

## 5-105 SIGNS

- A. Purposes. The regulation of **signs** by this **Code** is intended to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by reducing the depreciation of property values caused by **signs** that are incompatible with surrounding land uses; by creating a more attractive economic and business climate within the **business districts** of the **Village**; by enhancing and protecting the physical appearance of all areas of the **Village**; by protecting **signs** from obstruction by other **signs**; and by reducing the distractions, obstructions, and hazards to pedestrian and auto traffic caused by the indiscriminate placement and use of **signs**.
- B. Scope. The regulations of this Section shall govern and control the erection, enlargement, **expansion**, **alteration**, operation, maintenance, relocation, and removal of all **signs** within the **Village** visible from any **street**, sidewalk, or public or private **common open space**. Any **sign** not expressly permitted by these regulations shall be prohibited. The regulations of this Section relate to the location of **signs**, by function and type, within **zoning districts** and shall be in addition to provisions of the **Building Code** applicable to the construction and maintenance of **signs**. Regulations concerning the use and termination of **nonconforming signs** appear in Section 6-105 of this **Code**.
- C. Certificate of Zoning Compliance Required. Except as expressly provided in this Section, no **sign** shall be erected, enlarged, expanded, altered, relocated, or maintained unless a **certificate of zoning compliance** shall have first been issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-301 of this **Code**; provided, however, that no **certificate of zoning compliance** shall be issued for any **sign** in the R-D, B-1, or B-2 District unless appearance review approval is first obtained in accordance with Section 7-503 of this **Code**. No **certificate of zoning compliance** shall be required for an **alteration** of a **sign** involving only routine maintenance or the changing of parts designed to be changed in any manner that does not change the functional classification of the **sign**; provided, however, that this exception shall not permit a change of the message on any **sign** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** therefore. In addition, any other permits required under any applicable federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation shall be obtained prior to the erection, enlargement, **alteration**, or relocation of any such **sign**.
- D. Classification of Signs.
1. Functional Types. For purposes of this **Code**, **signs** shall be classified as follows according to function:
    - (a) Advertising Sign. A **sign** that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a

location other than the **premises** on which the **sign** is located. This term shall include **signs**, other than customary identification lettering and **advertising** posters on buses or taxicabs, attached to parked or moving vehicles.

- (b) Attention-Getting Device. A **sign** designed to attract attention by means of flashing or moving parts, bright color or light, or movement of any kind. Examples of such **signs** include pennants, banners, flags, streamers, balloons, propellers, whirligigs, search lights, and flashing lights.
- (c) Bulletin Board Sign. A **sign** that identifies an institution or organization on whose **premises** it is located and which contains the name or names of the person or persons connected with it, and greetings, announcements of events, activities occurring at the institution, or similar messages.
- (d) Business Sign. A **sign** that directs attention to a business or profession conducted, or to a commodity or service sold, offered, or manufactured, or to an entertainment offered, on the **premises** where the **sign** is located and which is limited in content to the name and generic description of the business or product.
- (e) Changeable Message Sign. A **sign**, other than a **bulletin board** or **public service sign**, having a face or faces that allow the message on the **sign** to be readily changed by means of light banks, removable letters, or other device.
- (f) Civic Event Sign. A **temporary sign** that announces or identifies a **civic use**, purpose, event, or program.
- (g) Construction Sign. A **temporary sign** erected on **premises** on which construction is taking place, during the period of such construction, indicating the names of the architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors, and similar artisans, and the owners, financial supporters, sponsors, and similar persons or firms having a role or interest in the construction activity.
- (h) Governmental Sign. A **sign** erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function or required by any law, ordinance, or governmental regulation.
- (i) Holiday Decorations. **Signs** in the nature of decorations, clearly

incidental to and customarily and commonly associated with any national, local, or religious holiday.

- (j) Identification Sign. A **sign** giving the name, logo, trademark or other readily recognized identifying symbol, address, or any combination of the name, symbol, and address of a **building**, business, development, or establishment on the **premises** where it is located.
- (k) Joint-Identification Sign. A **sign** that serves as common or collective identification for two or more commercial or office uses sharing a **shopping center** and which is located in **common open space** on such **premises**. Such **sign** shall be limited in content to identification of the center shared by such uses and of the individual uses sharing such center.
- (l) Memorial Sign. A **sign** or tablet memorializing a person, event, **structure**, or the like.
- (m) Nameplate Sign. A **sign** giving the name or address, or both, of the **owner** or occupant of a **building** or **premises** on which the **sign** is located. If any **premise** is occupied by more than one occupant, the **nameplate sign** may identify all such occupants as well as the **premises** and may include necessary directional information.
- (n) Official Flag or Emblem. A flag or emblem of a government or, of a membership organization.
- (o) On-Site Informational Sign. A **sign** commonly associated with, and limited to, information and directions necessary or convenient for persons coming on the property including **signs** marking entrances and exits, **parking areas**, one-way drives, rest rooms, pickup and delivery areas, and the like.
- (p) Political Signs.
  - 1. Political Campaign Sign. A temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national, State, or local election. Political campaign signs include only those signs specifically advocating on behalf of a **person**, or a **position** on a question, to be considered by voters.  
(Amended 7-200), (4-2011)
  - 2. Political Message Sign. A sign other than an election sign

expressing a noncommercial message regarding an issue or person of political or public concern. (Amended 7-2008)(4-2011)

