

ORDINANCE 00-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF INTERLACHEN, FLORIDA, REGULATING SIGNS IN THE TOWN OF INTERLACHEN; IMPOSING LIMITS UPON THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF SIGNS IN VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS; MAKING CERTAIN PRACTICES UNLAWFUL; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INTERLACHEN, FLORIDA:

SECTION I
SHORT TITLE

00-10 - 1.1 - Short Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the "Sign Ordinance of the Town of Interlachen, Florida" and is adopted pursuant to Chapter 125 and Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes.

SECTION II
DEFINITIONS

00-10 - 2.1 - Definitions.

ABANDONED SIGN: A sign which no longer correctly directs or exhorts any person, advertises a bona fide business, lessor, owner, product, or activity conducted or product available on the premises where such a sign is displayed.

ACCESSORY SIGN: See "On Premise Sign."

ADVERTISING MESSAGE: That copy on a sign describing products or services being offered to the public.

ANIMATED SIGN: Any sign which includes action or motion. This term does not refer to flashing, changing, or indexing, which are separately defined.

ARCHITECTURAL BLADE: A roof sign or projecting sign with no loges or braces. Designed to look as though it could have been part of the building structure, rather than something suspended from or standing on the building.


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ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTION: Any projection not intended for occupancy which extends beyond the property line, not including signs, canopies, or marquees.

AREA OF COPY: The entire area within a single continuous perimeter, composed of squares or rectangles, which enclose the extreme limits of the advertising message, announcement, or decoration on a fascia or wall sign.

AREA OF OFF-PREMISE SIGN: Where poster panels or bulletins are installed back to back, one face only is considered as area. Where there is a difference in size, the larger face will be counted.

AREA OF SIGN: The area of the largest single face of the sign within a perimeter which forms the outside shape including any frame, forms an integral part of the display, but excluding the necessary supports or uprights on which the sign may be placed. If the sign consists of more than one section or module, all areas will be totaled. Any irregular shaped sign's area shall be computed using the actual sign face surface.

AWNING: A temporary shelter supported entirely from the exterior wall of a building and composed of non-rigid materials except for the supporting framework.

BACKGROUND AREA: The entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed, as opposed to the copy area, when referred to in connection with fascia or all signs.

BANNER SIGN: A temporary sign composed of lightweight material either enclosed or not enclosed in a rigid frame, secured or mounted so as to allow movement of the sign caused by movement of the atmosphere.

BILLBOARD: See "Outdoor Advertising (Poster and Bulletins)".

BUILDING FACE OR WALL: All window and wall area of a building in one place or elevation.

BUILDING FRONTAGE: The linear length of a building facing the right-of-way or the linear length of the right-of-way facing building, whichever is smaller.

BULLETIN: See "Outdoor Advertising Sign".


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CANOPY OR (MARQUEE): A permanent roof-like shelter extending from part or all of a building face over a public right-of-way and constructed of some durable material such as metal, glass, or plastic.

CANOPY OR MARQUEE SIGN: Any sign attached to or constructed in or on a canopy or marquee.

CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN (MANUAL): A sign on which copy is changed manually in the field, such as reader boards with changeable letters or changeable pictorial panels.

CHANGING SIGN (AUTOMATIC): A sign such as an electronically or electrically controlled public service time, temperature and date sign, message center or reader board where different copy changes are shown.

COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN PLAN: Building design and signs integrated into one architectural plan, the comprehensive plan being complete in all other building, structural, and electrical requirements.

CONSTRUCTION SIGNS: One construction sign per construction project not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet in area in residential districts or sixty four (64) square feet in commercial or industrial districts, provided that such signs shall be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of construction for which a valid building permit has been issued, shall be confined to the site of construction, and shall be removed thirty (30) days after completion of construction and prior to occupancy.


COPY (PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY): The wording on a sign surface either in permanent or removable letter form.

COPY AREA: The area in square feet of the smallest geometric figure which described the area enclosed by the actual copy of a sign. For fascia signs, the copy area limits refer to the message, not to the illuminated background.

COUNTY: That area defined by the County limits of Putnam.

COUNTY DESIGNATED ROAD: Means any road in the County system designated as a "major" or "minor" collector by the Comprehensive Plan.


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DETACHED SIGN: See "Ground Sign".

DIRECTIONAL SIGN: Any sign which serves solely to designate the location or direction of any place or area.

DIRECTLY ILLUMINATED SIGN: Any sign designed to provide artificial light either through exposed lighting on the sign face or through transparent or translucent material from a light source within the sign.

DOUBLE-STACKED BILLBOARDS: Poster panels or bulletins normally double-stacked on a building or freestanding structure.

ELECTRICAL SIGN: Any sign containing electrical wiring which is attached or intended to be attached to an electrical energy source.

EMBELLISHMENT:

(1) Letters, figures, character, or representations in cut-outs or irregular forms or similar ornaments attached to or superimposed upon the sign.

(2) Embellishment (Decorative Only) - A purely decorative embellishment on a free-standing sign.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: "Enforcement Officer" includes desigees of and assistants to the Town of Interlachen and Putnam County.

ERECTED: Attached, altered, built, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, or moved, and shall include the appointing of wall signs, but does not include copy changes on any sign.


EXEMPT SIGNS: Signs exempted from normal permit requirements.

FACE OF SIGN: The entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed.

FACIA SIGN (OR WALL SIGN): A sign attached to or erected against a wall of a building, with the face horizontally parallel to the building wall.

