

VILLAGE OF SARANAC

ORDINANCE NO. 97

DATE ADOPTED 11/11/16

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC ZONING ORDINANCE
TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN SECTIONS 30.18.20-30.18.31.**

**New proposed language is shown with an underline with red color and language proposed to be taken out has a strike-thru. The entire sign section group is inserted below.*

VILLAGE OF SARANAC ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The Village adopts the following revisions for the health, safety and welfare of Village residents. Except to the extent specified herein, all remaining sections and subsections of the Village of Saranac Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and are not amended by operation of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendments to Article 18, Signs and Billboards: General Regulations, are shown in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 30.18.20 Signs and Billboards: General Regulations.

The following regulations apply to signs in all zoning districts:

- A. No person shall place, maintain, or display within the Village any sign, signal, marking, device, blinking, oscillating or rotating light or lights, decoration or banner which is or purports to be or is in imitation of or resembles or which can be mistaken for a traffic control device or railroad sign or signal, which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any street any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon, any commercial advertising.
- B. No person shall place, maintain or display along any street any blinking, oscillating or rotating light or lights sufficiently similar in color and design that they may be mistaken for the distinguishing lights authorized by law for emergency vehicles or that creates a hazard for the safety of drivers using said highways.

- C. No permanent or temporary business sign, billboard, or other type of permanent or temporary sign shall be constructed, erected or attached to or painted upon a building prior to the issuance of a permit for such a sign by the Zoning Administrator.
- D. All signs shall be maintained in good condition and repair. All non-conforming signs may be maintained until such time as the sign structure must be replaced, after which the sign shall conform to the provisions of this ordinance. This paragraph is not intended to prevent the painting or re-lettering of a sign.

Sec. 30.18.21 Definitions.

The following terms and their meanings shall apply relative to the provisions of this Section.

- A. Awning: A retractable or fixed shelter constructed of non-rigid materials on a supporting framework that projects from the exterior wall of a building. For the purposes of this ordinance the terms awning and canopy are considered interchangeable.
- B. Awning/Canopy Sign: A sign affixed to the surface of an awning or canopy.
- C. Balloon Sign: A sign composed of a non-porous bag of material filled with air or gas.
- D. Banner Sign: A portable sign of fabric, plastic or other non-rigid material without an enclosing structural framework.
- E. Billboard: Any sign exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area which advertises an establishment, product, service or activity not available or not conducted on the lot on which the sign is located.
- F. Business or Commercial Sign: A sign, including a sign on the wall of a building or using lettered, figured or pictorial messages which are displayed for advertising a business, service, entertainment product, or other enterprises or commerce on such land.
- G. Changeable Copy Sign: "Changeable Copy Sign" means one of the following:
 - 1. Manual -A sign on which a copy is changed manually, such as reader boards with changeable letters or pictorials; or
 - 2. Automatic -An electronically controlled sign, where different copy changes are shown on the same unexposed lamp bank or rotating portion of the face of the sign, used as a message center reader board.

H. Commercial Establishment:

1. A business operating independently of any other business located in a freestanding building;
2. In a strip mall, a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door which may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business;
3. In an enclosed structure with a shared climate controlled area, a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door or entrance which may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business and which may be closed to the public even while the common area is open to the public;
4. In an office building, a business holding itself out to the public as a single entity, independent of other businesses or persons.

I. Community Special Event Sign: A portable sign which is erected for a limited time to call attention to special events of interest to the general public which are sponsored by governmental agencies, schools or other groups which are non-profit and whose purpose is charitable, philanthropic, religious or benevolence.

~~(a)~~ J. Construction sign: A sign which identifies the owners, financiers, contractors, architects, and engineers as well as the name of a project under construction.

~~I.K.~~ Copy: The wording on a sign surface in either removable or permanent letter form.

L. Directional sign: A sign which gives directions, instructions, identifying logos without text, or facility information related to the use on the property on which the sign is located, such as parking or exit and entrance signs and which sets forth no other advertisement.

~~J.M.~~ Exempt Sign: A sign for which a sign permit is not required.

~~K.N.~~ Flag Sign: A flag which is attached to a pole and which is used as a commercial sign.

~~L.O.~~ Freestanding Sign: A sign not attached to a building or wall which is supported by one or more poles or braces or which rests on the ground or on a foundation resting on the ground.

~~M.P.~~ Ground Sign: A freestanding sign supported by a base which rests directly on the ground. The width of the base shall be at least 50% of the width of the sign in order to be a ground sign.

~~Q.~~ Government sign: A temporary or permanent sign erected by the Village, the State of Michigan or the federal government for the purpose of street direction or traffic control; to designate hours of activity or use of parking lots, recreational areas, governmental buildings or other public space; to recognize a historic landmark; or for other public purposes.

~~R.~~ Human sign: A sign which is held by or attached to a human for the purpose of advertising any goods, services, functions or specific business locations.

~~S.~~ Incidental sign: A sign that, when visible from the street, identifies a street address, entrances and exits, safety precautions, identifying logos, without text, and other such incidental information, and which sets forth no other advertisement. It may also refer to a sign which is not intended to be viewed from the street.

~~T.~~ Location Direction Sign: A sign visible from a street which by use of an arrow with only a business or facility name or logo used to point which direction to turn or follow for the location of a business or other facility that is not directly visible from a main street.

~~N.U.~~ Marquee: A permanent structure constructed of rigid materials that projects from the exterior wall of a building.

~~Q.V.~~ Marquee Sign: A sign affixed flat against the surface of a marquee.

~~W.~~ Memorial sign: A sign, tablet, or plaque memorializing a person, event, structure or site.

~~X.~~ Off-premise sign: An outdoor sign advertising services, products, activities, persons or events which are not made, produced, assembled, stored, distributed, leased, sold or conducted upon the premises upon which the sign is located.

~~P.Y.~~ Mural: A design or representation painted or drawn on a wall which does not advertise an establishment, product, service, or activity.

~~Q.Z.~~ Nameplate: A non-illuminated, on-premise sign giving only the name, or address of an occupant or group of occupants.

~~R.AA.~~ Non-Commercial Sign: A sign either portable or non-portable not advertising commerce, trade or location and not otherwise defined herein.

BB. Placard: A sign which provides notice of a public nature, such as "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting" signs.

S.CC. Pole Sign: A free-standing sign which is supported by a structure, poles or braces which are less than 50% of the width of the sign.

DD. Political sign: A temporary sign used in connection with a local, state or federal election, political topic or opinion, or referendum.

T.EE. Portable or Temporary Sign: A sign that is not permanent or affixed to a building or structure and by its nature may be or is intended to be moved from one location to another such as signs on moveable trailers whether rented or owned, devices such as banners, pennants, search lights, twirling or sandwich type signs, sidewalk or curb signs and balloons or other air or gas filled figures.

U.FF. Projecting Sign: A double-faced sign attached to a building or wall that extends more than twelve (12) inches but not more than ~~thirty-six (36)~~forty-eight (48") inches from the face of the building or wall.

V.GG. Reader Board: A portion of a sign on which copy is changed manually.

HH. Real Estate Sign: A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for sale, rent, or lease.

II. Residential Subdivision Sign: A sign identifying or recognizing a platted subdivision, site condominium, multi-family or other residential development.

W.JJ. Roof Line: the top of a roof or parapet wall, whichever is higher, but excluding any cupolas, chimneys or other minor projections.

X.KK. Roof Sign: A sign erected above the roof line of a building.

LL. Sandwich board sign: A movable portable sign not secured or attached to the ground surface, constructed in such a manner as to form an "A" or tent-like shape.

Y.MM. Sign: ~~A device, structure, fixture or placard which may or may not use graphics, symbols, and/or written copy designed specifically for the purpose of advertising or identifying an establishment, product, service or activity or otherwise intended or used to advise or inform. Any device or structure, part thereof, or device attached thereto or painted or represented thereon, or any material or thing which displays numerals, letters, words, trademarks, or any other representational use for direction or designation of any person, firm, organization, place, product, service, business, establishment, activity or industry, which is~~

located upon any land or building, in or upon a window, or indoors in such a manner as to attract attention from outside the building.

MMNN. Temporary sign: A display, informational sign, banner or other advertising device with or without a structural frame and intended for a limited period of display.

Z.NNOO. Wall Sign: A sign painted or attached directly to and parallel to the exterior wall of a building extending no greater than twelve (12) inches from the exterior face of a wall to which it is attached.

AA.OOPP. Window Sign: A sign installed inside a window and intended to be viewed from the outside.

BB.PPRR. Vehicle Sign: A sign located on or attached to a vehicle which is primarily located or used to serve as a sign rather than as transportation. This includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, boards or airplanes and semi-trailers, either attached or detached, from a truck tractor. Currently licensed commercial vehicles in general daily off-site use are not included as part of this definition.

Sec. 30.18.22 Prohibited Signs.

A sign not expressly permitted by this ordinance is prohibited. The following types of signs are expressly prohibited:

- A. Balloon -,air-filled or gas-filled, strings of light bulbs, pennants, streamers or flags, except for those flags of a non- commercial nature, not used for the purpose of commercial advertisement.
- B. Portable and temporary signs, except as may be permitted herein in other sections.
- C. Balloon signs.
- D. Any sign which has flashing, moving, oscillating or blinking lights excluding automatic changeable copy signs which are permitted. Electronic copy which changes not more often than once every five (5) seconds, by means of scrolling or other discernible changes in the pattern of illuminated lights, shall not be considered to flash or blink for the purposes of this subsection.
- E. Roof signs.
- F. Vehicle signs.
- G. Any sign placed within a public road right-of-way by anyone other than a governmental entity or permitted in another section.

H. Signs or illumination imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.

I. Off-premise signs unless permitted in other sections.

Sec. 30.18.23 Signs Exempted.

The following signs shall be exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance except for the standards of Section 30.18.26 and the district in which they are located.

