

ORDINANCE NO.30-1011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A, ARTICLE IV-A, SECTIONS 4A.11 ENTITLED SPECIFIC SIGN DEFINITIONS, 4A.14 ENTITLED PROHIBITED SIGNS, AND SECTION 4A.61 ENTITLED APPLICATION FOR PERMITS.

THE CITY OF WARREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That Appendix A, Article IV-A, Division II, Section 4A.11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan,

WHICH PRESENTLY READS:

Section 4A.11 Specific sign definitions.

For purpose of this ordinance, the following signs as listed shall be defined as follows:

1. *Animated sign.* A sign or display manifesting either kinetic or illusionary motion by natural, mechanical or electrical means.
2. *Awning sign.* A sign that is painted on, printed on or attached flat against the surface of the awning and shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance.
3. *Balloon sign.* A sign in which one (1) or more balloons are used as a temporary sign or as a means of directing attention to any business, profession, commodity, service, product or entertainment.
4. *Banner sign.* A temporary sign made of fabric or other non-rigid material with no enclosing framework.
5. *Billboard.* A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the property on which the sign is located, also called "off-premise" or "outdoor advertising" signs.
6. *Canopy sign.* A sign that is painted on, printed on or attached to a canopy which is affixed to a building wall or to the ground by columns or posts and shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance.
7. *Changeable copy sign.* A sign whose informational content can be changed or altered by manual, electric, electro-mechanical or electronic means.
8. *Construction sign.* A temporary on-premise sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor or material supplier participating in construction on the property.
9. *Double-faced sign.* A sign with two faces, back-to-back.
10. *Election sign.* A temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum.
11. *Electrical sign.* A sign or sign structure in which electrical wiring, connections or fixtures are used.

12. *Festoon sign.* A sign consisting of ribbons, tinsel, small flags, pinwheels, garland or other material hanging or draped.
13. *Freestanding sign.* A sign that is erected upon or supported by the ground and is affixed to the ground, but not attached to any building, including signs on poles or pylons that are anchored into the ground. Also called ground signs.
14. *Garage sale sign.* A temporary on-premise sign advertising the sale of used household items.
15. *Government sign.* Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the city, county, state or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, public service, public property, facility or function.
16. *Identification sign.* A sign whose copy is limited to the name and address of a building, institution or person, activity or occupation being identified.
17. *Illuminated sign.* A sign with an artificial light source incorporated internally or externally for the purpose of illuminating the sign.
18. *Informational sign.* An on-premise commercial sign two (2) square feet or less used for the limited purposes of identifying, directing or conveying a message.
19. *Marquee sign.* A sign attached to or supported by a marquee structure and shall be considered a wall sign for the purpose of this ordinance.
20. *Monument sign.* A sign mounted directly to the ground with a maximum height not to exceed five (5) feet.
21. *Multiple faced sign.* A sign containing three (3) or more faces, not necessarily back-to-back.
22. *Mural.* A picture painted directly on a wall and shall be considered a painted wall sign for the purpose of this ordinance.
23. *Nameplate.* A non-electronic, on-premise identification sign attached to the building giving only the name, address and/or occupation of an occupant or group of occupants.
24. *Obsolete sign.* An on-premise sign that advertises an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment that is no longer sold, produced, manufactured, furnished on the premises or a business that has closed.
25. *Off-premise sign.* A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the property on which the sign is located, also called "billboards" or "outdoor advertising."
26. *On-premise sign.* A sign which pertains to the use of the premises or property on which it is located.
27. *Opinion sign.* A non-commercial sign, which expresses an opinion or other point of view, including but not limited to political and religious statements but which does not advertise any product, good, business or service.
28. *Outline tubing sign.* A sign consisting of glass or similar material tubing, filled with a gas such as neon, which glows when electric current is sent through it.
29. *Painted wall sign.* A sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the surface of an exterior wall, fence, masonry, concrete or other building wall, including but not limited to murals. Painted wall signs shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance. Prior to painting a sign on a wall in

place of a wall sign, a permit must be obtained and the entire wall must be freshly painted with one continuous color.

30. *Portable sign.* A temporary sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building. A portable sign is capable of being readily moved from one location to another.
31. *Projecting sign.* A sign that is affixed to any building or part thereof, or to any structure and projects out by more than eighteen (18) inches.
32. *Public carrier sign.* Any temporary or permanent sign erected to designate a public carrier location.
33. *Real estate sign.* A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for sale, rent or lease.
34. *Roof sign.* Any sign erected over or on the roof of a building.
35. *Temporary sign.* A sign, banner, inflammable or other advertising device constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, wood or other light temporary material, with or without a structural frame, intended to be displayed for a limited time period, including but not limited to election signs, portable signs and political signs.
36. *Wall sign.* A sign attached parallel to and extending not more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall of a building with no copy on the sides or edges, including painted, individual letter, cabinet and signs on a mansard.
37. *Window sign.* A sign installed inside a window and intended to be viewed from the outside.

IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4A.11 Specific sign definitions.

For purpose of this ordinance, the following signs as listed shall be defined as follows:

1. *Abandoned sign.* A sign that, by reason of neglect, damage, or deterioration, requires repair or refurbishment, and the owner or other responsible party either (1) fails, neglects, or refuses to initiate repair or refurbishment to the sign within ten days of the City sending written notice; or (2) fails, neglects, or refuses to complete repairs or refurbishment within 60 days of the City sending written notice.
2. *Animated sign.* A sign or display manifesting either kinetic or illusionary motion by natural, mechanical or electrical means.
3. *Awning sign.* A sign that is painted on, printed on or attached flat against the surface of the awning and shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance.
4. *Balloon sign.* A sign in which one (1) or more balloons are used as a temporary sign or as a means of directing attention to any business, profession, commodity, service, product or entertainment.
5. *Banner sign.* A temporary sign made of fabric or other non-rigid material with no enclosing framework.
6. *Billboard.* A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the

property on which the sign is located, also called "off-premise" or "outdoor advertising" signs.

7. *Canopy sign.* A sign that is painted on, printed on or attached to a canopy which is affixed to a building wall or to the ground by columns or posts and shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance.
8. *Changeable copy sign.* A sign whose informational content can be changed or altered by manual, electric, electro-mechanical or electronic means.
9. *Construction sign.* A temporary on-premise sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor or material supplier participating in construction on the property.
10. *Double-faced sign.* A sign with two faces, back-to-back.
11. *Election sign.* A temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum.
12. *Electrical sign.* A sign or sign structure in which electrical wiring, connections or fixtures are used.
13. *Feather flag sign.* A sign consisting of a vertically elongated pennant attached on one of the sides to a single support post.
14. *Festoon sign.* A sign consisting of ribbons, tinsel, small flags, pinwheels, garland or other material hanging or draped.
15. *Freestanding sign.* A sign that is erected upon or supported by the ground and is affixed to the ground, but not attached to any building, including signs on poles or pylons that are anchored into the ground. Also called ground signs.
16. *Garage sale sign.* A temporary on-premise sign advertising the sale of used household items.
17. *Government sign.* Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the City, county, state or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, public service, public property, facility or function.
18. *Identification sign.* A sign whose copy is limited to the name and address of a building, institution or person, activity or occupation being identified.
19. *Illuminated sign.* A sign with an artificial light source incorporated internally or externally for the purpose of illuminating the sign.
20. *Informational sign.* An on-premise commercial sign two (2) square feet or less used for the limited purposes of identifying, directing or conveying a message.
21. *Marquee sign.* A sign attached to or supported by a marquee structure and shall be considered a wall sign for the purpose of this ordinance.
22. *Monument sign.* A sign mounted directly to the ground with a maximum height not to exceed five (5) feet.
23. *Multiple faced sign.* A sign containing three (3) or more faces, not necessarily back-to-back.
24. *Mural.* A picture painted directly on a wall and shall be considered a painted wall sign for the purpose of this ordinance.
25. *Nameplate.* A non-electronic, on-premise identification sign attached to the building giving only the name, address and/or occupation of an occupant or group of occupants.

26. *Obsolete sign.* An on-premise sign that advertises an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment that is no longer sold, produced, manufactured, furnished on the premises or a business that has closed.
27. *Off-premise sign.* A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service or entertainment which is not sold, produced, manufactured or furnished at the property on which the sign is located, also called "billboards" or "outdoor advertising."
28. *On-premise sign.* A sign which pertains to the use of the premises or property on which it is located.
29. *Opinion sign.* A non-commercial sign, which expresses an opinion or other point of view, including but not limited to political and religious statements but which does not advertise any product, good, business or service.
30. *Painted wall sign.* A sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the surface of an exterior wall, fence, masonry, concrete or other building wall, including but not limited to murals. Painted wall signs shall be allowed in place of a wall sign as regulated in this ordinance. Prior to painting a sign on a wall in place of a wall sign, a permit must be obtained and the entire wall must be freshly painted with one continuous color.
31. *Portable sign.* A temporary sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building. A portable sign is capable of being readily moved from one location to another.
32. *Projecting sign.* A sign that is affixed to any building or part thereof, or to any structure and projects out by more than eighteen (18) inches.
33. *Public carrier sign.* Any temporary or permanent sign erected to designate a public carrier location.
34. *Real estate sign.* A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for sale, rent or lease.
35. *Roof sign.* Any sign erected over or on the roof of a building.
36. *Rope lighting.* Multiple interconnected lamps, including LEDs or light bulbs, connected to a single electrical source, or luminous tubing that contains a gas, such as neon, that glows when electric current is sent through it. Rope lighting includes, but is not limited to, lighting also known as strand lighting, lite ropes, flexible impact lighting, tubular lighting, string lighting, or other similar forms of illumination.
37. *Temporary lighting.* Seasonal lighting with no permanent electrical wiring.
38. *Temporary sign.* A sign, banner or other advertising device constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, wood or other light temporary material, with or without a structural frame, intended to be displayed for a limited time period, including but not limited to election signs, portable signs and political signs.
39. *Inflatable sign.* A sign that is capable of being inflated with air, helium, or other gas.
40. *Wall sign.* A sign attached parallel to and extending not more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall of a building with no copy on the sides or edges, including painted, individual letter, cabinet and signs on a mansard.
41. *Window sign.* A sign installed inside a window and intended to be viewed from the outside.