FLASHING SIGN: Any sign which contains an intermittent or flashing light source, or which includes the illusion of intermittent or flashing light by means of animation or an externally-mounted intermittent light source. Automatic changing signs such as public service time, temperature and date signs, or electronically controlled message centers are classed as "Changing Signs", not "Flashing Signs".


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FREE-STANDING SIGNS: See "Ground Signs".

FREE-ORIENTED SIGN (CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY SIGN): Any sign identifying premises where food, lodging, or places of business are located that engage in supplying goods and services essential to normal operation of motor vehicles, and where such businesses are directly dependent upon the adjacent freeway for business.

FRONTAGE: The length of property line of any one premise parallel to and along each public right-of-way it borders.

GROUND LEVEL: Street grade.

GROUND SIGN: A sign erected on a free-standing frame, mast, or pole and not attached to any building. (AKA "Detached Signs", "Pole Signs", "Free-Standing Signs".)

HEIGHT OF SIGN: The vertical distance measured from the adjacent street grade or upper surface of the nearest street curb other than an elevated roadway, which permits the greatest height to the highest point of said sign.

IDENTIFICATION SIGN: A sign which is limited to the name, address, and number of a building, institution, or person, and to the activity carried on in the building or institution or the occupancy of the person.

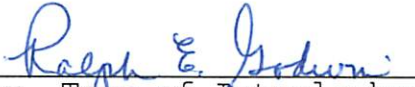
ILLUMINATED SIGN: Any sign which emanates light either by means of exposed tubing or lamps on its surface by means of illumination transmitted through the sign faces.

INCIDENTAL SIGN: A sign pertaining to goods, products, services, or facilities which are available on the premises where the sign is located and example of this type sign is the Master Card logo plate.

INDEXING: Turning and stopping action of the triangular vertical sections of a multi-prism sign designed to show three messages in the same area.

INDIRECTLY ILLUMINATED SIGN: Any sign which reflects light from a source intentionally directed upon it; for example, by means of floodlights, gooseneck reflectors, or externally mounted fluorescent light fixtures.


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INDIVIDUAL LETTER SIGN: Any sign made of self-contained letters that are mounted on the face of a building, top of a parapet, roof edge of a building, or on top or below a marquee.

INTERIOR PROPERTY LINE: Property lines other than those fronting on a street, road, or highway.

LINTEL: In this context, the line above the display windows and below transom window, if any, on a store, (usually approximately 9'0" from grade).

LICENSED SIGN CONTRACTOR: One who is licensed and registered to perform sign construction and erection by appropriate County agencies and registered with the State of Florida, Division of Business Regulation.

LOT: A piece, parcel, plot, or tract of land shown on a recorded plat or any piece of land described by a legally recorded deed, occupied or to be occupied by one principal building and its accessory buildings, and including the open spaces required under this Ordinance.

(A) Corner - Any lot situated at the junction of and abutting on two or more intersecting streets, roads, or highways. If the angle of intersection of the direction lines of two highways is more than one 135 degrees, the lot fronting on said intersection is not a corner lot.

(B) Double Frontage - Any lot having frontage on two parallel or approximately parallel street, roads or other thoroughfares.

(C) Interior - Any lot which is not a corner lot.

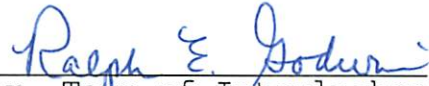
MAINTAIN: To permit a sign, structure, or any part of each to continue or to repair or refurbish a sign, structure, or any part of either.

MARQUEE (OR CANOPY): A permanent roof-like shelter extending from part or all of the building face over a public right-of-way and constructed of some durable material such as metal, glass, or plastic.

MARQUEE SIGN (OR CANOPY SIGN): Any sign attached to or constructed in or on a canopy or marquee.

MESSAGE: The wording or copy on a sign.


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MOBILE SIGN: Signs which are not permanently attached to ground surface or structures and are capable of moving or being moved.

MULTI-PRISM SIGN: Signs made with a series of triangular vertical sections that turn and stop, or index, to show pictures or messages in the same area.

NAMEPLATE: A non-electric sign identifying only the name and occupation or profession of the occupant of the premises on which the sign is located. If any premises includes more than one occupant, nameplate refers to all names and occupations or professions as well as the name of the building and directional information.

NON-ACCESSORY SIGN: See "Outdoor Advertising Signs".

NON-ELECTRICAL SIGN: Any sign that does not contain electrical wiring or is not attached or intended to be attached to any electrical energy source.

NON-CONFORMING SIGN (LEGAL): Any advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to such time as it came within the preview of this ordinance and any amendments thereto, and which fails to conform to all non-conforming sign for which a special permit has been issued.


ON-PREMISE SIGN (ON-SITE): Any sign identifying or advertising a business, person activity, goods, products, or services located on the premises where the sign is installed and maintained.

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN (OFF-SITE SIGN) (NON-ACCESSORY SIGN):

Outdoor advertising signs which advertise goods, products or services not necessarily sold on the premises on which the sign is located, and are of three (3) main types:

- 1) Poster panels or bulletins normally mounted on a building wall or freestanding structure with advertising copy in the form of pasted paper.
- 2) Multi-prism signs - same as the above, and alternating advertising messages on the display area.
- 3) Painted bulletins, where the advertiser's message is painted directly on the background of a wall-mounted or free-standing display area.


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OWNER: A person recorded as such on official records and including duly authorized agent or notary, a purchaser, devisee, judiciary; any person having a vested interest in the property in question.

PARAPET OR PARAPET WALL: That portion of a building wall that rises above the roof level.

