Chapter 4
GENERAL PROVISIONS

11-4-1: GENERAL PROVISIONS:

The following provisions and restriction of this Title shall apply to all signs in all use districts:

A. All signs shall be so constructed, erected and maintained so that all danger to persons or property shall be eliminated;

B. No sign shall be erected or maintained so as to obstruct traffic control signals at street intersections, or traffic sight lines or signals at railroad grade crossings;

C. Signs visible from a street shall not contain an arrow or the words "stop" or "danger" or otherwise resemble or simulate official traffic control signs; and

D. Every sign, except for signs for which no permit is required, shall be plainly marked with the name of the person erecting and maintaining same. Such person or the owner of the premises on which the sign is located shall be the responsible party for the purpose of receiving notice under any section of this Title. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-2: SIGNS PROHIBITED:

All signs not expressly permitted under this Title are prohibited and include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Exposed neon tubing on freestanding signs;

B. Flashing signs and devices;

C. Illuminated signs with revolving or rotating beams or beacons;

D. Moving signs;

E. Signs painted on walls;

F. Roof signs, except signs painted upon a flat roof surface that can be seen only from the air are permitted in all business, office and industrial use districts; and

G. Vehicle signs. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-3: ILLUMINATED SIGNS:

All illuminated signs shall meet all of the following standards:

A. Wiring: All illuminated signs shall be wired in accordance with the regulations as prescribed by the Village's Electrical Code[1];

B. Preventing Glare: Gooseneck reflectors and spotlights shall be permitted on freestanding and wall signs, provided that any lights be installed in such a manner that the direct rays of such lights be concentrated on the sign and be prevented from causing a glare on or striking any street or nearby property. Reflectors shall be provided with proper lenses or baffles concentrating the illumination upon the area of the sign;

C. Hours of Operation: Illuminated signs located on a lot adjacent to, across the street from, or in the next use district to any residential use district, shall be turned off and not operated between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. unless the premises on which or for which the sign is specifically operated is engaged in the operation of that business, office or industry, in which event the sign shall not be operated past one o'clock (1:00) A.M.;

D. Distraction: No illuminated sign shall be placed within one hundred feet (100') of any illuminated traffic signal if it will interfere with, confuse or distract driver compliance with said illuminated traffic signals; and

E. Illuminated Lettering Only: Illuminated signs may have back lighted letters or internally lighted letters, but not illuminated backgrounds. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-4: WALL SIGNS:

All wall signs shall meet the following standards:

A. Height: All wall signs shall not be higher than the facia or parapet line of the building, canopy or marquee to which they are attached; and

B. Clearance: Except for wall signs which are completely flush with the wall surface, the minimum clearance below wall signs shall be ten feet (10') above any pedestrian walkway, fifteen feet (15') above any driveway or road, nor below the soffit line of any canopy or marquee. Wall signs located over landscaping features shall be three feet (3') minimum above the grade level below said signs (see Figure 11-4-4:A, set out in Section 11-9-3). (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-5: OBSTRUCTIONS:

All signs shall not create any of the following obstructions:

A. Building Obstructions: No sign shall obstruct any window, door, fire escape, stairway or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress for any building or structure;

B. Clear Vision Requirements: No sign which obstructs sight lines at elevations between eighteen inches (18") and six feet (6') above the roadway shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines connecting them at points fifty feet (50') from the intersection of the street lines, or in the case of a rounded corner, from the intersection of the street property lines extended. The same sight line limitations regarding height shall apply on any interior lot within the triangular area formed by the street property line and the edge of the driveway and the line connecting them at points ten feet (10') from the

intersection of the property line and the driveway (see Figure 11-4-5:B, set out in Section 11-9-3). (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-6: CONSTRUCTION:

All signs shall meet the following construction standards:

A. Materials: All signs shall be constructed of metal, noncombustible or approved combustible material or materials approved for signs by the Building Code and Electrical Code of the Village[2], except for signs for which no permit is required;

B. Wind Loads: All signs shall be constructed to withstand wind pressures as required by the Building Code of the Village, except for signs for which no permit is required; and

