

Town of Amherst, New Hampshire
Office of the Board of Selectmen
Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Temporary Signs on Town-Owned Land

Section 1: Authority

This ordinance has been enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Amherst by NH RSA 41:11-a (Town Property), which allows the Board of Selectmen of the Town to adopt ordinances to regulate the use of Town-owned lands.

Section 2: Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to maintain the rural character of the Town of Amherst and to protect public health, safety and welfare by limiting the location, number and size of temporary signs to be placed on Town-owned land.

Section 3: Applicability

Except as otherwise permitted below, no temporary signs for special events shall be placed on property owned by the Town of Amherst.

Section 4: Permit Required

1. Upon receipt of a sign permit from the Office of Community Development, temporary signs for special events may be placed on Town-owned property as follows:
 - a. Huntington Common (Lot 16-14)- No more than three (3) temporary signs for special events may be placed on Huntington Common at any one time. Permit requests will be accommodated in the order they are received. Signs for Town-sponsored events will be given priority over other organizations.
 - b. Other Town-Owned Land- A temporary sign for a special event may be placed on public property if the event or activity is being held on that particular property, upon receipt of a sign permit from the Office of Community Development.
 - c. An application for such permit shall be filed no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the event.
2. General to all temporary signs on Town-owned land:
 - a. Signs must comply with applicable requirements of Section 3.4D of the [Amherst Zoning Ordinance \(incorporated herein by reference\)](#).
 - b. Signs must be for events located within the Town of Amherst, or be sponsored by organizations located within the Town of Amherst.
 - c. No sign shall be placed in such a manner that it obstructs visibility of motorists or presents a hazard.
 - d. Signs shall be maintained in a safe, neat and legible condition.
 - e. No business signage is permitted on Town-owned property.

Section 5: Waivers

The Board of Selectmen may waive any provisions of this ordinance by a majority vote of the Board at a regular meeting for good cause shown or where, in the opinion of the

Board, the ordinance does not reasonably accommodate the special circumstances of a particular event.

Section 6: Political Signage

Political signs are regulated by the State per NH RSA 664. The placement and removal of political signage is specifically regulated by NH RSA 664:17.

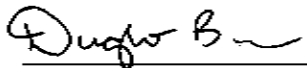
Section 7: Violations and Penalties

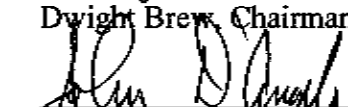
If a special event sign is not removed by the applicant after the specified number of days allowed by the permit, or is found to be in violation of any provision of this ordinance, the applicant may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed \$275 per day for each day that the sign remains displayed. If a special event sign is maintained in violation of any provision of this chapter, the sign or banner may be removed by the Town of Amherst.

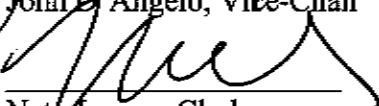
Section 8: Effective Date and Amendments

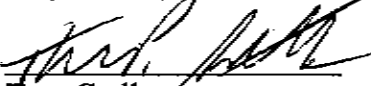
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and may from time to time be amended by the Board of Selectmen at a regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting subsequent to a public hearing duly posted fourteen (14) days prior.

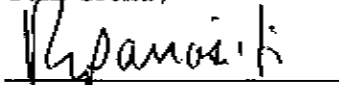
Adopted by the Board of Selectmen this 27 day of July, 2015.


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