

Town of Greenport Sign Ordinance

Interior signs are allowed without a permit.

Prohibited Signs:

- Signs without permits that are not exempt.
- ***Banners, pennants, and fluttering devices are prohibited.***
- ***Portable signs are prohibited.***
- Obstructions to exits, doors, windows, or fire escapes. No sign shall prevent free ingress to or egress from any exit, door, window, or fire escape. No sign of any kind shall be attached to a stand pipe or fire escape.
- Traffic hazards. No sign or other advertising structure shall:
 - Obstruct free and clear vision at any street intersection.
 - Interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device because of its position, shape or color.
 - Make use of the words "Stop," "Look," "Danger" or any other word, phrase, symbol or character in a manner that interferes with, misleads or confuses traffic.
 - Present a traffic hazard by using illumination resembling an emergency signal.
- Unsafe signs. No sign or other advertising structure shall constitute a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate design, construction, repair or maintenance.
- Vehicular signs. No sign or other advertising structure shall be painted on or be attached to a motor vehicle used primarily for the display of such sign, including, but not limited to, a billboard truck.
- Bench signs. Bench signs are prohibited.
- Signs of any kind attached or fastened to public or private utility poles, state, county, municipal, government or historic sign posts, or any other such structures, located on public or private property, or right-of-way, are prohibited.
- Outdated/abandoned signs.

Exterior signs that are exempt from permits:

- On-premises directional signs for the convenience of the general public, identifying public parking areas, fire zones, entrances and exits and similar signs, not to exceed 4 sf or 6' in height.
- Temporary nonilluminated for sale, for rent or real estate signs on the premises upon which the sign is located for a non-residential property, one sign not exceeding 32 sf and set back at least 20' from the edge of any street. All such signs shall be removed within 3 days after the sale, lease or rental of the premises.
- Temporary directional signs for meetings, conventions and other assemblies, not exceeding 12 sf, for a period not to exceed 7 days, and set back at least 10' from the edge of any public street.
- One temporary sign not exceeding 32 sf, listing the architect, engineer, contractor and/or owner or a sign for the opening of a new business, such as a "*Grand Opening*" sign, on the premises where construction is in progress, and set back at least 20' from the edge of any street, provided that such sign is removed not later than 7 days after the issuance of a CO or CC, or the opening of the new business, whichever shall occur later.

Please note that this is not the entire sign law and the statements having been minimized for easier reference. You can find the complete sign ordinance, Chapter 102, Signs and Billboards, on the Town of Greenport website.