- (q) Private Sale Sign. A **temporary sign** advertising private sales of personal property at ‘house sales,’ ‘garage sales,’ ‘rummage sales,’ and the like.
  - (r) Private Warning Sign. A **sign** limited in content to messages of warning, caution, or danger.
  - (s) Public Service Sign. A **sign** displaying only the time, temperature, stock market quotations, or **civic** messages by means of a lampbank.
  - (t) Real Estate Sign. A sign **limited to information** pertaining to the sale or lease of the premises on which the sign is located, **which may include the name, address, and contact information of the real estate broker or leasing agent and information concerning events occurring on the premises relating to such sale or lease**. (Amended 5-2009)
2. Structural Types. For purposes of this **Code**, signs shall be classified as follows according to **structure**:
- (a) Animated or Moving Sign. A **sign** or part of a **sign** that changes physical position by any movement or rotation or that gives the visual impression of such movement or rotation.
  - (b) Awning Sign. A **sign** that is mounted or painted on or attached to an **awning, canopy, or marquee** that is otherwise permitted by this **Code**. No such **sign** shall project above, below, or beyond the physical dimensions of such **awning, canopy, or marquee**.
  - (c) Ground Sign. Any **sign**, other than a **pole sign**, placed upon or supported by the ground independently of any other **structure**. **Ground signs** include any **sign** mounted on a freestanding pole or other supports so that the bottom edge of the **sign** face is less than six feet above **grade**.
  - (d) Pole Sign. A **sign** that is mounted on a free-standing pole or other supports so that the bottom edge of the **sign** face is six feet or more above **grade**.
  - (e) Portable Sign. A **sign** that is not permanently affixed to a **building**, a

**structure**, or the ground, but not including customary identification lettering on vehicles or advertising posters on buses and taxicabs.

- (f) Projecting Sign. A **sign** that is wholly or partly dependent upon a **building** for support, and that projects more than 12 inches from such **building**.
- (g) Roof Sign. A **sign** that is mounted or painted on the roof of a **building**, or which is wholly dependent upon a **building** for support, and that projects more than six inches above the highest point of a **building** with a flat roof, the eave line of a **building** with a gable or hip roof, or the deck line of a **building** with a gambrel or mansard roof.
- (h) Temporary Sign. A **sign** or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, paper, or other light material and designed or intended to be displayed for a short period of time.
- (i) Tent Sign. A portable and temporary A-Frame sign that is designed to be self-supporting by nature, which sign may have two sign faces.  
(Amended 10/2010)
- (j) Wall Sign. A **sign** fastened to or painted on the wall of a **building** or **structure** in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of, the **sign**, and that does not project more than 12 inches from such **building** or **structure** nor more than six inches above the highest point of a **building** with a flat roof, the eave line of a **building** with a gable or hip roof, or the deck line of a **building** with a gambrel or mansard roof.
- (k) Window Sign. A **sign** that is applied or attached to the exterior or interior of a window or located within three feet of a window in the interior of a **structure** and that is plainly visible from the exterior of the **structure**.

E. General Standards. The following general standards shall apply to all signs.

1. Illumination.

- (a) Location and Design of Light Source. Whenever an external artificial light source is used for a **sign**, such source shall be located, shielded, and directed so as not to be directly visible from any **dwelling** or public **street**. No receptacle or device housing a permitted light

source for a **sign** shall protrude more than 12 inches from the face of the **sign** or **building** to which it is attached.

- (b) Level of Illumination. In no event shall the illumination of any **sign**, resulting from any internal or external artificial light source, exceed 75 **foot candles** when measured with a standard light meter held perpendicular to the **sign** face at a distance equal to the narrowest dimension of such **sign** face. All artificial illumination shall be so designed, located, shielded, and directed as to illuminate only the **sign** face or faces and to prevent the casting of **glare** or direct light upon **adjacent** property or **streets**.
  - (c) Signs Adjacent to Residential Areas. Any illuminated **sign** located within 120 feet of a **residential district** shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except that such **sign** may remain illuminated during such time as the activity to which the **sign** pertains is open for business so long as such **sign** is not a public or private nuisance.
  - (d) Flashing Lights Prohibited. Except for **public service signs** when expressly permitted by this Section, no flashing, blinking, or intermittent lights shall be permitted.
  - (e) Floodlights or Spotlights. No **sign** in the B-1 or B-2 Districts shall be illuminated by a floodlight or spotlight.
  - (f) Materials. No **temporary sign** shall be utilized fluorescent, radiating, or glowing paint, ink, or material in its construction.
2. Electrical Elements. All wiring, fittings, and materials used in the construction, connection, and operation of electrically illuminated **signs** shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Glencoe Village Code.

No metal **sign** illuminated by any means requiring internal wiring and no electrical fixtures attached to any **sign** shall be lower than nine feet above **grade** unless it is grounded by the use of a grounding conductor run with the circuit conductors and is also grounded by being bonded to a grounding electrode at the **sign** site.

3. Structural Elements. The construction and structural components of all **signs** shall be in accordance with the standards and regulations of the Glencoe Village Code. All permanent **signs** shall be constructed of fire-resistant materials and shall be capable of withstanding wind pressures of at least

30 pounds per square foot of surface area and of receiving dead loads based on the actual weight of the **structure**. In no case shall the structural elements of a **pole sign** extend above the top of the **sign** face.

