

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, at the annual town meeting of the Town of Stamford held on the 2nd Day of March A. D. 1954, or the 1st Day of March 1955 or both, it was voted by said meeting to give the Board of Selectmen, the legislative body of said Town, the authority to regulate and restrict outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173, of Vermont Statutes Revision of 1947 and amendments thereto.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, to preserve the value of property, and to promote the general welfare, and to encourage the most appropriate use of the land throughout said Town of Stamford, all under a comprehensive plan, deem it fitting to enact ordinances to regulate outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following ordinances, and the administration and enforcement thereof shall become effective within the Town of Stamford, immediately after a public hearing has been held and the said ordinances have been approved by the legal voters of the Town of Stamford as provides in Chapter 173, Vermont Statutes, Revision of 1947.

This ordinance is designated as a civil ordinance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 1971(b).

Section I - Districts

The Town of Stamford bounded as said Town is bounded, shall constitute one district.

Section II - Restrictions and Regulations

1. After the enactment of these ordinances no outdoor advertising structure, device or display shall be erected by any person, firm or corporation in the Town of Stamford unless said structures, devices or displays shall conform to the following regulations and restrictions.

- a. No signs may be erected within this town without written permission of the Board of Selectmen.
- b. Signs erected under sub-sections I, II, III, and V of Section 7687, 3855 and 3856 of the Vermont Statutes, Revision 1947 are exempt under these ordinances.
- c. A certified copy of this ordinance, together with a certificate of action taken toward the passing of said ordinance, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State with a request that he shall not issue nor reissue any permits to erect any outdoor advertising structure, device or display within the Town of Stamford as required in Section 7682 of VTS.

Section III - Administrative Officer

There is hereby created the office known as Administrative Officer. Such officer shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen.

Section IV - Board of Adjustment

There is hereby created a Board of Adjustment which may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of these ordinances in harmony with its general purpose and intent as set forth in the preamble hereof, and the powers and the procedure appeals from rulings of said Board of Adjustment shall be those set forth in Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of the State of Vermont.

Section V - Enforcement of Ordinances

Upon being notified by the Administrative Officer that an outdoor advertising structure, device or display is being erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted or maintained in violation of the terms of these ordinances, the Board of Selectmen shall cause such outdoor advertising structure, device or display to be removed. A penalty not to exceed \$20.00 may be recovered in an action of tort for each violation of the ordinance. Failure to remove or correct a violation within 30 days shall be considered a separate violation. Each day will constitute a separate violation and a fine of \$10.00 per day.

Section VI - Enforcement

The rights of the enforcement provided herein shall not be construed as exclusive and shall not abridge any other right or remedy now provided by law.

Section VII - Amendments

The regulations and restrictions set forth herein may be amended upon petition of 10 percent of the real estate owners in the Town of Stamford, no such amendment shall become effective until after a public hearing in relation thereto at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least fifteen days notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in said Town. No amendment shall become effective except by the unanimous vote of the legislative body.

Dated at Stamford, Vermont, this 24th day of January A. D. 1955.

Howard Sherman
Russell Clough
Henry Kennedy
Selectmen of the Town of Stamford.

Amended August 27, 1998

Added the fourth paragraph, "This ordinance is designated as a civil ordinance pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 1971(b).

Added last two sentences to Section V, Enforcement of Ordinances.

Readopted the entire ordinance with the new amendments on August 27, 1998 and shall become effective (60) days from that date on October 26, 1998.

William B. Morehouse, Jr., Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Raymond A. McQuoid

Paul Donovan