



SIGNS

PERMIT REQUIRED

Signs that are expressly permitted **MUST RECEIVE A PERMIT** from the Planning and Zoning Commission as specified in the Stonington Zoning Regulations.

Signs that are not expressly permitted by these Regulations are prohibited.

PROHIBITED SIGNS

Please be advised that the Stonington Zoning Regulations do not permit the following signs within the Town:

- “A” Frame signs and Sandwich Board signs;
- “Open” Flags;
- More than one (1) detached sign on a property. (One (1) detached sign may be permitted per lot provided that such sign shall not exceed eighteen (18) square feet.); Real Estate sign greater than six (6) square feet.
- Signs shall not be painted directly on any building, fence, utility pole, rock, tree or other similar object. (Every sign shall be constructed in a permanent manner.);
- No flashing, intermittent, or intensity variation of illumination is permitted (except for time and temperature signs, which *may be* expressly permitted by the Commission as a public service.);
- No sign, or any portion thereof, shall be animated or be capable of moving whether by natural, mechanical, or other means;
- No illumination of signs is permitted which will distract the attention of users of a public highway insofar as such lighting might be mistaken for a traffic signal; and
- Strings of Festoon lights are prohibited, unless used in connection with the celebration of a public holiday.



INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PERMITTING

- A diagram of the proposed sign depicting the sign size and materials
- Is the sign illuminated? If yes, internally or externally?
- Where will the sign be located? Is it attached to a building or is detached?
- If the sign is detached, how tall is the sign?

PERMITTING PROCESS

For a list of sign provisions please refer to Stonington Zoning Regulation Section 7.12 Signs.

An updated version of the Zoning Regulations, along with any revisions can be found on the Department of Planning website:

http://www.stonington-ct.gov/Pages/StoningtonCT_Planning/regs/index

If the sign is for a single user and will be located on a property with no other commercial users, or the site has multiple users **and** an *approved* Multi-Tenant Signage Program, then:

- A **Zoning Permit** is required and an application must be submitted to the Zoning Official for approval.

If the sign will be located on a property that has multiple tenants with sign needs, then:

- The property owner needs to secure a Multi-Tenant Signage Program approval (**Site Plan Application**) from the Planning and Zoning Commission; then
- A **Zoning Permit** is required and an application must be submitted to the Zoning Official for approval.

PENALTY

Occasionally a first time offense will result in a warning, as the department seeks to educate versus punish, and compliance is our main objective. Additional offenses will result in a penalty. The enforcement methodology can vary from a **\$150.00 per day citation** all the way to a **Cease and Desist** on the commercial operations and a court-enforced remedy, depending on the type of violation.

Regardless, the Department's resolve concerning this matter will result in compliance.

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