4. Minimum Elevation of Certain Signs.
  - (a) The bottom of every **wall sign** shall be elevated at least eight feet above **grade**. Whenever possible, **wall signs** on the same facade shall maintain the same top and bottom elevations above **grade**.
  - (b) The bottom of the structural elements of every **awning sign** (other than ground supports) shall be elevated at least seven feet above **grade**, and all other elements of **awning signs** shall extend at least six and one-half feet above **grade**.
5. Obstruction of Access Ways. No **sign** or **sign structure** shall obstruct free ingress to or egress from a fire escape, door, window, or other required access way.
6. Obstruction of Window Surface. No **sign** shall project over, occupy, or obstruct any window surface required for light or ventilation by any applicable provision of the **Building Code**. In addition, the aggregate area of all **window signs** shall in no event exceed 50 percent of the area of the window in which they are exhibited.
7. Traffic Safety. No **sign** shall be maintained at any location where by reason of its position, size, shape, content, color, or illumination it may obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of, or be confused with any traffic control **sign**, signal, or device or where it may interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.
8. Signs in Rights-of-Way. Except as provided in this Paragraph or Section 30-54 of the Glencoe Village Code, no **sign**, except **governmental signs** authorized in this Section, shall be placed in or extend into or over any public property or **public right-of-way**. **Civic event signs** may extend on, into, or over a **public right-of-way** upon the specific prior approval of the **Village Manager** on the basis of need, impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and impact on surrounding property.
9. Civic Event Signs. No **civic event signs** authorized in this Section shall be permitted except upon the specific prior approval of the **Village Manager**.
10. Sign Maintenance. The **owner** of a **sign** and the **owner** of the **premises** on

which such **sign** is located shall be jointly and severally liable to maintain such **sign**, including its illumination sources, in compliance with this **Code** and all applicable laws, in a safe and secure condition, and in a neat and orderly condition and good-working order at all times, and to prevent the development of any rust, corrosion, rotting, or other deterioration in the physical appearance or safety of such **sign**. The **premises** around **ground and pole signs** shall be kept clean and free of all rubbish and weeds.

11. Sign Measurement.

- (a) Area to be Included. The supporting **structure** or bracing of a **sign** shall be omitted in measuring the area of the **sign** unless such **structure** or bracing is made part of the message or face of the **sign**. When a **sign** has more than one display face, all faces shall be included in determining the area of the **sign**.
- (b) Area of Signs With Backing. The area of all **signs with backing** shall be measured by computing the area of the sign backing.
- (c) Area of Signs Without Backing. The area of all **signs without backing** shall be measured by computing the area of the smallest regular geometric figures that can separately encompass all words, letters, figures, emblems, and other elements of the **sign** message.
- (d) Area of Signs With and Without Backing. The area of all **signs** formed by a combination of elements with and without backing shall be measured by combining the area of such elements measured in accordance with the foregoing subparagraphs.

12. Signs on Lots With Multiple Users. When more than one user occupies a **zoning lot**, the **owner** of the **lot** shall be responsible for allocating permitted signage among such users.

13. Sign Spacing. No **sign** shall be nearer than two feet to any other **sign** or **structure**, other than a **structure** to which it is lawfully attached.

14. General Safety. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no **sign** shall be constructed or maintained in any area or in any manner so as to create a nuisance or a threat to the public safety or welfare.

15. Painted Signs. No **sign** shall be painted on any wall, roof, or **fence**.

16. Location. Except as otherwise expressly authorized in this Section, no **sign**



shall be located on any **lot** other than the same **zoning lot** as the **principal use** to which it is accessory.

17. Cease of Business. Any **sign** pertaining to a business which has ceased doing business shall be removed (along with all of its structural elements) by the **owner** of the property upon which the **sign** is located within 60 days after the cessation of such business.

F. Signs Permitted in Any District Without Certificate of Zoning Compliance or Fee. Except as regulated by Subsection E of this Section and as expressly prohibited in Subsection G of this Section, and notwithstanding any other contrary provisions of this **Code**, the following **signs** may be erected and maintained in any **zoning district** without obtaining a **certificate of zoning compliance** or paying the fee required for such certificate, subject to the following limitations:

1. Bulletin Board Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to no more than one **pole, wall, or ground sign** per **zoning lot frontage**, shall be no more than 100 square feet in area, and shall be permitted only in connection with public, religious, and **civic** institutions. No such **sign** shall be higher than 10 feet above **grade**.
2. Civic Event Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to no more than one **temporary window, wall, or ground sign** per **zoning lot frontage**. No such **sign** shall be larger than six square feet in area or more than five feet in **height** unless such greater dimensions are approved by the **Village Manager**. Such **signs** shall be displayed for a period of not more than 30 days before the event and shall be removed within three days following the conclusion of such event. In addition, such **signs** shall be located entirely on the **zoning lot** where the event or activity is to occur or any other public or private property pursuant to the **owner's** consent.
3. Construction Signs. Such **signs** shall be permitted in the R-D, B-1, and B-2 Districts only and only in connection with the construction of a **new building**. Such **signs** shall be non-illuminated and limited to no more than one **wall or ground sign** per **zoning lot frontage**. No such **sign** shall be larger than 12 square feet in area or more than five feet in **height**. Such **signs** shall be removed within seven days after the completion of construction and shall display the name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for such removal.
4. Governmental Signs. The content and size of any such **sign** shall not exceed the requirements of the law, ordinance, or regulation pursuant to which such **sign** is erected.