PARCEL: A fragment or portion of a tract or plot of land.

PENTHOUSE: A structure on top of a building roof, such as houses an elevator shaft or similar form.

PERSON: Any individual, corporation, firm, partnership, and the like, singular or plural.

POLE SIGN: See "Ground Sign".

POLITICAL CANDIDATE: A person who has qualified to have his/her name placed on the election ballot for an office that has relevance to the residents of the Town, i.e., Town residents can vote for this office.

POLITICAL SIGN: A sign specifically designed to advertise a candidate or proposal for an upcoming election.

PORTABLE SIGN: Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or a building.


PREMISES: An area of land with its appurtenances and buildings which, because of its unity of use, may be recorded as the smallest conveyable unit of real estate.

PROJECTING SIGNS: A sign, other than a wall sign, which is attached to and projects from a structure of building face. The area of double faced projecting signs are calculated on one face of the sign only.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH: The particular distance across a public street, measured from property line to property line.

PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION SIGN: Any sign intended primarily to promote items of general interest to the community such as time, temperature and date, atmospheric conditions, news or traffic control, etc.


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REAL ESTATE OR PROPERTY FOR SALE, RENT OR LEASE SIGN: Any sign pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of land or buildings.

ROOF LINE: Any sign erected upon, against, or directly above a roof or the top of a parapet, whichever forms the top line of the building silhouette.

ROOF SIGN: Any sign erected upon, against, or directly above a roof or on top of or above the parapet of a building.

ROTATING SIGN: Any sign or portion of a sign which moves in a revolving or similar manner, but not including multi-prism signs.

SEASONAL OR HOLIDAY SIGNS: Signs such as Christmas decorations, those used for historic holiday, and installed for a limited period of time.

SIGN: Any identification, description, illustration, or device illuminated or non-illuminated which is visible from any public place or is located on private property and exposed to the public and which directs attention to a product, service, place activity, person, institution, business, cause, or solicitation, including any permanently installed or situated merchandise; or any emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard, or temporary sign designed to advertise, identify, or convey information, with the exception of window displays and national flags. For the purposes of removal, signs shall also include all sign structures.

SIGN FACE: The part of the sign, including trim and background, which contains the message or informative contents.

SIGN LEGEND: See "Copy".


SIGN STICKER: A sticker affixed either to the face or the channel of a sign denoting the name of the manufacturer or designated servicing company for purpose of identification by County officials.

SIGN STRUCTURE: Any structure which supports, has supported, or is capable of supporting a sign, including decorative cover.

SPECIAL PURPOSE SIGN: Any sign other than a business, non-accessory, identification sign, including but not limited to traffic signs.

STANDARD SIGN CRITERIA: Those criteria adopted by the Planning, Zoning and Building Department.


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STREET: A public highway, road, or thoroughfare which afford the principal means of access to adjacent lots, measured from property line to property line.

SWINGING SIGN: A sign installed on an arm or spar that is not, in addition, permanently fastened to an adjacent wall or upright pole.

TEMPORARY SIGN: A sign which is not permanently affixed. Temporary signs shall include, but not be limited to: all devices such as banners, pennants, flags (not intended to include flags of any nations), searchlights, twirling or sandwich type signs, sidewalk or curb signs, and balloons or other air or gas-filled figures.

TEMPORARY WINDOW OR BUILDING SIGN: A sign painted on the interior of a window or constructed of paper, cloth, or other like material and attached to the interior side of a window or displayed on the exterior of a building wall in order to direct attention of persons outside the building to a sale of merchandise or a change in the status of the business.

UNDER CANOPY OR MARQUEE SIGN: A sign suspended below the ceiling or roof of a canopy or marquee.


UNLAWFUL SIGN: A sign which contravenes this Ordinance or which The Enforcement Officer may declare as unlawful if it becomes dangerous to public safety by reason of dilapidation or abandonment, or a non-conforming sign for which a permit required under a previous ordinance was not obtained.

USE: The purpose for which a building, lot, sign, or other structure is arranged, intended, designed, occupied, or maintained by the occupant, lessee, lessor, or trustee.

WALL SIGN (OR FACIA SIGN): A sign attached to or erected against the wall of a building with the face in a parallel plane to the plane of the building wall.

WINDOW SIGN: A sign installed inside a window for purposes of viewing from outside the premise. This term does not include merchandise located in a window.


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**SECTION III
PERMITS**

00-10 - 3.1 - Permits

PERMITS REQUIRED: Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, perform substantial repairs upon, construct, enlarge, move, or convert any sign in the Town of Interlachen, or cause the same to be done, without first obtaining a sign permit for each such sign from the Enforcement Officer as required by this Ordinance. These directives shall not be construed to require any permit for a change of copy on any sign nor the repainting, cleaning, and other normal maintenance or repair of a sign or sign structure for which a permit has previously been issued, so long as the sign or sign structure is not modified in any way.

**SECTION IV
SIGN CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING
AND REGISTRATION**

00-10 - 4.1 - Sign Contractor's Licensing and Registration

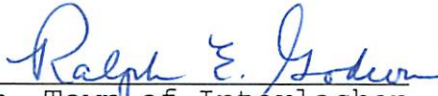
Sign contractors to be licensed. No person shall perform any work or service in connection with the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, improvement, conversion, or manufacture of any sign in the Town of Interlachen unless such person or firm is a licensed Sign Contractor in Putnam County, excepting those persons erecting exempted signs under Section 19 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION V
INSURANCE**

00-10 - 5.1 - Insurance

Every Sign Contractor shall provide or show proof of a Certificate of Insurance to indemnify the Town against any form of liability to a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) or shall be responsible through any agent or subcontractor.


