

25. SIGNS

a. Conformance of Signs

No sign shall be hereafter erected, altered or maintained within the limits of the Town of Newport, Maine except in conformance with the provisions of this section.

b. Signs Prohibited

No sign, whether new or existing, shall be permitted within the Town of Newport, Maine which causes a sight, traffic, health or welfare hazard, or results in a nuisance, due to illumination, placement, display, or obstruction or existing signs.

c. Temporary Signs

The following temporary signs are permitted provided said signs conform to all standards of this section and all other municipal, federal and state ordinances, statutes and/or regulations:

(1) Temporary Signs Giving Notice

Signs of temporary nature, such as political posters, advertisements or charitable functions, notices of meetings, other non-commercial signs of a similar nature, are permitted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, provided that the persons who posted the signs shall be responsible for their removal.

(2) Temporary Yard Sale Signs

Temporary yard sale signs are permitted provided they do not exceed the size standards of Subsection e and provided they are removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the sale. Yard sales which extend for more than four (4) consecutive days are considered commercial use.

d. Sign Requirements

All signs within the limits of the Town of Newport shall meet the following requirements:

(1) No sign shall project over a walkway or interfere in any way with the normal flow of foot or vehicular traffic. All free standing signs shall be set back a minimum of eight (8) feet from property lines in all districts;

(2) No sign shall contain, include, or be illuminated by flashing, blinking, intermittent, or moving light;

(3) No sign shall exceed twenty five (25) feet in height;

(4) Signs may be illuminated only by shielded non-flashing lights so as to effectively prevent beams of light from being directed at neighboring residential properties or any portion of the main traveled way of a roadway, or is of such low intensity or brilliance as not to cause glare or impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle or otherwise interfere with the operation thereof.

(5) Roof signs shall not extend more than ten (10) feet above the roof line;

(6) Signs in Commercial and Commercial/Industrial District. No more than two (2) free standing signs per use. Signs may be double faced. No larger than one hundred (100) square feet in area and no higher than twenty-five (25) feet height.

(7) Signs in Industrial District. No more than two signs per use. no sign shall be greater than 100 square feet in area and no higher than 25 feet in height.

(8) Signs involving Home Occupations shall not exceed four (4) sq. ft. and not more than one per lot.

e. Off-Premise Signs

No off premise sign shall be erected or maintained in the Town of Newport except in conformity with MRSA Title 23, Section 1901-1925, The Maine