



Town of New Boston

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS OR DISPLAYS ON TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

1: Authority

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

2: Purpose and Intent

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

3: Applicability

This ordinance covers signage and displays on all Town-owned property and the public ways within New Boston. Except as otherwise permitted below, no temporary signs or displays shall be placed on property owned by the Town of New Boston. The New Boston School Board will regulate signs on the property of the New Boston School District.

4: Permit and Board Approval Required

Temporary Sign/Display on Town-Owned Property Permits are required and may be submitted to the Building Inspector for review and approval/denial in accordance with regulations in this ordinance.

5: Sign/Display Regulations

- A. Locations - Temporary signs or displays for special events may be placed on Town-owned property as follows:
 - a. Town Common (corner of Meetinghouse Hill Rd/Central Square) - no more than 2 temporary signs or displays for special events may be placed at any one time. Signs or displays 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.

- B. General to all temporary signs/displays on Town-owned property:
 - A. Signs/displays must comply with applicable requirements of Section 318.2 (Temporary Signs) of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance.
 - B. Signs/displays must be for events located within the Town of New Boston.
 - C. No signs/displays shall be placed in such a manner that it obstructs visibility of motorists or presents a hazard.
 - D. Signs/displays shall be maintained in a safe, neat and legible condition.
 - E. No business signage is permitted on Town-owned property.
 - F. Signs/displays cannot be attached to fences, utility poles, trees, or public fixtures.

- C. Duration: Approved signs giving directions to an event may be in place on the day before and the day of the event only. Approved signs announcing an event may be placed one week in advance and removed one day after the event concludes. Signs announcing a series of events may be left up for a maximum of 15 days.

- D. Purpose: Applicants are required to provide a clear and concise description of the event or purpose for the sign/display (e.g. non-profit fundraiser, community event, sports registration, event directional signs etc.)

- E. Design & Dimensions - Applicants must submit a drawing, image, or detailed description of the proposed sign/display, including all materials, text, graphics, and dimensions. Dimensions shall not exceed 12 square feet per face.

6: Waivers

The Select Board may waive 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. Applicants should submit a Request to Appear before the Select Board for waivers to be reviewed.

7: Political Signs

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.

8: Sign/Display Removal

Applicants are responsible for the timely removal of signs/displays in accordance with duration dates stated on the approved permit. Any signs/displays found on town property without authorization will be removed by town staff without further notice. The Town is not responsible for any damage to, or loss of, removed property.

9: Effective Date and Amendments

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

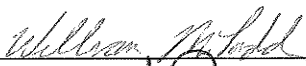


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Approved: July 11, 2005
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First Read: 11/3/25
Second Read: 11/17/25

Approved: 11/17/25

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