

Town of Jamaica, Vermont Sign Control Ordinance



WHEREAS, at the annual town meeting of the Town of Jamaica held on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1954, it was voted by said meeting to give the Board of Selectmen, the legislative body of said Town, the authority to regulate and restrict outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173 of Vermont Statutes, revision of 1947, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, C.C. Landman; F.M. Butler; and R.W. Coleman, to preserve the value of property and to promote the general welfare, and to encourage the most appropriate use of the land throughout said Town of Jamaica, all under a comprehensive plan, deem it fitting to enact ordinances to regulate outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following ordinances and the administration and enforcement thereof shall become effective within the Town of Jamaica immediately after a public hearing has been held and the said ordinances have been approved by the legal voters of the Town of Jamaica as provided in Chapter 173, Vermont Statutes, revision of 1947.

SECTION 1

Districts

The Town of Jamaica, bounded as said town is bounded, shall constitute one district.

SECTION 2

Restrictions and Regulations

1. After the enactment of these ordinances no outdoor advertising structure, device or display shall be erected by any persons, firms or corporations in the Town of Jamaica, unless said structures, devices or displays shall conform to the following regulations and restrictions:

- A. All outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays shall be of wood construction and the horizontal measurement shall not exceed 5 feet and the vertical measurement shall not exceed 3 feet. Such measurements shall include the frames of such structures.
- B. There shall be no luminous advertising structures, devices or displays.

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- C. No property or lessee shall place or permit to be placed an outdoor advertising structure, device or display closer to another residence than his own.
- D. Signs erected under sub-sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of Section 7687, 3855 and 3856 of the Vermont Statutes, revision of 1947, are exempt under these ordinances.
- E. No property owner or lessee shall permit the erection of any outdoor advertising structure, device or display nearer than 500 feet from any other advertising structure, device or display on his property.
- F. A certified copy of this ordinance, together with a certificate of action taken toward the passing of said ordinance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State with a request that he shall not issue or reissue any permits to erect any outdoor structure, device or display within the Town of Jamaica as required in Section 7682 of the Vermont Statutes.
- G. A person, firm, or corporation shall not display an outdoor advertising sign: unless exempt under Item D, this section, without first obtaining a permit so to do and annually thereafter renewing same on the date specified in said permit, from the person holding the office of Sign Control Ordinance Administrator as hereinafter established. Application for such permit shall be obtained from said Administrator and shall be in form and manner prescribed by said Administrator. A fee of \$1.00 shall be paid for each original permit issued and a fee of \$.50 for each renewal of said permit at the same location. All such fees received by the Administrator shall be paid into the Town General Fund.

Adopted December 24, 1966.

SECTION 3

Administrative Officer

There is hereby created the office known as Administrative Officer. Such officer shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen.

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SECTION 4

Board of Adjustment

There is hereby created a Board of Adjustment which may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of these ordinances in harmony with its general purpose and intent as set forth in the preamble hereof, and the powers and procedure for appeals from rulings of said Board of Adjustment shall be those set forth in Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of the State of Vermont.

SECTION 5

Reinforcement of Ordinance

Upon being notified by the Administrative Officer that an outdoor advertising structure, device or display is being erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted or maintained in violation of the terms of these ordinances, the Board of Selectmen shall cause such outdoor advertising structure, device or display to be removed. A penalty not to exceed \$20 000 may be recovered in an action of tort for each violation of the ordinance.

SECTION 6

Enforcement

The right of enforcement provided herein shall not be construed as exclusive and shall not abridge any other right or remedy now provided by law.

SECTION 7

Amendments

The regulations and restrictions set forth herein may be amended upon petition of 10 percent of the real estate owners in the Town of Jamaica, no such amendment shall become effective until a public hearing in relation thereto at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in said Town. No amendment shall become effective except by the unanimous vote of the legislative body.

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Dated at Jamaica, Vermont this 26th day of January A.D. 1956.

F. M. Butler

Reginald Coleman

C. C. Landman

Selectmen of the Town of Jamaica.

DEAR ADVERTISER AND/OR OWNER OR LESSEE:

This SIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE, effective January 26, 1956, will be enforced. We are sure you will want to voluntarily comply with the terms of this ordinance and correct any violations of same under your control.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
SIGN CONTROL ORDINANCE
TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT.