

## ***Local Law Filing***

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**County**  
**City**  
**of**            **Goshen**  
**Town**  
**Village**

**Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of the year 2013**

**A local law**    **Amending Appendix A of the Village Code**  
*(Insert Title)*

**Be it enacted by the**    **Village Board**  
*(Name of Legislative Body)*

of the  
**County**  
**City**  
**of**            **Goshen** as follows:  
**Town**  
**Village**

**Section 1.    Findings and Purpose:**

The Village of Goshen Village Board hereby finds and determines that signs are a necessary means of communication for the business community that can be a benefit to - as well as a detraction from - the character of that community and the neighborhood wherein those signs are located.

The Village Board therefore recognizes the importance of periodically re-visiting, re-analyzing and, where appropriate, amending the existing sign regulations in the Village so as to insure to the maximum extent possible that the quality of the neighborhood is maintained while at the same time providing for the necessary means of business identification and communication as is possible.

Through the adoption of this local law, which modifies the existing village sign regulations, it is the intent of the Village Board to modify the existing sign regulations in an attempt to strike a balance between this necessary means of communication and identification and the overall character of the community.

In order to strike this balance, it is the determination of the Village Board that it is appropriate to allow those businesses which are located outside of the Architectural Design District and outside of residential zoning districts to have and maintain, subject to limitations as set forth in this local law, internally illuminated signs. The Board further finds, however, that internally illuminated signs within the Architectural Design District would be contrary to the very purpose of establishing an Architectural Design District and would be detrimental to the character of the properties located within the Architectural Design District.

In furtherance of this intention and these purposes, this local law is adopted to establish the following changes to Appendix A (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Goshen at Article VII (Sign Regulations) and Article XV (Architectural Design District)

1. Section 7.4 entitled “Prohibited Signs” is amended as follows:

Section 7.4.1(g) and (j) shall be eliminated and the remaining paragraphs in this Section re-lettered accordingly it being the intent of the Village to allow internally illuminated signs and signs which project over a public right-of-way, subject to limitation set forth hereinafter;

2. Section 7.6.1.1 shall be eliminated in its entirety and replaced with the following:

7.6.1.1. In a case of a building located outside of the Architectural Design District (“ADD”) devoted entirely to one use or establishment, one sign, which may be indirectly or internally illuminated, may be located on each building façade facing a fronting street, with a total sign area of each sign not to exceed 10% of the sign wall area of each such building façade, or in no event more than 40 square feet in the CS, OB and OBS Districts or 60 square feet in the DS, I, IP and HCC District. The sign wall area in all districts shall be derived by utilizing an assumed building height of 15 feet for one-story buildings and 25 feet for two-story buildings;

3. Section 7.6.1.2 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

7.6.1.2. In a case of building devoted to more than one use or establishment, one sign, indirectly or internally illuminated, for each such use or establishment may be located on the building façade, with a total length of each such sign not to exceed 50% of the building façade length associated with each such use or establishment, but in no case shall such a sign exceed 20 feet in length. The above requirements shall also apply to signs above covered walkways.

4. Section 7.6.2.1 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

7.6.2.1. One freestanding business identification sign, indirectly or internally illuminated, may be located on a lot facing each fronting street, as approved by the building inspector, with the sign area of each side of such sign not to exceed 30 square feet, and provided that each such sign shall be setback a minimum of 15 feet from any designated street line or public walkway. Freestanding signs shall not exceed 8 feet in height. No such sign shall interfere with the visibility from any driveway at its intersection with a public highway, sidewalk, or other public right-of-way. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, a business in the Industrial Park District whose entrance is not greater than 500 feet from a State Highway shall be permitted to have 2 freestanding business identification signs, either indirectly or internally illuminated, as approved by the building inspector, with a sign area of each sign not to exceed 100 square feet and not to exceed 30 feet from the ground level as measured from the top of the sign provided no such sign shall interfere with the visibility from any driveway at its intersection with a public highway, sidewalk or other public right-of-way.

5. Section 7.6.2.2 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

7.6.2.2. One freestanding directory sign, either indirectly or internally illuminated, may be located on a shopping center site for each street frontage, as directed by the planning board, with a total sign area of each such sign not to exceed 80 square feet. Only those tenants other than those identified on any shopping center identification sign or signs may be listed on any such directory signs. Freestanding directory signs shall also be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any designated street line or public walkway.

6. Section 15.3.5(2) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: Signs shall not exceed 15 square feet.

## **Section 2.     SEQRA**

2.1     This local law is an unlisted action pursuant to the implementing regulations of the *Environmental Conservation Law* as set forth at *6 NYCRR 617 et.seq.* There are no other involved agencies, coordinated review is not required and Board of Trustees shall act as Lead Agency in connection with this local law.

**Section 3. Severability**

3.1 The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this local law shall not affect the validity or enforceability of other provisions of this local law, which such provisions shall continue to be both enforceable and valid.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

4.1 This local law shall take effect upon the filing of certified copies thereof with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.