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**SECTION VI
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

00-10 - 6.1 - Application For Permit

Application for a permit shall be made to the Enforcement Officer upon a form provided by the Town of Interlachen and shall be accompanied by such information as may be required to assure compliance with this Ordinance including:


- A) Name and address of owner of the sign;
- B) Name and address of owner or the person in possession of the premises where the sign is located or to be located;
- C) Clear and legible drawings with description and nominal dimensions, showing location of the sign which is the subject of the permit and all other existing signs whose construction requires permits, when such signs are on the same premise.
- D) Name of Registered Sign Contractor or firm, including name, address, and telephone number.

**SECTION VII
ISSUANCE AND DENIAL**

00-10 - 7.1 - Issuance and Denial

The Enforcement Officer shall issue a permit for the erection, alteration or relocation of a sign when the permit application is properly made; all required information has been provided; all fees have been paid as required; and, the proposed erection, alteration or relocation conforms with the provisions of this Ordinance. For purposes of this code, the Enforcement Officer shall not issue a permit unless it is determined that the structural integrity and design suitability, of a requested sign, are in accord with the criteria established under the Standard Building Code.


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**SECTION VIII
REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**

00-10 - 8.1 - Revocation and Suspension

The Enforcement Officer may, in writing, suspend or revoke a permit issued under provisions of this section whenever the permit is issued on the basis of a misstatement of fact or fraud. When a sign permit is denied by the Enforcement Officer, the Officer shall give written notice of the denial to the applicant, together with a brief written statement of the reasons for the denial.

**SECTION IX
EFFECT OF ISSUANCE**

00-10 - 9.1 - Effect of Issuance

No permit for a sign issued hereunder shall be deemed to constitute permission or authorization to maintain an unlawful sign nor shall any permit issued hereunder constitute a defense in an action to abate an unlawful sign.

**SECTION X
PERMIT FEES**


00-10 - 10 - Permit Fees

Application for permits shall be filed with the Enforcement Officer, together with a permit fee as specified by the Town of Interlachen, for each sign in accordance with the following schedule:

For first 100 square feet of sign area50¢ a sq. ft.
(with a \$15.00 minimum permit or whichever is greater)
For each addition 100 square feet\$10.00

In addition, when any sign is hereafter erected, placed, installed, or otherwise established on any property prior to obtaining permits as required by this section, the fees specified hereunder shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fees shall not relieve any person from complying with other provisions of this section or from penalties prescribed herein.


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**SECTION XI
SIGN PERMIT APPEALS**

00-10- 11.1 - Sign Permit Appeals

1) Appeal from Denial of Permit: When a sign permit is denied by the Enforcement Officer, he/she shall give written notice of the denial to applicant, together with a brief written statement of the reason or reasons for the denial. Appeals may be filed with the Enforcement Officer and heard in accord with appeal procedures of the Board of Adjustment, as amended.

2) Enforcement Officer to Grant Permit Within Fifteen (15) Days: The Enforcement Officer's failure to either grant or deny a sign permit application within fifteen (15) days of the date of filing an application meeting the requirements of this Ordinance shall be grounds for appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

**SECTION XII
INSPECTION**

00-10 -12.1 - Inspection

Any person erecting, altering, or relocating a sign shall notify the Enforcement Officer upon completion of the work for which permits of any work are required.

- A) Inspections: All ground signs shall be subject to a footing inspection, and all signs shall be subject to a final inspection subject to the Standard Building Code.
- B) All signs with electrical equipment shall be subject to electrical inspection subject to the National Electrical Code.

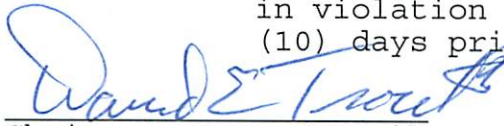
**SECTION XIII
MAINTENANCE**


00-10 - 13.1 - Maintenance

Every sign shall be maintained in good structural condition. It is unlawful to erect or maintain any sign that is not structurally sound.

Signs Declared Unlawful:

- 1) The Enforcement Officer shall notify any owner of sign in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance ten (10) days prior to prosecution thereof.


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2) Any sign owned, kept, displayed, or maintained by any person within the Town, the ownership keeping a display which is unlawful pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby declared to be in violation of this Ordinance. The Enforcement Officer may declare any such sign to be unlawful, and such sign and the keeping, owning, maintenance, construction, and display or operation thereof, is unlawful under the terms of this Ordinance.


**SECTION XIV
SIGNS PERMITTED IN
SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS**

00-10 - 14.1 - Signs Permitted in Single Family Districts

No signs permitted in RE, R1, R1A, R1HA, R2, R2HA, R3, R4, RMH and AE. Within these residential districts, only nameplates or signs listed below are permitted:

- A) Each single family home or duplex house, one nameplate not exceeding a combined area of two square feet for each occupancy. The nameplate shall not be subject to the permit requirements of this Ordinance.
- B) Each dwelling unit may have a sign not exceeding a combined area of six square feet for a garage sale. The sign shall not be placed on the site more than three (3) days in advance of the sale and shall be removed immediately after the duration of the sale.
- C) In Agricultural Estates Districts, a sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area may be permitted for the normal, incidental, and customary sale of products or produce grown on the premises.
- D) Each mobile home park or subdivision in an RMH district shall be permitted to display one (1) identifying sign at each entrance. Identifying signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and is lighted by an indirect lighting source which does not create an uncomfortable harsh glaring effect.


