

WESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Application form for use of the Bulletin Board on the Onion Barn

Name of Organization _____

Name and Address of person making application _____

Telephone# _____

Date of starting display _____

Date for removal of display _____

Person responsible for removal of display _____
(Name and Telephone number)

Please submit a blueprint, copy, or ink drawing of the proposed sign, noting specifically the dimensions of the actual sign. No application will be granted unless a blueprint, copy or ink drawing is submitted.

Submit Form to: Code Enforcement Officer
 Weston Town Hall
 Weston, CT 06883
 Telephone: 203-222-2659

*Note:

The granting of this application is left to the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen and the Historic District Commission pursuant to the authority conferred upon them by the State statutes and local regulations.

Any application which fails to conform to the enclosed rules and regulations will not be approved and ordered removed if installed.

The rules and regulations for posting signs on the Bulletin Board of the Onion Barn are provided upon request for this application. All applicants must read and adhere to those rules and regulations.

Rules and Regulations for Posting Signs on the Bulletin Board of the Onion Barn

Article I. Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish standards for the fabrication, erection and use of signs, symbols, markings and other devices on the Onion Barn. These standards are designed to protect and promote the public welfare, health and safety of persons within the community, to aid in the development and promotion of community affairs, and to protect the beauty and structural integrity of the Onion Barn.

Article II. Definition:

Sign: The term "sign" shall mean and include every device, frame, letter, figure, character, mark, plane, point, design, picture, stroke, stripe, trademark or reading matter, which is used or intended to be used to attract attention or convey information when the same is placed out of doors in view of the general public. For the purpose of determining number of signs, a sign shall be considered to be a single display surface or display device containing elements organized, related, and composed to form a unit. Where matter is displayed in a random manner without organized relationship to elements, or where there is reasonable doubt as to the relationship of elements, each element shall be considered to be a single sign.

Article III. Sign Permits:

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any sign as defined in this ordinance on the bulletin board of the Onion Barn without first completing an application and obtaining permission from the Board of Selectmen and Historic District Commission, through their agent – the Code Enforcement Officer.

Article IV. Application for Initial Sign Permit:

Application for initial sign permits shall be made upon forms provided by the Board of Selectmen and Historic District Commission, and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

- (1) Name of person and organization applying for sign.
- (2) Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
- (3) One blueprint, copy or ink drawing of the plans and specifications.
- (4) Date of starting and removing display of sign.
- (5) Name, address and telephone number of person responsible for removing sign

Article V. Issuance of Sign permits:

It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer, upon the filing of an application for a sign permit, to examine such plans and specifications and other data and the area of the Onion Barn upon which it is proposed to be erected. If it shall appear that the proposed sign is in compliance with all the requirements of this ordinance and all other laws and ordinances of the Town, he shall then grant permission for the sign. If the sign is not erected in a manner consistent with this application, the permission given to erect said sign shall become null and void.

Article VI. Effect of Issuance:

The First Selectmen and the Historic District Commission may suspend or revoke a permit issued under provisions of this section whenever the permit is issued on the basis of a misstatement of material fact of fraud. 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.

Article VII. Sign Erection:

Signs shall be anchored, by staples, on the raised platform affixed to the Onion Barn. Sufficient support shall be provided to prevent any movement that would cause wear on supporting members or connections. No sign shall be affixed by any other means.

Article IX. Sign Maintenance:

(a) The permittee shall maintain the sign and its supporting structure in a safe, clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition, free and clear of all obnoxious or unreasonable substances, and in such a manner.

Article X. Unsafe and Unlawful Signs:

(a) Any sign without a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

(b) Any sign which identifies or pertains to an activity no longer in existence shall be removed by its owner or person otherwise responsible within two days from the time the activity ceases existence. If not so removed, said sign shall be declared unlawful and removed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(c) Signs must have an area no greater than 16 square feet, but may be any shape sufficient to accommodate the interests of persons or entities wishing to erect signs on the Onion Barn shall be modified to so accommodate the interest of others within two days from the time the permittee is given notice of said fact. If not so removed, said sign shall be declared unlawful and removed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(d) Any sign which is not erected or maintained as required by this regulation shall be re-erected to correct said defect or removed within two days from the time the permittee is given notice of said fact. If not so removed, said sign shall be declared unlawful and removed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(e) Any sign which

- (1) has visible moving parts, or a moving lighted message or moving display; or
- (2) has illumination; or
- (3) consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, or similar devices, unless they are securely affixed to the sign.

Article XI. Signs Declared Unlawful

(a) Either the Board of Selectmen or Historic District Commission may declare any sign unlawful if it is unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, or is abandoned or is maintained in a dilapidated condition, or is of an unreasonable size or shape, or has been

constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation of any provision of these rules and regulations. Such declaration shall state in writing the reason or reasons why such sign and the keeping, owning, maintenance, construction, and display thereof is unlawful.

(b) If the Board of Selectmen or Historic District Commission finds that any sign regulated is unlawful, it shall give written notice to the permittee in accordance with paragraph (a). If the permittee fails to remove or alter the structure so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within two days after such notice, such sign may be removed or altered to comply by the Board of Selectmen or Historic District Commission at the expense of the permittee.