

**TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2020**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE TOWN CODE
ENTITLED “ZONING”**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of North Hempstead to amend Chapter 70 of the Town Code entitled “Zoning” in order to include hanging signs and blade signs in business or industrial districts.

Section 2.

Chapter 70 of the Town Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 70-196 (J) Signs in business or industrial districts. The following signs shall be permitted only in business or industrial districts in accordance with the requirements of this article:

(1) Wall sign, attached to and parallel to a building wall on a public street or parking area and advertising only the business conducted in such building; provided that:

(a) There be only one such sign for each wall on any wall where such sign is permitted.

(b) The sign on the building wall facing upon a public street shall not exceed 4 1/2 feet in vertical measurement or two square feet per linear foot of wall width. The sign on the building wall facing upon a parking area shall not exceed two feet in vertical measurement or one square foot per linear foot of wall width, but in no case shall exceed 24 square feet in area.

(c) The sign is not wider than the building upon which it is placed.

(d) The sign or any part thereof, including lighting devices and reflectors, does not project more than one foot from such wall, but in no case shall extend into any right-of-way.

(e) The sign does not extend higher than the roof of any building.

(f) The sign is not higher than the distance between the head of the windows of one story and the lower sill course of the windows of the next higher story, or the top of the parapet wall if a one-story building, and in no event shall the top of the sign be higher than 18 feet above the mean level of the ground.

(g) Any such sign shall be maintained in a good state of repair, in working order and neatly painted; all projecting lighting devices, including reflectors and all parts thereof, shall be painted aluminum on the outside.

(h) The provisions of Subsections J(1)(a) through J(1)(g) above shall not prohibit a sign projecting not more than one foot from the wall of any building and not more than one foot by one foot in area used to indicate the location on the premises of a public telephone or other public utility facility for the use of the general public.

(i) All signs in shopping centers shall be uniform in appearance, construction and dimensions.

[Added 8-26-1980 by L.L. No. 13-1980]

(2) Detached or ground sign, advertising only the business conducted on the premises upon which the sign is located, provided that:

(a) There be only one such sign detached from a building.

(b) Such sign shall not exceed 24 square feet in area or 15 feet in height from the mean level of the ground.

(c) Such sign shall be located not less than 10 feet from any property line.

(d) An open space of at least three feet in height shall be maintained between the bottom of the sign and the ground.

(e) The area between the sign and front property line shall be maintained free of weeds and debris.

(3) A tower sign, advertising only the business conducted in such building, provided that:

(a) Said sign is an integral part and made of the same material as the front of the building.

(b) There be only one such sign.

(c) The sign shall not exceed 100 square feet in area nor 10 feet in any dimension.

(d) The top of the sign shall not exceed 35 feet in height from the mean level of the ground.

(e) There shall be no moving parts or any flashing, changing, intermittent or varying illumination in connection therewith.

(4) Window signs, provided that the total area of all such window signs located in a window does not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total area of such window. For purposes of this subsection, a "window sign" shall mean a sign of any material which is either temporarily or permanently attached or affixed to the interior or exterior surface of a display window and is used for

advertisements, announcements or notices, directional matters, company names or trade names and which is related to the business, products or services provided. Window signs shall not require permits as otherwise provided herein.

[Added 8-26-1980 by L.L. No. 13-1980]

(5) Hanging sign or blade sign, attached to and perpendicular to a building wall on a public street or parking area and advertising only the business conducted in such building; provided that:

- (a) **There be only one such sign per business in addition to any other permitted signage.**
- (b) **The signs shall not exceed 6 square feet of surface area per side.**
- (c) **The sign is 6 or less inches thick.**
- (d) **The sign is attached to the building wall no more than 15 feet from the entrance of the business it advertises.**
- (e) **There are no other blade or hanging signs within 15 feet.**
- (f) **The blade or hanging sign extends no further than the lesser of 42 inches from the building, or a distance equivalent to one half the width of the sidewalk.**
- (g) **No portion of the blade or hanging sign is more than 15 feet above grade or the roof of the building.**
- (h) **No portion of the blade or hanging sign is less than 8 feet above grade.**
- (i) **There shall be no means of internal illumination.**
- (j) **Exterior lighting shall be from above or the side of the sign attached to the building wall, facade, or soffit face; lamps shall not project more than one and 1/2 feet from the building wall, facade, or soffit face; such illumination shall not result in confusion with traffic signals, either because of color or proximity.**
- (k) **Signs must be durable, sturdy, and stable and must be designed, constructed and installed to withstand one-hundred-ten-mile-per-hour gusts of wind and rain.**
- (l) **The bracket holding the hanging sign shall be mounted above the sign only; brackets shall be attached to the building wall, facade, or soffit face only; brackets attached to the top of the soffit or roof shall be prohibited.**

Section 3.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.