5. Holiday Decorations. Such **signs** shall be displayed for a period of not more than 45 days before nor more than 20 days following the holiday in connection with which they are displayed; any other provision of this Section to the contrary notwithstanding, such signs may be of any type, number, area, **height**, location, illumination, or animation so long as they create no safety hazard, nuisance, or adverse impact on the **adjacent** properties.
6. Identification Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to no more than one **pole, wall, or ground sign** per **zoning lot frontage** in the **residential districts**, shall be no more than 100 square feet in area, and shall be no higher than 10 feet above **grade**; provided, however, that such **signs** shall not be permitted in connection with **single family or multiple family dwellings**.
7. Interior Signs. **Signs** other than **window signs** inside **premises**.
8. Memorial Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to no more than one **wall or ground sign** per **zoning lot**, shall be made of durable materials such as bronze, stone, or concrete, shall not be illuminated except by indirect sources of light, and shall not exceed two square feet in area.
9. Nameplate Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to no more than one **wall or ground sign** per occupancy, shall be no more than one square foot in area, and shall not be illuminated except by indirect sources of light. No **ground sign** shall be higher than six feet.
10. Official Flags and Emblems. Such **signs** may be displayed on flagpoles and when so displayed shall not exceed 24 square feet in area. Such **signs** may also be displayed in the form of a **wall sign** and when so displayed shall not exceed three square feet in area.
11. On-Site Informational Signs. Such **signs** shall be limited to **window, wall, or ground signs** of not more than six square feet in area, and shall be illuminated only as necessary to accomplish their intended purpose. No such **sign** shall be permitted in connection with a **single family dwelling**.
12. Political Signs. (Defined 5-105-D-1-(p))
  - a. Political Signs of less than six square feet and four feet in height per sign may be located within the lot lines of any lot pursuant to the consent of the lot's owner and the requirements established in this Paragraph 5-105.F.12. (Amended 4-2011)

- b. Unless a Political Sign includes on the sign face the name of the person responsible for the sign, the owner of the lot on which the sign is located shall be deemed responsible for the sign.
  - c. Political Signs shall be exempted from any regulations regarding sign colors, but not regulations relating to illumination of signs.
  - d. Political Signs are permitted at all times and are exempted from permit requirements at all times but must be maintained in good physical condition. (Amended 4-2011)
  - e. Political Campaign Signs of less than six square feet in area and four feet in height per candidate or issue per lot may be displayed. (Amended 4-2011)
  - f. Except as provided in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(g), the total area of Political Signs shall not exceed a total of 30 square feet in area per zoning lot, and the total area of Political Signs that may be located within any required yard is zero square feet. (Amended 4-2011)
  - g. Notwithstanding the size limitations contained in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(f), from the date a ballot for any particular election has been certified until seven days after such election occurs, in addition to the amount of signage authorized in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(f), Political Campaign Signs that meet the criteria established in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(e) may be located within the required yard with no limitations on total square feet per zoning lot. (Amended 4-2011)
  - h. Political Signs may be window signs or any other structural types permitted in the district, but must comply with the size, total area, and location limitations of this Paragraph 5-105.F.12. (Amended 4-2011)
  - i. Political Signs must be located entirely on private property. No Political sign may be located within a public or private right-of-way. (Amended 4-2011)
13. Private Sale Signs. Such **signs** shall be non-illuminated and limited to no more than one **temporary window, ground, or wall sign** per **zoning lot frontage**. Such **signs** shall be no more than six square feet in area and five feet in **height**, shall be located entirely on the **premises** where such sale is to be conducted, shall be clearly marked with the name, address, and telephone number of the person responsible for the removal of such **sign**, shall be erected not more than 24 hours before such sale, and shall be removed within 24 hours following the conclusion of such sale.

14. Private Warning Signs. Such **signs** shall be no more than two square feet in area each, shall be limited to the number necessary to accomplish the intended purpose, shall be located at such locations on the **premises** to achieve their intended purpose, and shall be illuminated only as required to accomplish such purpose.
15. Real Estate Signs.
- (a) Resident Districts: Real Estate Signs are permitted in residence districts as follows:
1. Number limitation. Such signs shall be limited to one non-illuminated wall or ground sign per zoning lot frontage, and may include up to two attachments neither of which may exceed 24 inches by six inches in size.
  2. Height and area limitation. A real estate sign, including all attachments, shall not exceed the following height limitations and signage areas:
    - i. R-A, R-B, and R-C Districts: no more than six feet in height and six square feet in area per zoning lot.
    - ii. R-D District: no more than six feet in height and 12 square feet in area per zoning lot.
- (b) B-1, and B-2 Districts: Real estate Signs are permitted in the B-1 and B-2 Districts as follows:
1. Number limitation. Such signs are limited to one non-illuminated wall, window, or ground sign per building face; provided that buildings with multiple commercial units for sale or rent may, in lieu of a wall or ground sign on any building face, display one window sign in each commercial unit that is for sale or rent.
  2. Height and area limitation.
    - i. The total area of signs for each building shall not exceed 24 square feet, and no individual sign may exceed 12 square feet in area.