C. Glass: Any glass forming a part of any sign shall be safety glass. Any single pane or piece of glass having an area exceeding three (3) square feet shall be wire glass. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-7: TEMPORARY SIGNS:

"Temporary signs" as defined in this Title shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. Location: Temporary signs shall be completely on private property;

B. Restrictions: Temporary signs shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by the Board of Trustees upon the grant of a special permit;

C. Maintenance: Evidence of a maintenance agreement whereby all temporary signs displayed for more than thirty (30) days shall be regularly maintained at not less than thirty (30) day intervals. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-8: MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS:

All signs shall be properly maintained and meet the following standards:

A. All sign components, including without limitation supports, braces, and anchors, shall be kept in a state of repair;

B. With respect to freestanding signs, components (supporting structures, backs, etc.) not bearing a message shall be constructed of materials that blend with the natural environment or shall be painted a neutral color to blend with the natural environment;

C. If a sign other than a billboard advertises a business, service, commodity, accommodation, attraction or other enterprise or activity that is no longer operating or being offered or conducted, that sign shall be considered abandoned, and shall within thirty (30) days after such abandonment be removed;

D. If the message portion of a sign is removed, leaving only the supporting "shell" of a sign or the supporting braces, anchors, or similar components, that message portion of the sign shall be replaced within thirty (30) days or the remaining components of the sign shall be removed; and

E. The area within ten feet (10') in all directions of any part of a freestanding sign shall be kept clear of all debris and weed undergrowth more than five inches (5") in height. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

11-4-9: UNLAWFUL CUTTING OF TREES:

No person may for the purpose of increasing or enhancing the visibility of any sign may damage, trim, destroy, or remove any trees, shrubs, or other vegetation located as follows:

A. Within the right of way of any public street, unless the work is done pursuant to the express written authorization of the Village or agency having jurisdiction over the street;

B. On property that is not under the ownership or control of the person doing or responsible for such work, unless the work is done pursuant to the express

authorization of the person owning the property where such trees or shrubs are located; and

C. In any area where such trees or shrubs are required to remain under any requirements of the Village. (Ord. 91-06, 8-28-91)

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Footnote 1: See Section 7-2-3 of this Code.

Footnote 2: See Title 7, Chapter 2 of this Code.

