

# Town of Bennington

7 School Street #101  
Bennington, NH 03442

Dario Carrara, Code Enforcement Officer  
603-547-0494

## Sign Permit Application

1. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Applicant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Applicant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Business or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Address Where Sign is Located: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Owner of Property (if not applicant): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Please check one:       New sign                       Replacement sign
9. Please check one:       Free standing sign       Wall or building sign
10. Please check one:       No lighting                       Internal lighting               External lighting
11. The overall sign dimensions are \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ and the total area is \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.
12. If free standing sign, the sign is \_\_\_\_\_ feet in height from existing grade to top of sign.
13. **Please attach a sketch of the proposed sign, including:**
  - **Location of the sign on the lot or building**
  - **The means of attachment to the building or ground supports**
  - **Dimensions, text, and graphics**

The permit fee for signs is \$25; please make payment to "Town of Bennington".

The Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the applicant in writing when the application is approved. Once erected, the applicant shall notify the Code Enforcement Officer who will inspect the sign and verify compliance.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By CEO: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Archived:

## From Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance, as amended March 13, 2018

### Article IX. Signs

- A. Signs shall be considered structures within the context of this Ordinance.
- B. In all districts signs or advertising devices shall conform to the following regulations:
  - 1. No sign shall be placed in such a position as to endanger motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic or obscure or otherwise cause confusion with official street or highway sign signals.
  - 2. No permanent sign other than official street signs or traffic direction signs shall be maintained within the street right-of-way.
  - 3. No permanent sign shall project over public rights-of-way.
  - 4. Temporary signs, including sandwich boards, are allowed in all districts. Such signs may be placed on private property only by the owner of the property. Temporary signs placed on private property must comply with side setback limits specified in the Zoning Ordinance. Temporary signs placed in the street or highway right of way must be no larger than six (6) square feet in area on each side. Event-related temporary signs that are not on private property must be removed within ten (10) days after the event.
  - 5. Two portable signs of area no larger than 10 square feet are permitted per legally established business. A portable sign is any sign that is not firmly and permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent structure.
  - 6. No flashing or animated signs with movable parts or intermittent lighting to create the visual effect of movement are permitted.
  - 7. A legally established business may have one sign attached to the building and one freestanding sign on the lot. If the lot contains more than one legally established business their freestanding signs must all be mounted on the same freestanding structure.
  - 8. Permanent signs shall be constructed of durable materials and shall be maintained in good condition and repair.
  - 9. No sign shall exceed 20 square feet in total area.
  - 10. No freestanding sign or freestanding sign structure shall exceed 16 feet in height.
  - 11. The above regulations shall not apply to signs that are displayed from within a building.
  - 12. Each business located 50 feet or more from the street line having this setback in open land may display one freestanding sign not to exceed 32 square feet on each of two sides and must not be located nearer to the street lot line than one-half the depth of the required front yard.
  - 13. Temporary signs for construction purposes. The Board of Selectmen may authorize for a period of time, not to exceed ninety (90) days, the location of a sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area which is incidental to construction. It shall be a condition of the zoning permit issued for such a sign that the sign be removed at the end of the construction period but in no event shall exceed 90 days. Such permits may be renewed for an additional 90 days if construction continues for that period.