- ii. No sign shall exceed six feet in height, except that:
    - a. a wall sign may be located no higher than the top of the wall of a one story building or the bottom of the windows in the second story of a multi-story building;
    - b. a window sign may be located no higher than the windows of the second story of the building; and
    - c. a ground sign may be located no higher than six feet above grade.
- (c) Regulations applicable to all Real Estate Signs: Every such sign shall be removed promptly, but in no event later than seven days following the closing on the sale of the property or the execution of a rental lease for the property or, for multi-unit developments or structures in residential districts, within 14 days following the date upon which such development or structure is 90 percent sold or leased. The name and telephone number of the person responsible for such removal shall be clearly marked on the sign. Real estate “sold by” signs shall not be permitted pursuant to this Paragraph. (B-1, B-2 signs amended 10/2010)
16. Temporary Use Signs. **Temporary use signs** in compliance with Paragraph 5-102.F.7 of this **Code** when approved pursuant to Subsection 5-102.C of this **Code**.
17. Tent Signs. A business located in the B-1 and B-2 Districts may display one (1) Tent Sign during its hours of operation for the purposes of announcing a special sale or promotion or displaying a restaurant menu. Tent Signs shall be placed on the sidewalk directly in front of the business, or, if the business does not face the sidewalk, on the sidewalk directly in front of the public entrance to the business, provided that the sign must be located in a manner that maintains a straight unobstructed pathway of at least sixty (60) inches on the sidewalk and may not be placed in a parking lot or in the public street. Tent Signs must be constructed of a sturdy frame and must measure no larger than two (2) feet wide and three (3) feet tall per sign face. Tent Signs must be removed from the sidewalk when the business is closed and may only be displayed between April 1 and November 30 of each year. The Village reserves the right to require the temporary or permanent relocation or removal of any Tent Sign if the Village determines in its sole discretion that the sign poses a safety hazard for pedestrian or vehicle traffic. (Amended 10/2010.)

18. Window Signs. Except for political signs and as otherwise permitted in this Subsection, such **signs** shall be limited to the B-1 and B-2 Districts and shall not be illuminated. Window **signs** in the B-1 and B-2 Districts other than political signs may indicate the business hours of the establishment on the **premises** or other customary commercial information, such as which credit cards are accepted. If the **signs** relate to a special sale, promotion, or event, they shall be maintained for a period of not more than 30 days before, and not more than three days after, such sale, promotion, or event. (Amended 7-2008)
- G. Signs Specifically Prohibited in All Districts. The following **signs**, as well as all other **signs** not expressly permitted by this Article, are prohibited in all **districts** and shall not be erected, maintained, or, except as provided in Section 6-105 of this Code, permitted to continue in any **district**:
1. Advertising Signs.
  2. Attention-Getting Devices.
  3. Changeable Message Signs, except when accessory to a theater.
  4. Real Estate "Sold By" Signs.
  5. Animated or Moving Signs.
  6. Portable Signs, except when approved in connection with **temporary uses** pursuant to Paragraph F16 of this Section.
  7. Projecting Signs, except when approved by a special use permit granted pursuant to Subsection 4-103.F or permitted by Subsection 5-105.I. (Amended 11-2007)
  8. Roof Signs.
- H. District Regulations: Residential Districts. **Signs** shall be permitted in all **residential districts** as follows:
1. Functional types permitted. All functional types permitted in any **district** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** or fee under Subsection F of this Section, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth therein. No other functional types shall be permitted.
  2. Structural types permitted. All structural types permitted in any **district** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** or fee under Subsection F of this

Section, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth therein. No other structural types shall be permitted.

- I. District Regulations: Business Districts. **Signs** shall be permitted in all **business districts** as follows:
1. Functional types permitted.
    - (a) All functional types permitted in any **district** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** or fee under Subsection F of this Section, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth therein.
    - (b) **Business Signs.**
    - (c) **Identification Signs.**
    - (d) **Joint-Identification Signs.**
  2. Structural types permitted.
    - (a) All structural types permitted in any **district** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** or fee under Subsection F of this Section, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth therein.
    - (b) **Awning Signs.**
    - (c) **Ground Signs.**
    - (d) **Pole Signs.**
    - (e) **Wall Signs.**
    - (f) **Window Signs.**
    - (g) **Projecting Signs, in the B-1 District only** ( Amended 11/2007)
  3. Additional limitations on permitted structural types. In addition to the general standards for **signs** in Subsection E of this Section, the permitted structural types of **signs** permitted in the **business districts** under Paragraph I2 of this Section shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Pole or ground signs.
- (i) One **joint-identification pole or ground sign**, not to exceed 18 feet in **height** or 100 square feet in area counting all faces, shall be permitted for each **shopping center**.
  - (ii) Except for business establishments located in a **shopping center** identified by means of a **joint identification pole or ground sign** provided in Subparagraph I3(a)(i) of this Section, one **pole or ground sign** per business establishment shall be permitted under the following conditions:
    - (A) When the **building** in which the business establishment is located is set back at least 15 feet from the **street line**, or
    - (B) When the entrance to the business establishment is on the side or rear of the **building**, and no **wall sign** advertises the business.