FIGURE 11-4-4:A

Wall Sign Requirements

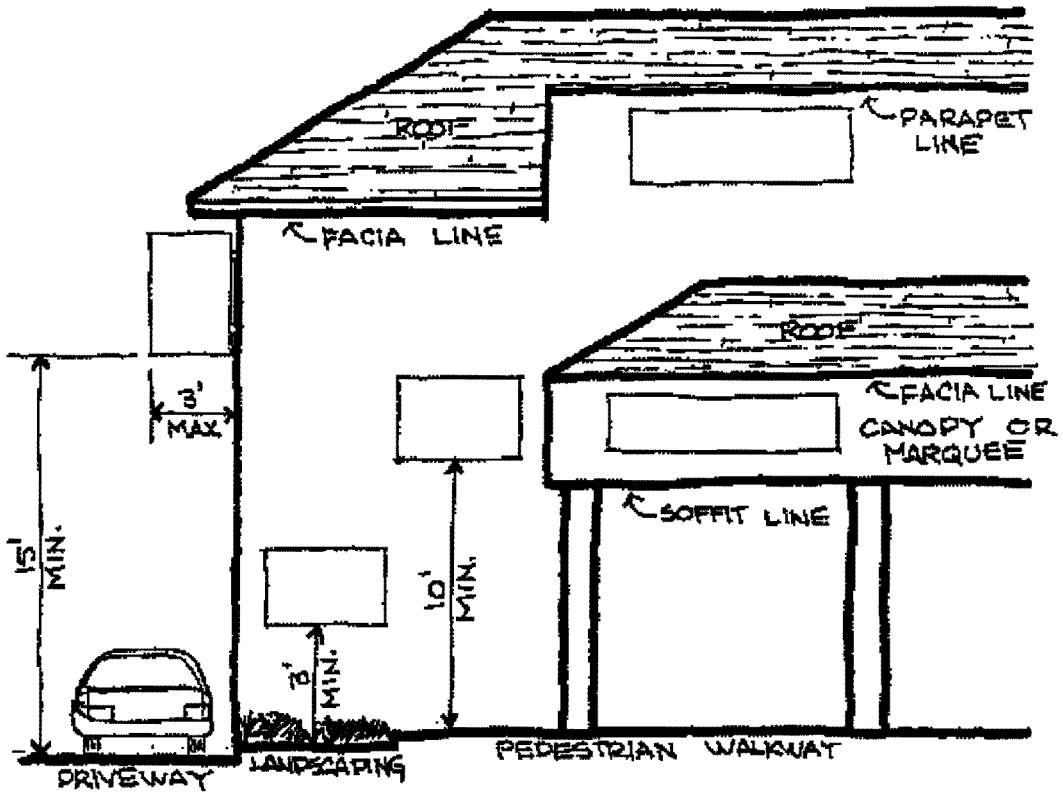

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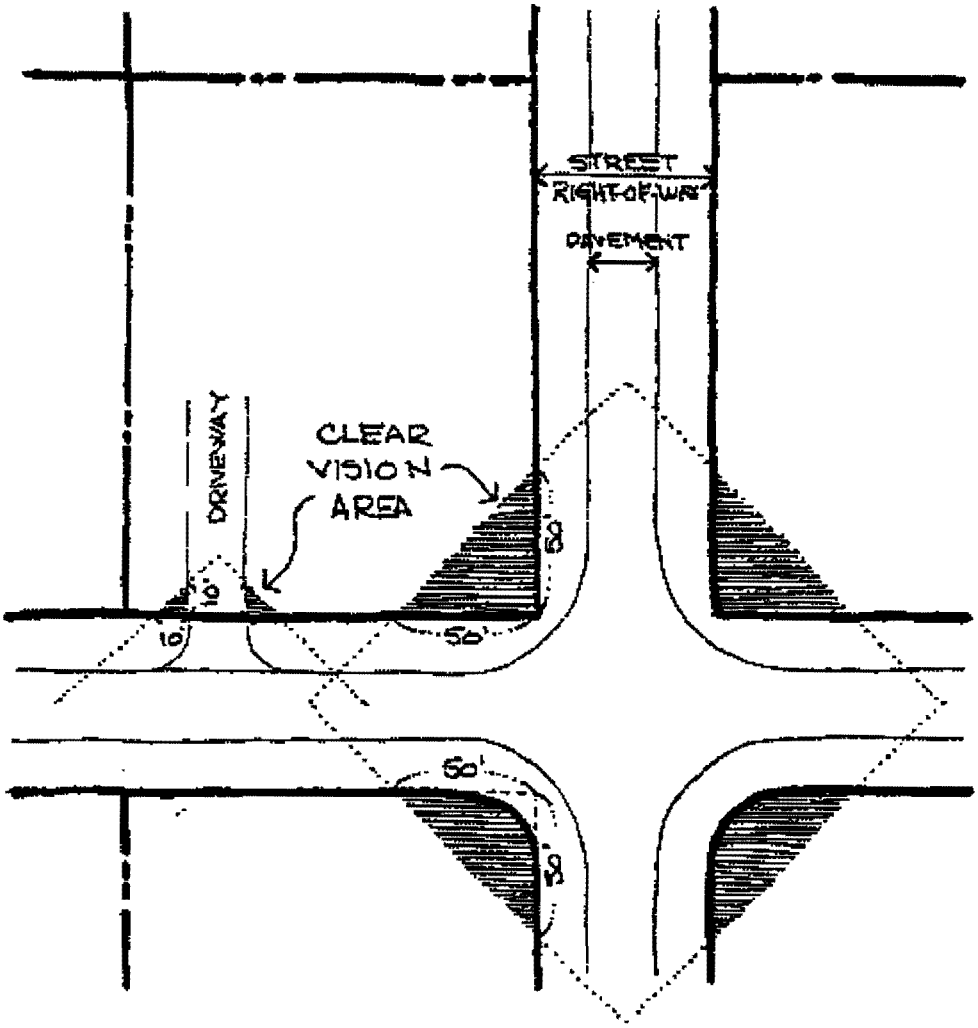
FIGURE 11-4-5:B

Clear Vision Requirements



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