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**SECTION XV
BUSINESS DISTRICTS**

00-10 - 15.1 - Business Districts

The following signs are permitted in CPO, C-1, C2, C3, C4, IL and IH:

1) One (1) double-faced free-standing ground sign for each developed parcel having frontage on a public right-of-way, not to exceed one (1) square foot of sign area for each linear foot of street frontage abutting the portion of the parcel. But in no case exceeding one hundred (100) square feet total. Signs shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from any public right-of-way and be limited to an overall height of thirty-five (35) feet above average ground level unless a variance is granted.

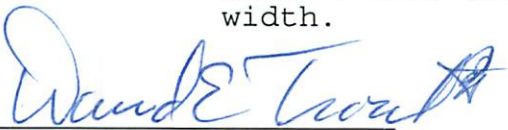
2) One wall fascia sign for each occupancy within a developed parcel, not to exceed the roof line. Said sign shall not exceed a total area of three square feet of copy area for each linear foot of building occupancy, not exceeding five hundred (500) square feet total. If the occupancy is on a corner, one wall sign will be permitted for each frontage, not exceeding one thousand (1,000) square feet total. If the building includes a canopy, each tenant is permitted one (1) under canopy sign.

A) For all signs with heights exceeding ten (10) feet above average ground surface there shall be submitted engineering calculations/criteria specifying wind load factors.

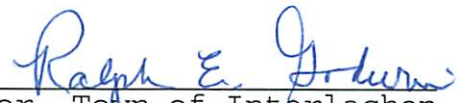
3) Canopy signs shall be subject to the following conditions:

A) The area of copy shall not exceed three square feet per linear foot of canopy, front and sides. No canopy sign shall be less than nine feet above the sidewalk. Copy may be installed above or on the face of the canopy proper, provided that when the sign is installed above or in/on the canopy proper, the copy area will be computed on the total of the sign face and the canopy apron proper. Signs attached to the underside of a canopy shall have a copy area no greater than six (6) square feet.

B) On places of public entertainment such as theaters, arenas, or meeting halls, the canopy area allowance will be four (4) square feet per linear foot of canopy width.



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- C) Within five (5) feet of any public right-of-way, private property line or within fifty (50) feet of the intersection at any two (2) street right-of-way lines.


4) Billboards located on State roads and Federal-Aid Primary Highway systems shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A) They shall not exceed five hundred and sixty (560) square feet, plus not exceeding ten percent (10%) for embellishments, in area.
- B) They shall be erected on treated wooden poles or monopoles.
- C) All visible framing shall be painted in a color to blend with the area of construction. All faces of units are to be of metal, wood or plastic or meeting Standard Building Code requirements, with a base or trim to be of wood or metal of which also must blend with the area of construction.
- D) Billboards shall be no taller than forty five (45) feet above the crown of the main traveled road and shall not be located closer than fifteen hundred feet (1500') to any existing billboard on interstate highways, nor closer than one thousand feet (1000') from any existing billboard on state roads or Federal-Aid primary highway system.
- E) "V" shaped signs may not exceed one hundred (100) degree angle of "V".
- F) **NO DOUBLE-STACKED BILLBOARDS ALLOWED.**

5) Billboards located on County designated roads shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A) Billboards located on county designated roads shall not exceed two hundred and fifty six (256) square feet.
- B) They shall be constructed on treated wooden, or steel poles with faces and trim painted in a color to blend with the area of construction.


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C) No billboard located on a County designated road shall be taller than thirty-five feet (35') above the crown, and shall not be located closer than one thousand feet (1,000') from any existing billboard.

6) Incidental signs are permitted as follows:

- A) Up to two (2) incidental signs may be attached to a free-standing sign structure or to a building wall, but may not be attached perpendicular to the wall. Incidental signs are restricted to trading stamps, credit cards accepted, official notices of services required by law, or trade affiliations. The area of each sign may not exceed three (3) square feet. The total area of all incidental signs may not exceed six (6) square feet.
- B) Two (2) directional signs are permitted for each driveway on each street frontage. The area of each sign may not exceed six (6) square feet. The directional signs shall not be considered as part of the total allowable sign square footage permitted under this Ordinance. The maximum permitted height for such signs shall be three (3) feet above ground level.
- C) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed so as to cause a sign which is conforming on the effective date of this act to become non-conforming.

**SECTION XVI
PROHIBITED SIGNS**

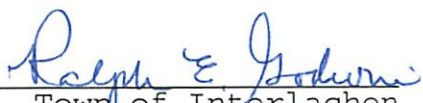
00-10 - 16.1 - Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited:

1) Signs which are animated by means of flashing, blinking or traveling lights located within two hundred (200) feet (based on five (5) second reaction time at forty five (45) miles per hour at sixty six (66) feet per second) of traffic signals utilized by motorists or pedestrians.

2) Signs shall not be located at positions, locations or intersections that would interfere with pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic.


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3) No signs which copies color or brightness of any traffic signal regulating traffic which would cause conflict to the motorist or pedestrian, greatly increasing hazard to public safety, health and welfare.

4) Signs which contain, include or are illuminated by any flashing intermittent, or moving light or lights, which are more than twenty five (25) watts.

5) Signs which are not effectively shielded as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled ways of the Interstate, of Federal-Aid Primary Highway or any State, County or Town road and which are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle, or which otherwise interferes with any driver's operation of a motor vehicle.

6) Illuminated signs that interfere with the effectiveness of or obscures an official traffic sign, device or signal.

