

CHAPTER 3

SIGNS AND AWNINGS

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8-3-1: PERMITS: No person shall erect or maintain any sign, signboard or rigid canopy over any street, sidewalk, alley or other public way in the Village without having first obtained a permit therefor as herein provided.

Permits for signs or canopies shall be issued by the Village Clerk upon payment of the fee provided, and shall designate the location of the proposed structure.

The annual fee for such permits shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for each overhanging sign or canopy. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 142)

8-3-2: BONDS: Each person maintaining such a sign shall file with the Village Clerk a bond or indemnity policy in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), conditioned to indemnify the Village for any loss or damage or liability that may result from the construction or maintenance of such sign or canopy. Such bond or policy shall have such sureties as may be approved by the President and Board of Trustees.

Provided that if a blanket indemnity insurance policy against any loss or liability due to such signs and canopies is secured by the Village, no such bond shall be required. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 143)

8-3-3: TEMPORARY PERMITS: Temporary permits may be issued for maintenance of a temporary sign for a short time and not to exceed three (3) weeks, upon payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each week or fraction thereof that such sign is to be maintained. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 144)

8-3-4: CONSTRUCTION: All signs and canopies extending over any public sidewalk, street, alley or other public place must be securely fastened and constructed so that there will be no danger of the same being dislodged by ordinary winds or falling from other cause. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 145)

8-3-5: TERM OF PERMIT: The period of which permits required by this Chapter shall run shall be the same as the general license year. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 146)

8-3-6: HEIGHT ABOVE WALK: The lowest part of any such canopy, sign or of any nonrigid awning, or any support thereof which extends over any public way shall be at least seven feet (7') above the level of the walk or public way over which it extends; but no such sign shall be maintained over any public way used by vehicles if any part of its support or of the sign is less than fifteen feet (15') above the level of such public way. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 147)

8-3-7: INSPECTION: It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to inspect or cause to be inspected, every sign, canopy or awning which extends over any sidewalk, street, alley or other public way. If any such sign or canopy is found to be insecurely fastened he shall report this fact to the owner of the sign or to the owner or occupant of the premises on which it is fastened. If the sign or canopy is not made secure within ten (10) days after such notice it may be torn down by the Fire Department on order of the President and Board of Trustees. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 148)

8-3-8: PENALTY: Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each and every day during or on which a violation or failure to comply occurs or continues. (M.C. 1949, Sec. 149; amd. Ord. 338, 1-3-77)