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VILLAGE OF COPEMISH
SIGN ORDINANCE NO.2011-2
11-30-11

Signs that meet the following provisions pertaining to the erection and maintenance of permanent and temporary signs will be permitted if the following requirements are met:

A. **PERMANENT SIGN** Signs that are intended for and are built to withstand long-term use of at least one (1) year. All permanent signs require permission in writing from the Village of Copemish council. Written requests should be received by the Village Clerk by the first Monday of the month for review at Council meetings on the second Monday of the month. Exceptions would include "No Trespassing" and "No Hunting" signs. The following are considered permanent signs:

1. One identification sign of not more than sixteen (16) square feet may be erected on the premises as part of any residence, business or activity conducted thereon. This includes signs for religious assembly, rotary or service clubs and other quasi public uses.

2. Signs of not more than thirtytwo (32) square feet in area, pertaining to a business physically located and carried out in the Village, shall be permitted on any unimproved real estate, not less than three hundred (300) feet from any existing residence. No business shall be entitled to more than one (1) freestanding roadside sign in the Village. All other off-premise signs are prohibited.

3. **Farm Market Signs** One permanent sign shall be erected no more than sixteen (16) square feet in area. For the safety of the general public, no spinners, pennants, flags, flashing lights, reflectors, flicker tape, or other distractive devices may be used in conjunction with any sign or business.

4. **Subdivision Development Signs** One identification sign or not more than sixteen (16) square feet may be erected and landscaped on the premises for subdivision development in any district.

5. "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting" signs shall be limited to two (2) square feet and may be posted without a permit, as needed.

B. TEMPORARY SIGNS-Signs that are limited to a three (3) month maximum existence do not need Village Council approval.

1. No poster type signs shall be tacked on poles or trees or otherwise erected. "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs shall be not more than four (4) square feet in size and may be placed without permission of the Village Council.

2. Roadside Stands Signs- No more than two (2) one or two sided signs shall be erected, and said signs shall be no larger than nine (9) square feet in area, per side. The sign(s) shall be removed when the stand is closed and removed for the season. For the safety of the general public, no spinners, pennants, flags, flashing lights, reflectors, flicker tape, or other distracting devices may be used in conjunction with any sign or business.

3. Political Signs-may be erected for up to sixty (60) days prior to election within the Village but must be removed within (3) days after election.

4. "Garage Sale" signs shall be limited to four (4) per garage sale and may be posted for a four (4) day period.

C. STANDARDS.

1. Roadside signs shall comply with Michigan Department of Transportation, Manistee County Road Commission regulations (i.e. setbacks)

2. For the safety of the general public, no spinners, pennants, flags, flashing lights, reflectors, flicker tape, or other distracting devices may be used in conjunction with any sign or business. 3. No sign shall be a height greater than eight (8) feet above grade. No message shall be printed outside the area of the sign face. Any elements such as support legs or a solid base shall not be included in the square footage computation so long as they are a calculation shall include such elements as decorative borders, top caps and drop signs.

4. Square footage of signs located on buildings shall be included in the total square footage

allowed for a permanent sign.

5. Illuminated Signs-as permitted in this ordinance (along the M-115 corridor only), which are illuminated shall be allowed, provided such signs and lighting are so shielded as to prevent

direct light ray/beams from the source of light which would provide a hazard or nuisance when intruding/invasive into the public right-of-way or any adjacent property.

6. Non-Conforming Signs-it is the intent of this Ordinance to encourage signs to conform to this section. Therefore, non-conforming signs shall be removed upon a change in an activity, use or

When a sign no longer has meaning. Any subsequent sign must conform to this section. The size of any existing sign may not be altered unless it conforms to this section.

7. Any signs placed on Village property will be removed if not approved before placement.

D. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:

ENFORCEMENT: This ordinance shall be enforced by the elected members of the Village Council of the Village of Copemish. The owner, if possible, and the occupant of any property upon which any of the sign violations set forth in this ordinance are found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove such signs within 15 days after service of the notice upon him. Such notice will be served by certified mail, return receipt requested.

PENALTIES: Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance will be deemed a Municipal Civil Infraction, subject to fine, in accordance with the Schedule of Fines set forth in the ordinance authorizing "Municipal Civil Infractions" in the Village of Copemish (Ordinance No. 2006-11-13) the amount not to exceed \$250.00 for each offense.

The publishing of this ordinance hereby repeals any and all previous sign ordinances already in place in the Village Zoning ordinance.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND ADOPTION: This ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage and shall become effective upon publication. This ordinance was duly adopted on the 30th day of November, 2011 at a regular meeting of the Village of Copemish Planning Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties through their duly qualified representatives have executed this agreement as of November 30, 2011.

Pamela S. Houghton, Clerk