7) All electric lighting shall be subject to any other provisions relating to lighting of signs presently applicable to all highway under jurisdiction of the State.

8) Signs which are tacked, pasted or otherwise affixed to trees or utility poles.

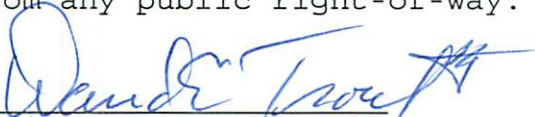
9) Signs that advertise an activity, business, product or service no longer conducted or available on the parcel of land which the sign is located.

10) No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or public property or on private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the parcel or nearby property of any other premise.

11) Signs on public property, over or across any street or public thoroughfare except as permitted by this Ordinance.

12) Permanent banners, pennants, searchlights, sidewalk or curb signs, balloons, or other gas-filled figures.

13) Corporate flags without a minimum of twenty (20) feet clearance from ground level and setback a minimum of five (5) feet from any public right-of-way.


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14) Swinging signs which do not meet all building, electrical and hurricane wind load requirements as set forth in the Standard Building Code.

15) A-frame or sandwich board, sidewalk or curb signs which do not meet all building, electrical and hurricane wind load requirements as set forth in the Standard Building Code.

16) Signs that purport to be or are an imitation of, or resemble and official traffic sign or signal or which bear the words "Stop", "Go Slow", "Caution", "Warning", or similar words.

17) Abandoned signs.

**SECTION XVII
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

00-10 - 17.1 Construction Specifications

1) Compliance with Standard Building Code (most recently adopted edition): All electrified signs shall comply with the provisions of the National Electrical Code (most recently adopted edition), and all signs shall comply with the additional construction standards hereinafter set forth in this section, three (3) copies of which are maintained in the office of The Enforcement Officer.

2) Construction of Signs, Auxiliary Specifications:

- A) Obstruction to Exits: No sign shall be erected or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window, or door opening, used as a means of egress.
- B) Obstruction to Ventilation: No sign shall be attached in any manner which will interfere with any opening required for ventilation, except that the signs may be erected in front and cover transom windows when not in violation of the provisions of the Building or Fire Prevention Codes.


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C) Clearance From High Voltage Power Lines: Signs shall be located in such a way that they maintain horizontal and vertical clearance of all overhead electrical conductors in accordance with National Electrical Code specification, depending on voltage concerned. However, in no case shall sign be installed closer than five (5) feet horizontally, vertically or from any conduit or public utility guy wire.

D) Drainage: The roofs of all marquees shall be properly guttered and drained.

2) Ground Mounted Signs-Materials: All free-standing structures or poles shall be self-supporting structures.

3) Wind Loads: All signs, except those attached flat against the wall of a building shall be constructed to withstand wind loads as specified by the Southern Standard Building Code.

A) For solid signs, thirty (30) pounds per square foot on one (1) face of the sign.

B) For skeleton signs, thirty six (36) pounds per square foot of the total face area of the letters and other sign surfaces or ten (10) pounds per square foot of the gross area of the sign as determined by the overall dimensions of the sign whichever is greater.

5) Mobile Signs:


A) A mobile sign located, placed or parked or otherwise utilized for display purposes on any site or premises shall have a sign permit issued therefore for each installation of each sign on each site or premises not less than five (5) days after placement of sign. Such permit may be obtained only by a licensed and bonded sign contractor. A mobile sign permit shall be valid for ninety (90) days, non-renewable for six (6) months. A mobile sign shall:

1) Not be located closer than two hundred (200) feet to another mobile sign, and

2) Not have the electrical cord of one (1) mobile sign overlapping or connected to another mobile sign, and

B) A copy of the sign permits shall be posted on the sign in a conspicuous place visible to the public and inspectors.


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C) Mobile signs shall not be located or maintained:


- 1) In any public right-of-way;
- 2) In any zoning district not permitting advertising structures;
- 3) Within five (5) feet of any electric, telephone or other utility pole, guy wire or utility line.
- 4) Where sightline visibility would be obscured between three (3) feet and eight (8) feet above ground level in respect to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- 5) Within twenty five (25) feet of any ingress or egress point.

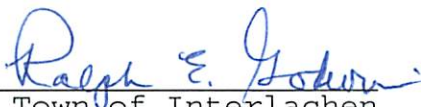
D) Mobile signs shall be adequate to withstand wind loads specified in the Standard Building Code.

E) Electrical connections to mobile signs may be made through type SO or STO flexible 12/3 cords not more than two hundred (200) feet in length and supplied by an approved, grounded weatherproof, exterior electrical outlet on a circuit with a rating of not less than twenty (20) amperes. Such cords shall not be extended through doors, windows or other openings into buildings and shall not be laid on driveways, pavements sidewalks and walkways or any area prescriptively used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Such prescriptively used areas shall be carried overhead and conform to the following:

- 1) Driveways and pavement: such cords shall have a minimum clearance of eighteen (18) feet above grade.
- 2) Sidewalk and walkways: such cords shall have a minimum clearance of ten (10) feet above grade.
- 3) Such cords spanning a distance greater than twenty five (25) feet shall be supported by a steel message cable not less than one-quarter inch in diameter and be taped thereto at five (5) foot intervals.

F) Electrical sign transformers and ballast in mobile signs shall be of the high-power factor type and an approved accessible means of disconnecting electrical current shall be provided.


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G) Mobile signs which include electrical lighting or equipment shall have been approved and labeled by Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc., or shall have been certified by a certified master electrician to be in compliance with electrical regulations and this section.

