Town of Wethersfield Sign Regulation Review

Sub Committee Meeting #6
October 5, 2017

Agenda Tonight

- General Requirements
- Permanent No Permit Any Zone
- * Temporary No Permit Any Zone
- Permanent Permit Any Zone
- Permanent Permit –Residential/Conservation Zones
- * Temporary Permit –Residential/Conservation Zones

- Permanent Permit Business
 Zones
- * Temporary Permit Business Zones
- Temporary No Permit Business Zones
- * Off Premise Signs
- Master Sign Program
- * Sign Exceptions
- Design Guidelines

General Requirements

- * Detached
 - * 5 ft front setback
 - * 10 ft side setback
 - * 10 ft max height
 - * Foundation
 - * 1/building
 - * Secondary sign
 - * Landscaping

- * Wall
 - * 1/business first floor frontage
 - * Area based upon tenant space
 - Projecting sign
 - * Directory sign
- * Temporary
 - Prohibit Internal Illumination
 - Lightweight Materials
 - * Timeframes/Temporary

General Requirements

- Multiple Signs Permitted
- * Durable Materials
- Master Sign Program
- * Frontage 2 streets
- * Change of Copy
- * Business vs. Residential

- * On Premise
- * R.O.W.
- * Private Property Permission
- Substitution Clause
- * Message Neutrality

Permanent –No Permit Any Zone

- * Government Signs
 - * Street Address
 - * Danger/Warning
 - * Public Notice
 - Public Safety/Traffic
 - Historic Property
 - * Parking
 - * Non Commercial Murals and Art

Temporary – Permit Any Zone

- * Residential Sale
- * Construction
- * Residential Open House
- * Personal Event
- * Non Commercial Speech
- * Flags
- * Holiday

Permanent – Permit Any Zone

Detached

Wall

- Principal Use
- Welcome Town of Wethersfield
- Changeable Copy Manual
- * Non Conforming
- * Historic
- * Driveway

- Principal Use
- * Non Conforming
- * Historic

Permanent – Permit Residential and Conservation Zones

Wall

- Principal Use
- * Accessory Use

Detached

- * 6 ft height
- * Principal Use
- * Accessory Use
- Residential Development

Temporary – Permit Residential and Conservation Zones

- * Athletic Fields
- * Residential Development
- * Community Event
- * Farm Stand

Permanent – Permit Business Zone

Wall

- 1 per business permitted for Ground Floor Occupancy
- * 2 sf/linear ft.
- Multiple Permitted
- * 125 sf max
- * Residential Use

Additional Wall Signs

- * Directory
- * 2 Stories or More
- * Canopy/Awning
- * Projecting VB Zone
- * Suspended
- Manual Changeable
- Window Internally Illuminated

Permanent – Permit Business Zone

Detached

- * Residential
- * Single Tenant
- * Multi Tenant
- * Shopping Center
- * VB Zone
- * GB and RC Zone
 - * Fuel Station
 - * Electronic/Digital

Additional Detached Signs

- * Secondary
- * TC, GB and RC Zone Drive Thru

Temporary – Permit Business Zone

- * Special Event, Sale, etc ...
- * Flag or Banner Non Commercial
- * Portable
- * Construction
- * Umbrellas

Temporary – No Permit Business Zone

- * Property Sale
- * Window
- * Machinery and Equipment
- * Flags

Off - Premise

- Directional Open House
- * Directional Tag or Garage Sale
- * Event
- * Neighborhood
- * Wayfinding
- * Street Banners
- * Bus Shelter

Master Sign Program

- * Commercial or Mixed Use Development
- * Incentive For Superior Design, Creativity
- * Modify Height, Area, Setback and Number of signs
- Unify Multiple Tenants
- * PZC Special Permit
- * DRAC Recommendation
- * Findings

Exceptions

- Special Permit
- Increase for Number, Location, Area and Height
- * Unusual Site Factors
- Foregoes Detached Sign
- Preferred Design Features
- * Significant Building Setbacks

Design Guidelines

- Scale and Proportion
- * Architectural Integration
- * Materials and Colors
- * Letter Styles and Sizes
- * Lighting
- Number of Graphic Elements
- * Compatibility
- * Prototypes

- Brand Names or Symbols
- * Multi Tenant Buildings
- Cabinet or Box Signs
- * Encourage/Recommend
 - * Opaque
 - * Raised Letters
 - * Texture
 - * Simple Copy
 - * Natural Materials