The maximum **height** of any such **pole or ground sign** shall be 12 feet, and the maximum area, counting all faces, shall be 30 square feet; provided, however, that the maximum area of all such **pole or ground signs** in a **shopping center** shall not exceed 100 square feet.
  - (iii) One **identification pole or ground sign** not exceeding eight feet in **height** and one and one-half square feet in area on any face and having not more than two faces shall be permitted on the off-premise **parking lot** of any business establishment.
- (b) Wall Signs. One **wall sign** per business establishment on the first floor of a **building** shall be permitted; provided, however, that where a business establishment fronts directly on two or more dedicated streets, one such **sign** shall be allowed for each such **frontage** that the business establishment **abuts**. No wall sign will be allowed for a business establishment on building frontage on which the business establishment has a projecting sign (Amended 11/2007). No **wall sign** shall exceed one and one-half square feet per lineal foot of **frontage** that the business establishment **abuts**. No **wall sign** shall be placed higher than the second floor window sill of a **building**; provided, however, that if the wall area to be covered has no windows or openings, the



**sign** may extend to the full **height** otherwise permitted for **wall signs**.

- (c) Awning Signs. An **awning sign**, limited to a **business or identification sign**, shall be permitted. When a business establishment on the first floor of a **building** has no **wall sign**, an **awning sign** shall not exceed one and one-half square feet per lineal foot of **frontage** that the business establishment **abuts**. No wall sign will be allowed for a business establishment on building frontage on which the business establishment has a projecting sign. Otherwise, an **awning sign** shall be limited to an **identification sign** with letters not to exceed six inches in **height**. No **awning sign** shall be illuminated.

(Amended 11-2007)

- (d) Window Signs.

- (i) One permanent, non-illuminated **window sign** not exceeding 15 percent of the maximum size of the **wall sign** permitted for such business establishment pursuant to Subparagraph I3(b) of this Section and with letters not exceeding six inches in **height** shall be permitted; provided, however, that where no **wall sign** as permitted pursuant to Subparagraph I3(b) of this Section is maintained, the size of such non-illuminated **window sign** may be increased up to an area not to exceed 30 percent of the maximum size of the **wall sign** which would be allowed pursuant to Subparagraph I3(b) of this Section and such **window sign** shall not be subject to the letter **height** limit contained herein. **Signs** located in a second floor window shall contain only letters and numbers, without backing. In addition to the information permitted in paragraph 5-105.F.17, the window sign may include identification of the business's web site address. (Amended 7-2007)

- (ii) In the B-1 and B-2 Districts only, an additional permanent **window sign** will be permitted on the business establishment's door, provided that the sign (1) does not exceed two square feet in sign area, (2) is not illuminated, and (3) is limited to identification of the business's name, address, web site address, telephone number, hours of operation, and similar information. The additional **window sign** permitted by this paragraph (ii) will not be included in calculating the maximum window area as required by paragraph 5-105.13.d(i). (Amended 11/2007)

- (iii) In the B-1 and B-2 Districts only, a temporary **window sign** permitted by paragraph 5-105.F.17 which relates to a special sale, promotion, or event must not exceed 30 percent of the area of the window in which it is exhibited. (Amended 11-2007)
  
- (e) Projecting Signs. In the B-1 District only, one **projecting sign** will be permitted for each business establishment on the first floor of a building, provided that where a business establishment fronts directly on two or more dedicated streets, one **projecting sign** will be allowed for each frontage that the business establishment abuts. **Projecting signs** will be subject to the following limitations. (Entire section added 11/2007)
  - (i) No **projecting sign** will be allowed for a business establishment on building frontage on which the business establishment has a wall sign.
  - (ii) No **projecting sign** may exceed (1) 36 inches in height; (2) 42 inches in width; and (3) 2 inches in depth.
  - (iii) No **projecting sign** may project more than 48 inches from the wall to which it is attached.
  - (iv) No **projecting sign** may be placed higher than the second floor window sill of a building, and the bottom of every **projecting sign** must be elevated at least eight feet above grade.
  - (v) Wherever possible, **projecting signs** on the same facade must maintain the same top and bottom elevations above grade and, if illuminated, must maintain the same type and intensity of illumination.
  - (vi) Notwithstanding the restrictions contained in Paragraph 5-105E1 of this Code, a **projecting sign** may be illuminated by gooseneck lamps on each of its sides, having a halogen or incandescent bulb, so long as the light source is no more than 12 inches from the face of the sign. The lighting element for a **projecting sign** must not be visible from the street. **Projecting signs** may not be internally illuminated. (i to vi added 11/2007)
  
- J. District Regulations: Motor Vehicle Dealers. Signs shall be permitted for motor vehicle dealers in the Highway Frontage District as follows: (Adopted 7/2000)

1. Functional types permitted.
  - a. Signs Permitted Without a Certificate of Zoning Compliance: All functional types permitted in any **district** without a **certificate of zoning compliance** or fee under Subsection 5-105.F, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth therein.
  - b. Business Signs.
  - c. Construction Signs, but for no longer than 14 days following completion of construction.
  - d. Identification Signs.
  - e. Joint Identification Signs.
  - f. On-site Informational Signs.
  - g. Real Estate Signs exceeding Six Square Feet, but only for multi-unit **developments** or **structures**, and for no longer than 14 days following the date upon which the **development** or **structure** is 90% sold or leased, or one year, whichever is less.
2. Structural Types Permitted.
  - a. Awning and Canopy Signs.
  - b. Ground Signs.
  - c. Pole Signs.
  - d. Temporary Signs, but only as authorized in Subsection 5-105.F or for **construction signs**.
  - e. Wall signs, except that no **wall sign** may be painted directly on a wall or fence. (Adopted June 20, 2002)
  - f. Window Signs.
3. Number of Signs Permitted Per Lot.
  - a. All **signs** permitted without a **certificate of zoning compliance**