H) Each mobile sign contractor or manufacturer shall maintain a log of signs owned or sold by him identifying such signs by serial numbers or other identification system. The log shall provide the name of the master electrician who wired the sign or the underwriter's identification code. The log shall further contain the name of the purchaser of sold signs.

**SECTION XVIII
EXEMPT SIGNS**

00-10 - 18.1 - Exempt Signs

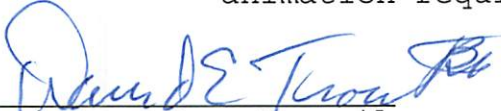
The following signs are exempt:

- 1) Directional or Instructional Signs: Non-electric signs which provide instruction or direction and are located entirely on the property to which they pertain and do not exceed four (4) square feet in area, signs identifying restrooms, public telephones, walkways or signs providing direction such as parking lot entrances and exit signs and those of a similar nature.
- 2) Flags: The flags, emblems or insignia of any nation or political subdivision.
- 3) Government Signs: Governmental signs for control of traffic and other regulatory purposes, street signs, danger signs, railroad crossing signs, and signs of public service companies, indicating danger and aid to service or safety which are erected by or on the order of a public officer in the performance of his duty.
- 4) Holiday Decorations: Signs of a primarily decorative nature, clearly incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national or state holidays.
- 5) House Numbers and Name Plates: House numbers and name plates not exceeding two (2) square feet in area for each residential building.


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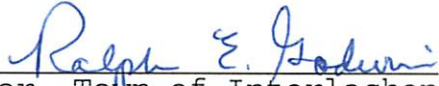
- 6) Interior Signs: Signs located within the interior of any building or stadium, or within an enclosed lobby or court of any building, and signs for and located within the inner or outer lobby, court or entrance of any theater. This does not, however exempt such signs from the structural, electrical or material specifications as set out in this Ordinance.
- 7) Memorial Signs: Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or inlaid so as to be part of the building when constructed of bronze or other incombustible material.
- 8) Neighborhood Identification Signs: In any zone, a sign, masonry wall, landscaping and other similar materials or features may be combined to form a display for neighborhood or tract identification, provided that the legend of such sign or display shall consist only of the neighborhood or tract name and shall not obstruct pedestrian or motor vehicle sight visibility.
- 9) Notice Bulletin Board: Notice bulletin board not over thirty two (32) nominal square feet in area for medical, public charitable or religious institutions where the same are located on the premise of the institution.
- 10) No Trespassing or No Dumping Signs: No trespassing or no dumping signs not to exceed one and one-half square feet in area per sign.
- 11) Occupant Signs: One sign for each dwelling unit not to exceed one (1) sign for each dwelling unit not to exceed two (2) square feet in area indicating the name of the occupant, location or identification of a home professional office.
- 12) Plaques: Plaques or name plate signs not more than six (6) square feet in area which are fastened directly to the building.
- 13) Public Notices: Signs required or specifically authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute or ordinance which may be of any type, number, area, height above grade, location, illumination or animation required by law.


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- 14) Public Service Information: Signs giving public service information, such as time, date, temperature, weather or similar information and not displaying any private advertisement.
- 15) Public Signs: Official notices posted by public officers or employees in the performance of their duties.
- 16) Real Estate Signs: One (1) real estate sign on any lot or parcel provided the sign is located entirely within the property to which the sign applies, is not illuminated, does not exceed eight (8) square feet (in residential zoning) in area, and is removed within seven (7) days after the sale, rental or lease has been accomplished.
- 17) Signs: Temporary signs not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet in area pertaining to drives or events or civic, philanthropic, educational, political or religious organization, provided that said signs are posted only during said drive or not more than thirty (30) days before said event and are removed no more than fifteen (15) days after the event.
- 18) Subdivision Identification Sign: One (1) sign identifying the subdivision may be placed in accord with ordinances of the County related to streets, right-of-ways and subdivisions.
- 19) Symbols of Insignia: Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies, provided that no such symbol, plaque or identification emblem shall exceed six (6) square feet in area. All symbols, plaques and identification emblems shall be placed flat against a building.
- 20) Vehicular Signs: Any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus or letter on a motor vehicle.
- 21) Warning Signs: Signs warning the public of the existence of danger, but containing no advertising material, of a size as may be necessary, to be removed upon subsidence of danger.


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SECTION XIX
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SIGNS

00-10 - 19.1 - Removal and Disposal of Signs

A) Abandoned Signs:

1) Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, any sign which is located on property which becomes vacant and unoccupied for a period of three (3) months or more, or any sign which pertains to time, event or purpose which no longer applies, shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

2) Permanent signs applicable to a business temporarily suspended because of a change of ownership or management of the business shall not be deemed abandoned unless the property remains vacant for a period of six (6) months or more.

B) Dangerous or Defective Signs: No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any premise owned or controlled by him, any sign which is in a dangerous or defective condition.