SECTION 2. That Appendix A, Article IV-A, Division III, Section 4A.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan,

WHICH PRESENTLY READS:

Section 4A.14 Prohibited signs.

The following types of signs are prohibited in all districts:

- a) Signs that utilize flashing, blinking, intermittent or moving lights or exposed incandescent light bulbs.
- b) Exterior outline tubing signs
- c) Festoon signs.
- d) Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals that are made of the same material, and are of the same size and shape and color.
- e) Signs attached to trees, telephone poles, public benches, streetlights, or placed on any public property or public right-of-way, unless otherwise provided by ordinance.
- f) Roof signs.
- g) Abandoned signs.
- h) Obsolete signs.
- i) Signs in parking districts (P) greater than two (2) square feet in size.
- j) Off-premise signs other than billboards, election and special events or activities signs as regulated in this ordinance.
- k) Effective March 1, 1999, except as provided in this Appendix, any billboard containing any tobacco advertisement in any publicly visible location on or within 1000 feet of the perimeter of any school premises, playground, or playground area in a public park.

IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4A.14. Prohibited signs.

The following types of signs are prohibited in all districts:

- a) Signs that utilize flashing, blinking, intermittent or moving lights or exposed incandescent light bulbs.
- b) Exterior rope lighting, except temporary lighting.
- c) Festoon signs.

- d) Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals that are made of the same material, and are of similar size and shape and color.
- e) Signs attached to trees, telephone poles, public benches, streetlights, or placed on any public property or public right-of-way, unless otherwise provided by ordinance.
- f) Roof signs.
- g) Abandoned signs.
- h) Obsolete signs.
- i) Signs in parking districts (P) greater than two (2) square feet in size.
- j) Off-premise signs other than billboards, election and special events or activities signs as regulated in this ordinance.
- k) Except as provided in this Appendix, any billboard containing any tobacco advertisement in any publicly visible location on or within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of any school premises, playground, or playground area in a public park.
- l) A sign advertising alcoholic liquor as prohibited in Warren Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-9A.
- m) Inflatable signs, except as permitted in Warren Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Article IV-A, Division V, Section 4A.42.
- n) Feather flag signs.

SECTION 3. That Appendix A, Article IV-A, Division VIII, Section 4A.61 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan,

WHICH PRESENTLY READS:

Section 4A.61. Application for permits.

Application for the erection, structural alteration or relocation of a sign shall be made to the Division of Buildings and Safety Engineering. The following information shall be provided:

- a) Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- b) Name and address of the owner of the sign.
- c) Name and address of person erecting the sign.
- d) Street address or location of the property on which the sign is to be located together with the name and address of the property owner.
- e) The type of sign or sign structure as defined in this ordinance.
- f) A site plan with measurements showing the proposed location of the sign together with the locations of all existing signs on the same premises.
- g) Specifications and drawings showing the materials, design, dimensions, structural supports and electrical components of the sign.
- h) Copy of applicable stress sheets and calculations showing the structure as designed for dead load and wind pressure.

- i) Any electrical permit required and issued for the sign.

IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4A.61. Application for permits.

Application for the erection, structural alteration or relocation of a sign shall be made to the Division of Buildings and Safety Engineering. The following information shall be provided:

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- b) Name and address of the owner of the sign.
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- d) Street address or location of the property on which the sign is to be located together with the name and address of the property owner.
- e) The type of sign or sign structure as defined in this ordinance.
- f) A site plan with measurements showing the proposed location of the sign together with the locations of all existing signs on the same premises.
- g) Specifications and drawings showing the materials, design, exact wording, dimensions, structural supports and electrical components of the sign.
- h) Copy of applicable stress sheets and calculations showing the structure as designed for dead load and wind pressure.
- i) Any electrical permit required and issued for the sign.
- j) Any other information that the Building Division finds necessary to ensure compliance under this Ordinance and all other applicable laws of the City and the State of Michigan.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on June 15, 2015.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 30-1011 was adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on May 26, 2015.

PAUL WOJNO
City Clerk

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