- pursuant to Subsection 5-105.F; plus
- b. One **construction sign** of any permitted structural type: plus
  - c. One **real estate sign**; plus
  - d. One **joint-identification sign** per **zoning lot frontage**; plus
  - e. A reasonable number of ON-SITE INFORMATIONAL SIGN, as may be approved in connection with the required site plan and exterior appearance review processes, for the safe and convenient use of the LOT in question, provided that no such ON-SITE INFORMATIONAL SIGN shall exceed four feet in HEIGHT or five square feet in area; (Adopted June 20, 2002), plus
  - f. One **ground** or **pole sign** per 300 feet of **zoning lot frontage**, or major fraction thereof, to be located within that portion of **zoning lot frontage**, and not less than 300 feet from any other **ground** or **pole sign** on the same **zoning lot**, but **joint-identification signs** may be located within 300 feet of **ground** or **pole signs** on the same **zoning lot**; plus
  - g. Any number of other structural types, subject to the area limitations of Subparagraph 5-105.J.4(e) below.
4. Maximum Gross Surface Area of Signs Permitted.
- a. Sign Area: The total area of all **signs** on a **zoning lot** shall not exceed one square foot per foot of **zoning lot frontage**; provided however, that **construction signs**, **real estate signs**, **joint-identification signs**, and **signs** allowed without a **certificate of zoning compliance** shall not be counted toward the total allowance gross **sign** surface area permitted on a **zoning lot**.
  - b. Individual Sign Area Limitations: The following individual **sign** area limitations shall apply to all **signs**, whether counted toward the total allowable gross **sign** surface area established in 5-105.J.4(a) or not:
  - c. Construction Signs: Not to exceed 16 square feet per **sign** face, nor, more than two **sign** faces.
  - d. Real Estate Signs Exceeding Six Square Feet: Not to exceed 16 square feet per **sign** face, not more than two **sign** faces.

- e. **Awning and Canopy Signs:** Not to exceed 100 square feet. No sign identifying an individual tenant of a multi-tenant **building** shall cover more than 5% of the wall to which it is affixed.
- f. **Wall Signs:** Not to exceed 100 square feet per **sign** face. No sign identifying an individual tenant of a multi-tenant **building** shall cover more than 5% of the wall to which it is affixed.
- g. **Ground or Pole Signs.** Not to exceed 100 feet per **sign** face, nor more than 200 square feet total.
- h. **Window Signs.** Not to exceed 30 percent of the maximum size permitted for any face of a **wall sign**. The area of **signs** located in or affixed to the windows of any **vehicles** parked outside of the showroom on the **lot** shall not be included in calculating total **sign** area under this subparagraph. (Adopted June 20, 2002)

5. Maximum Height of Signs Permitted.

- a. **Signs Permitted Without a Certificate of Zoning Compliance:** As provided in Subsection 5-105.F for **signs** permitted without a **certificate of zoning compliance**.
- b. **Awning, Canopy, and Wall Signs:** 20 feet.
- c. **Ground Signs:** 8 feet.
- d. **Pole Signs:** 20 feet, provided that the bottom edge of the **sign** face shall not be less than eight (8) feet above **grade**. (Adopted June 20, 2002)
- e. **Window Signs:** No higher than in a window on the first floor level.

6. Minimum Setback Required.

- a. **Signs Permitted Without a Certificate of Zoning Compliance:** As provided in Subsection 5-105.F for **signs** permitted without a **certificate of zoning compliance**.
- b. **Ground Signs:** 15 feet from the **front lot line** and 6 feet from all other **lot lines**.
- c. **Pole Signs:** Six feet from all **lot lines**; provided, however, that a **pole**

**sign** shall comply with any minimum **yard** requirement.

7. Illumination.

- a. Signs Permitted Without a Certificate of Zoning Compliance: **Signs** permitted pursuant to Subsection 5-105.F shall be illuminated only as permitted in Paragraph 5-105.E.1.
- b. Other Signs: **Signs** permitted pursuant to this Subsection 5-105.J may be illuminated only in compliance with Paragraph 5-105.E.1 of this **Code**, except that 175 foot candles shall be the maximum intensity of illumination in lieu of 75 foot candles. Neon or other gas tube illumination is permitted only for **window signs**.

## 5-106 BUFFERS AND LANDSCAPING

A. Parking Lots and Garages.

1. Parking Lot Screening. Unless the **Board of Trustees** approves a reduced **screening** and **buffering** requirement pursuant to Subparagraph 5-104.C.3(1) of this **Code**, every **parking lot** shall be **buffered** and **screened** by a **perimeter landscape open space** having a width of at least 10 feet and consisting of an opaque **fence**, wall, or densely planted evergreen hedge. Such **screening** shall have a minimum **height** of at least three feet.
2. Parking Lot Interior Landscaping. In addition to the requirements set forth in Paragraph A1 above, every **parking lot** shall contain at least one tree of three inches or greater in diameter for each 30 **parking spaces** constructed after the **effective date** of this **Code**. Such trees may be provided by the preservation of existing trees or the planting of new trees. Each tree shall be surrounded by a landscaped area of at least 36 square feet. No existing or new tree located more than five feet outside the perimeter of the **parking lot** pavement shall be counted in meeting the requirements of this Paragraph A2. All islands in excess of 50 square feet created by curbs or other traffic flow regulators shall be landscaped.