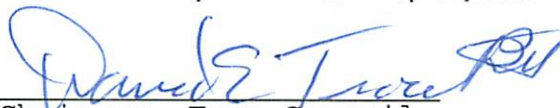
C) Street Improvement Projects : Any sign projecting over a public right-of-way at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance which was subject to removal or relocation at the owner's expense, pursuant to a permit or other ordinance of the Town, shall be removed by the owner or altered at the owner's expense to comply with the regulations of this Ordinance, if as the result of or after completion of a street improvement project, the sign does not or would not comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

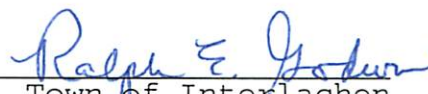
SECTION XX
AMORTIZATION

00-10 - 20.1 - Amortization

1) Any sign of permanent and fixed construction or considered unlawful by this Ordinance shall be entitled to an amortization period after the effective date of this Ordinance, as follows:

<u>DEPRECIATED ACTUAL VALUE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TIME</u>
\$100,000 and over	10 years
\$ 75,000 - \$99,999	7 years
\$ 50,000 - \$74,999	5 years
\$ 25,000 - \$49,000	4 years
\$ 13,000 - \$24,999	3 years
\$ 2,000 - \$12,999	2 years
\$ 1 - \$ 1,999	1 year


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2) At the end of the amortization period, all existing signs at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance shall be made to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance or shall be removed.

3) All signs not permanently anchored, installed or affixed shall conform to the Ordinance within thirty (30) days of the effective date.

**SECTION XXI
SPECIAL SIGNS**

00-10 - 21.1 - Special Signs

Special Signs: Temporary signs, not in excess of six (6) square feet in area, may be erected as participation in a public parade, public event or public celebration of a period not to exceed ten (10) days, provided, however, the erection of such sign shall be approved by the Enforcement Officer.

**SECTION XXII
POLITICAL SIGNS**

00-10 -22.1 - Political Signs

Political Signs: Political Signs are subject to the following:


A) Authorization - The following persons may erect signs:

- 1) Candidates for a current election or their duly authorized representatives.
- 2) Persons representing either a pro or con stance on a current ballot issue.

B) Permits are required for signs exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in an area, unless painted on an already existing structure or sign, on a licensed vehicle or trailer, banners and those that have electrical connections to them.

C) Location:

- 1) No sign shall be located in a street right-of-way, public right-of-way or utility easement.
- 2) No sign is to be so located that it interferes with safe sight distances for pedestrian or motor vehicular traffic.


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D) Time Frame:

- 1) Signs may be erected up to fifty (50) days before the first primary election, if the candidate or issue has qualified pursuant to State Law.
- 2) The winners of the primary election are allowed to have their signs remain or erect new signs in the period between the primary election and general election. The general election candidates may erect signs during this period.
- 3) All signs shall be removed within fifteen (15) days of a candidate's or issue's withdrawal, loss, or victory in an election.

E) Removal of Illegal Signs:

- 1) Removal of signs shall be the responsibility of the candidate.
- 2) Signs in violation of this Ordinance may be removed by the Town under the following conditions:
 - A) The Town shall notify the candidate and direct the sign to be removed.
 - B) The sign is to be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of notification.

**SECTION XXIII
SETBACKS**

00-10 - 23.1 - Setbacks

- 1) All on-site, free-standing signs are to be setback five feet (5') from an property line.
- 2) All billboards are to be setback fifteen feet (15') from front property lines and five feet (5') from rear and side property lines.


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**SECTION XXIV
VARIANCES**

00-10 - 24.1 - Variances

A) The intent of this article is to allow certain provisions of this Ordinance to be modified where such modification will encourage excellence in the planning and design of signs. Nothing in this article, however, is intended to permit the erection of maintenance of signs which are prohibited in Section 18, "PROHIBITED SIGNS".

B) In the event that any party wishes to construct or install a sign or signs other than as permitted in this Ordinance, that party shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Adjustment. Governing rules for appeals and variances required by the Board of Adjustment shall apply.

C) Requests for a hearing shall be made in writing to the Town Clerk or the Enforcement Officer.

D) The Board of Adjustment shall make the final decision on appeals of interpretations of this Ordinance. They will also review all cases of variance request at a public hearing.

**SECTION XXV
ADMINISTRATION**

00-10 - 25.1 - Administration

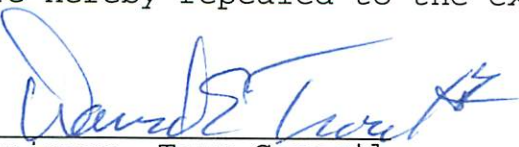
1) Appointment: The Town Council shall designate an individual to be called the "Code Enforcement Officer" to enforce the provisions of this sign Ordinance.


2) Duties of the Code Enforcement Officer: If the Code Enforcement Officer shall find that any sign has been constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation with the provisions of this Ordinance, he/she shall promptly notify the owner or lessor thereof in writing.

**SECTION XXVI
CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

00-10 - 26.1 - Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.


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**SECTION XXVII
PENALTY**

00-10 - 27.1 - Penalty

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance is unlawful and punishable by fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each occurrence.

**SECTION XXVIII
SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

00-10 - 28.1 - Severability Clause.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**SECTION XXIX
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

00-10 - 29.1 - Delegation of Authority

Whenever this Ordinance refers to "Town of Interlachen" or "Interlachen Town Council", any duty, right or obligation vested by this Ordinance with the Town of Interlachen or the Interlachen Town Council, may be delegated or assigned to any other governmental agency by appropriate agreement.

**SECTION XXX
EFFECTIVE DATE**

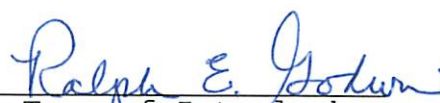
00-10 - 30.1 - Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage as provided by law.

Passed On First Reading August 8, 2000

Passed On Second Reading September 12, 2000


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Approved by:

First Reading

Second Reading

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Ralph E. Johnson
Mayor, Town of Interlachen

By: Pamela S. Wilkins
Town Clerk



