within the allotted time may result in the Town Board ordering the removal of the sign.
- (d) Signs advertising a commercial establishment which no longer is in business and not currently on the market for sale shall be removed by the property owner within sixty (60) days of the closing of the business.
- (e) Owners of signs which are abandon or deteriorated beyond repair shall be given notice to remove, following the same procedure as in Section 5 (b) for illegal signs.
- (f) Any provisions of this Ordinance which creates an undue hardship may be appealed to the Scott Town Board, which may grant a variance by majority vote.

6. SEVERABILITY

The items and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and if any provisions of it or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 1998 - Amended this 10th day of April, 2000

Chair 
Supervisor 
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