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County **JEWETT**
City of _____
Town _____
Village _____

Local Law No. 7 of the year 2007

REGULATING THE DESIGN AND PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

A local law _____
(insert Title)

TOWN BOARD

Be It enacted by the _____ of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County **JEWETT**
City of _____ as follows:
Town _____
Village _____

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Jewett as follows:

SECTION I. Title and Purpose

This Local Law shall be known as the Sign Law of the Town of Jewett. The purpose of this law is to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community. In accordance with the town's comprehensive plan this law is designed to promote health and general welfare; to protect residents and provide freedom from nuisance and things harmful to the senses.

SECTION II. General Restrictions

Signs or other similar devices may be erected in the Town of Jewett upon approval by the Jewett Planning Board and which are in conformance with the following:

A. All signs must be constructed of durable materials and shall be maintained in good condition and repair at all times and may not be placed in any public or private roadway or right of way.

B. In any district, a sign not exceeding four square feet is permitted which announces the name, address or professional or home occupation of the occupant of the premises on which said sign is located.

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C. A bulletin board not exceeding 24 square feet is permitted in connection with any church, school or similar public structure.

D. A business sign shall be permitted in connection with any legal business or industry located on the premises, and meeting the following requirements:

(1) Two signs are permitted with any legally established business, one freestanding and the other attached to the building.

(2) The primary purpose of the sign shall be for identification and not for advertising and may state only the owner, trade names, trademarks and products sold and for the business or activity conducted on the premises on which the sign is located.

(3) Signs shall not extend above the roof or parapet of the building. The height of a freestanding sign shall not exceed 10 feet above the ground to the top of the sign and shall not exceed 24 square feet in area.

(4) Illuminated signs shall be shielded in such a way as to produce no glare, undue distraction, confusion or hazard to the surrounding area or to vehicular traffic. Illumination shall be properly focused upon or from within the sign itself. Internally illuminated signs may be permitted only upon approval of the Planning Board.

(5) Signs which are animated, flashing, or with intermittent illumination are prohibited.

(6) Signs shall not project over public rights-of-way or property lines.

(7) Signs on canopies are prohibited.

F. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building or upon a tree or utility pole.

G. Any sign which becomes in disrepair may be removed upon order of the Town Board if not repaired after 30 days notice. Any new sign must conform to all regulations.

H. The Planning Board shall have the discretion to waive the strict compliance with the requirements of this Law to accommodate signage that is affected by the particular on-site topographic conditions or other similar impacts.

SECTION III. Temporary Real Estate, Construction or Similar Signs

One temporary real estate, construction or other similar temporary signs such as advertising for garage sales or warning signs, not exceeding 4 (four) square feet is permitted without review by the Planning Board on the property being sold, leased, developed or on which the activity advertised shall take place. Such sign shall be removed when the property has been sold, leased or developed or the activity is completed. Applicants desiring to place a temporary sign exceeding 4 (four) square feet must comply with the provisions of Section IV., below.

SECTION IV. Off-Site Signage

A. No more than two signs off-site may be permitted by the Planning Board for businesses, churches or service organizations located in the Town of Jewett. Such off-site signs may be erected only if necessary for directional purposes and may be no larger than 2 (two) square feet in area with a maximum of one-foot in height and two-feet in length.

B. Off-site signs may not be artificially illuminated and must conform with the Catskill Park sign color requirements. No signs shall be permitted for businesses, events or any other reason in the Town of Jewett which are not located or occurring within the geographic boundaries of the Town.

SECTION V. Procedure

A. All applications for permits for erection or alteration of signs shall be referred to the Planning Board by the Building Inspector before a permit is issued. The Planning Board shall notify the applicant of the date on which the application is to be heard and the applicant shall have the right to address the Board or make a presentation with regard to the application. The Planning Board shall consider in its deliberations i) the size, color and shape of the proposed sign, ii) the general standards set forth in Section II. above, iii) the character of the neighborhood; and iv) any potential impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood. The Planning Board shall then either approve, approve with modifications or disapprove of said plan, stating the reasons therefore in writing in its records within 62 days of the end of the above hearing, and shall send a written notice of its recommendation to the Building Inspector and applicant, who shall act accordingly. Approval hereunder does not relieve the applicant from compliance with any County or State law, rule or regulation.

B. The size restrictions contained in this local law are consistent with signs that may be erected in conjunction with a Home Occupation as defined in Article XI of the Zoning Local Law of the Town of Jewett. Applicants thereunder shall be required to follow the procedural requirements in both the Zoning Law and those set forth in this Local Law.

SECTION VI. Penalties

Any police or peace officer or the Town Zoning Enforcement Officer or Town Building Inspector may investigate any complaint relating to improper signage and are hereby authorized to commence enforcement proceedings in the local justice court in the name of the Town. Violations of this Local Law shall be punishable in the same manner in which violations of the Town Zoning Law are punishable.

SECTION VII. Repealer

This Local Law repeals and replaces Local Law #1 of 2005.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.