Planting islands located within the interior of a **parking lot** shall be at least six feet in width.

3. Parking Garage Design. Every **parking garage** constructed after the **effective date** of this **Code**, other than **garages** accessory to **single family dwellings**, shall comply with the following design standards unless otherwise

approved by the **Board of Trustees**:

- (a) The **exterior walls** of the **garage** shall be such as to shield all parked **vehicles** from view from the exterior of the **garage**; and
- (b) The exterior surface of the **garage** shall be constructed of the same materials as, or materials architecturally and aesthetically compatible with, the **principal building** to which it is accessory.

B. Refuse Containers; Outdoor Storage.

- 1. Screening. All refuse containers and all areas of permitted **outdoor storage** shall be fully enclosed by an opaque **fence**, wall, or densely planted evergreen hedge of a **height** sufficient to **screen** such containers or storage areas from view from adjoining properties and public or private **streets**.
- 2. Location. No refuse containers or storage areas shall be located in any required **front or corner side yard**.
- 3. Sanitation. All refuse containers and areas of permitted **outdoor storage** shall be kept in a clean and neat condition, and no containers or materials shall be maintained or stored in any manner that creates or emits noxious fumes, odors, or other emissions.
- 4. Exemptions. The requirements of the preceding Paragraph B1 shall not apply to standard refuse receptacles, stacked firewood, and composting piles permitted for use by **single family dwellings** nor to refuse receptacles accessory to schools or **Village uses**. None of the requirements of this Subsection B shall apply to refuse receptacles placed and maintained for use by the general public to avoid littering.

C. Storage of Class II Vehicles in Residential Districts. All Class II vehicles stored in **parking areas** in **residential districts** shall be **screened** on all sides visible from any neighboring public or private property by an opaque **fence**, wall, or densely planted hedge, except as necessary for access. See Paragraph 5-101.D4 of this **Code** for additional requirements applicable to such **vehicles**.

D. Residential Recreational Facilities. Outdoor tennis courts and above-ground swimming pools accessory to any **dwelling** located in any single family **residential district** shall be **buffered** and **screened** by a **perimeter landscaped open space** equal in width to the applicable required **yard, setback**, or 10 feet, whichever is greater, and consisting of an opaque **fence**, wall, or densely planted evergreen hedge, in combination with other landscaping materials. Such **screening** shall be

provided on all sides of such facility visible from any **adjacent** property or any public or private **street**. See Paragraph 5-101.D1 of this **Code** for additional requirements applicable to such facilities.

- E. Antennas and Antenna Support Structures. Ground-mounted **antennas** and **antenna support structures**, except such **antennas** and **antenna support structures** as are permitted pursuant to Paragraph 5-101.D9 of this **Code**, shall be **buffered** and **screened** by a **perimeter landscaped open space** equal in width to the applicable **required yard** or 10 feet, whichever is more, and consisting of an opaque **fence**, wall, or densely planted evergreen hedge, in combination with other landscaping materials. Such **screening** shall be provided between any such ground-mounted **antenna** or **antenna support structure** and each **lot line** of the property on which such **antenna** or **antenna support structure** is located so as to provide the maximum reasonably achievable **screening**, as determined by the **Village Manager**, of such **antenna** or **antenna support structure** from ground level view from **adjacent** properties and public or private **streets**. See Paragraphs 5-101.D8 and 5-101.D9 of this **Code** for additional requirements applicable to **antennas** and **antenna support structures**.
- F. Roof Top Mechanical Equipment. Except for **antennas** mounted on roofs pursuant to the provisions of this **Code**, all mechanical equipment located on the roof of any **building** (other than **single family dwellings** and their **accessory structures**) constructed after the **effective date** of this **Code** shall be **screened** by a parapet wall or other **screening structure** constructed of the same materials as, or materials architecturally and aesthetically compatible with, the **principal building** facade to the **height** of such equipment.
- G. Fences and Walls. **Fences** and walls erected as permitted obstructions in any **required yard** shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 9, Article XI of the Village Code of Glencoe.
- H. Screening and Landscaping Within Sight Triangles. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no landscaping, **fencing**, or other **screening** shall be erected or maintained at a **height** in excess of two and one-half feet within the areas described in Paragraph 3-111.G3 and 4-110.C2 of this **Code**.



- I. Perimeter Landscaped Open Space. Except as expressly provided otherwise in the regulations requiring a **perimeter landscaped open space**, such **open space** shall extend along the entire length of the **lot line** in question and shall have width equal to 10 feet or the depth of the **yard** required along the **lot line** in question, whichever is greater. **Perimeter landscaped open space** shall be broken only by permitted access drives. Such **perimeter landscape open space** shall be suitably surfaced with grass, ground cover, or decorative paving material, or a combination thereof; and shall contain landscaping such as ornamental trees and shrubs or appropriate **screening** devices such as decorative walls, **fences**, or **berms**, or a combination thereof. The landscaping and **screening** treatment of such space shall be so designed and maintained as to preserve unobstructed vision of the street and sidewalk at points of access and as not to interfere with, or be damaged by, work within any public or utility easement unless the **Village Manager** shall determine that no other location is reasonably feasible.