

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION
FEE: \$50.00**

Name of Individual/ Organization / Firm _____

Address _____

Name of Applicant / Contact Person _____

Map _____ Lot _____ Lot Size _____ Zoning District _____

Purpose (Check One) _____ Permanent _____ Temporary

____ Advertising _____ Directional _____ Identification _____ Political

Number of Sign(s) _____ Size of Sign(s) _____

Sign Material _____

Location(s)

Please provide a plot plan showing location of sign(s)

This sign permit is granted on the express condition that the said construction shall, in all respects, conform to Section 424, Signs; of the Town of Cumberland Zoning Ordinance. This permit may be revoked at any time upon violation of any provisions of said Ordinance.

Applicant(s) Signature

Date

Approved

Not Approved

Code Enforcement Officer

Date

Fee \$50.00

Date Paid

*Conditions / Restrictions _____

424.2 General Regulations: Repealed, and Replaced 11/23/2009] [Amended, effective 9/12/11]

.1 No sign or outdoor display structure shall be erected, attached, suspended or altered, until a permit has been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer to the person or owner in control of the sign.

This Ordinance does not apply to:

- Signs for the sale or lease of a single-family residence;
- Temporary or permanent state or municipal signs;
- Historical designation signs;
- Contractor's signs;
- Signs related to activities at the Fairgrounds posted for 7 days or less;
- Signs relating to or controlling the use of private property.
- Signs which are not visible from a public way.
- Signs associated with one day sales such as yard/garage/tag sales

Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a "temporary" sign is one that is erected for 14 days or less.

.2 Signs advertising the sale of fresh fruit and vegetable crops are allowed as permitted by 23 M.R.S.A. § 1913-2-F as amended from time to time. (Amended, effective 10/28/97)

.3 A non-conforming sign lawfully existing at the time of adoption of this subsection or subsequent amendment may continue.

.4 A nonconforming sign damaged or destroyed by accident or Act of God may be replaced within a one (1) year period following the damage or destruction provided that a duly issued permit has been obtained. The replacement sign shall replicate or be less non-conforming than the original.

.5 Nonconforming signs located within the public right of way shall not be permitted to be altered or relocated within the public right of way.

.6 No sign, whether new or existing, shall be permitted that causes a sight, traffic, health or welfare hazard, or results in a nuisance due to illumination, placement, display, or manner of construction.

.7 In any district, a home occupation sign not exceeding four (4) square feet in surface area is permitted which announces the name, address, profession or home occupation of the occupant of the premises on which said sign is located. Except that in the Rural Industrial (RI), Village Center Commercial (VCC), Village Medium Density Residential (VMDR) and Village Mixed Use Zone (VMUZ) zoning districts, the home occupation sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet [Amended, effective 9/12/11]

.8 Signs may be installed on the fences of all athletic fields, subject to the following:

.1 Individual signs are to be no more than 4' x 8'.

.2 Text and graphics shall be on only one side of the sign, and the signs shall be installed so the text and graphics face in toward the field.

.9 No sign shall be painted upon or otherwise directly affixed to any rock, ledge, or other natural feature except for signs reading "No Trespassing", "No Hunting", or other signs of similar import relating to controlling the use of private property.

.10 No sign shall be erected at any location where, by reasons of position, shape, wording or color, it interferes with or obstructs the view of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or which may be confused with any other traffic signs, signal, or device.

.11 Permanent signs, other than municipal, state directional signs in accordance with Section 424.4 shall not be erected within the right-of-way of any street or approved sight easements, nor shall any sign, including temporary signs, be located so as to constitute a traffic hazard.

.12 All signs and their supporting structures shall be properly maintained to prevent rust, rot, peeling, or similar deterioration.

.13 Whenever a sign shall become structurally unsafe or endanger the safety of a building or the public, the Building Inspector shall order such sign to be made safe or removed. Such order shall be complied with within ten (10) days of the receipt thereof by the person owning or using the sign, or by the owners of the building or premises on which such sign is affixed or erected.

.14 Any sign which advertises, identifies or pertains to an activity no longer in existence shall be removed by the owner of the sign or the property or person otherwise responsible within 30 days from the time the activity ceases existence. This provision does not apply to seasonal activities during the regular periods in which they are closed.

.15 No sign shall have visible moving parts or have blinding, moving or glaring illumination or consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers or similar devices.

.16 No animated, flashing, apparently moving, or portable signs shall be permitted.

.17 Signs attached to a principal structure shall not extend above the roof line or the parapet.

.18 No sign, except business directional signs shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to any lot line, or five (5) feet from the edge of any public way as may be determined by a lawful authority or otherwise encroach over in the airspace of any public right-of-way.

.19 No advertising or identification sign, whether permanent or temporary, shall be erected on any premises other than the premises where the activity to which the sign pertains is located, other than those permitted under Section 424.2.7, 424.3.2, or Section 424.2.22 (Amended, effective 10/28/97)

424.4 Standards:

.1 The number of permanent or temporary identification signs which may be displayed on any lot in any zone must not exceed two (2).

.2 The number of permanent or temporary advertising signs which may be displayed on any lot only in a commercial, business, or industrial zone must not exceed four (4). Advertising signs in all other zones are prohibited except for signs advertising the sale or lease of real estate and except as may be specifically provided for by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals in its granting of a use and of a corresponding temporary advertising sign by special exception. Such specific provisions shall not violate the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

.3 No individual sign shall contain more than twenty-five (25) square feet, except in the Highway Commercial (HC), Village Center Commercial (VCC), Mixed Use (MUZ), Office Commercial South (OC-S), Office Commercial North (OC-N), Village Office Commercial 1 (VOC 1), Village Office Commercial 2 (VOC 2), Village Mixed Use (V-MUZ), Industrial (I) and Rural Industrial (RI) districts where no individual sign shall exceed forty (40) square feet.

.4 No individual sign shall have a height greater than twenty-five (25) feet above the ground level of land upon which it is located and as may be measured from the highest point on the sign.

.5 The top of free-standing signs shall not exceed the height limit of principal structures in the zone where located or twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is less.

.6 The area surrounding free-standing signs shall be kept neat, clean, and landscaped.

.7 A temporary sign used to provide directional instructions to a single-family residence that is for sale or lease shall not exceed four (4) square feet in size, shall be limited to three (3) in number at any one time relative to a single house, and shall be so located as not to interfere with traffic or otherwise cause a public nuisance.

.8 Temporary signs for the sale of real estate other than a single-family residence shall not exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area and a renewal permit shall be required after the expiration of the first six (6) months that such a sign is posted; such renewal permit shall be valid for up to six (6) months.