- A. Signs erected by a government agency within a public road right-of-way when in compliance with state and federal guidelines.
- B. Non-commercial signs two (2) square feet or less.
- C. Window signs.
- D. Murals of a non-commercial nature.
- E. Signs not visible from any street or adjacent parcel of property.
- F. Nameplate signs two (2) square feet or less.
- G. Flags of a non-commercial nature.
- H. Signs for essential services which are (2) square feet or less.
- I. Community service group or agency signs (2) square feet or less
- J. Placards.
- K. Newspaper box signs.
- L. Farm identification signs.
- M. Memorial signs
- N. Political signs

Sec. 30.18.24 Signs Not Needing A Permit.

The following signs as defined in this chapter will not require a permit but are subject to compliance with standards contained in this Ordinance (ref. Sections 30.18.27, and 30.18.28).

- A. Non-commercial signs.

- B. A sign placed upon a parcel of property during construction of a building that is not larger than 32 square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height.
- C. A sign placed upon a parcel of property being offered for sale or lease, not more than eight (8) square feet in area for residential property or thirty-two (32) square feet in area for non-residential property.
- D. A sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area placed upon a parcel of property that is being used as a commercial establishment while they are actively seeking employees to work on that same parcel of property.
- E. Parked vehicles which bear signs provided they are not deliberately parked or located for conspicuous display and therefore do not function as signs.

F. A temporary sign used to advertise a garage sale or estate sale on residential property, graduation party or similar temporary event, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area. Such sign shall be placed not more than 7 days ahead and within the property line and outside of the road right of way of the premises on which said sale or event is conducted and shall be removed immediately after the completion of the sale or event.

G. One home occupation wall sign shall be permitted of not larger than 4 square feet or one yard sign not higher than 4 feet or larger than 4 square feet, outside of the street right of way placed at one half the principal building setback.

H. Government and Village owned signs are exempt from these regulations.

Sec. 30.18.25 Sign Permits and Application.

- A. Permits Required -A sign permit shall be required for the erection, use, construction or alteration of all signs except those exempted herein. For purposes of this section, alteration shall mean any change to an existing sign except changing the copy. Alteration shall not mean normal maintenance of a sign.
- B. Application -An application for a sign permit shall be made to the Zoning Administrator along with a fee as required by Village Council by resolution. The application, at a minimum, shall include the following:
 - 1. Name, address and telephone number of applicant and the person, firm or corporation erecting the sign.
 - 2. Address and permanent parcel number of the property where the sign will be located; and the zoning district in which the sign is to be located.

3. A sketch showing the location of the building, structure or lot upon which the sign is to be attached or erected and showing the proposed sign in relation to easements, buildings and structures along with setback from lot lines.
 4. Two blueprints or drawings of the plans and specifications, method of construction and attachment to structures or ground, stress sheets and calculations showing that the structure is designed for dead load and wind pressure in any direction of not less than thirty (30) pounds per square foot of area.
 5. Any required electrical permit shall be attached to the application.
 6. For a pole sign which is to be twenty (20) feet or higher design plans sealed by a professional engineer shall be submitted with the application.
 7. Any other information which the Zoning Administrator may require in order to demonstrate compliance with this Ordinance.
 8. Signature of applicant or person, firm or corporation erecting the sign.
- C. Electrical Signs -All signs requiring electrical service shall be reviewed for compliance with the Village's electrical code. Approval of electrical signs shall be noted on or attached to the sign permit.
- D. Issuance of Sign Permit -The Zoning Administrator shall issue a sign permit if all provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable Village ordinances are met. A sign authorized by a permit must be installed or under construction within six (6) months of the date of issuance of the sign permit or the permit shall expire. A new permit may be issued upon submittal of a new application and fee. Within seven (7) working days after receipt of the application, the Zoning Administrator shall either approve or deny the application or refer the application back to the applicant where insufficient information has been provided. If the permit is denied, the Zoning Administrator shall state the reasons for the denial. The applicant shall then have the right to appeal any such decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In the event the Zoning Administrator does not act within said seven days, that application shall be deemed approved.

Sec. 30.18.26 Design, Construction and Location Standards.

- A. All signs shall be properly maintained and shall not be allowed to become unsightly through disrepair or as a result of the weather.
- B. Sign supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be maintained in such a manner as not to cause a hazard.

- C. Signs shall be constructed to withstand all meteorological, geologic and vibration forces normally expected to occur in the vicinity and shall be grounded for lighting strikes.
- D. Signs may be internally or externally illuminated. The source of the light shall be enclosed and directed to prevent the source of light from shining directly onto traffic or residential property.
- E. Signs may not be placed in, upon or over any public right-of-way, public or private access or road, drainage or utility easement or alley, except as may be otherwise permitted by the Village street authority or the holder of the subject access, drainage or utility easement. Sandwich board signs in the Central Business District may be in the street right of way pursuant to section 30.18.29.
- F. A light pole or other support structure not specifically designed as a sign support structure may not be used for the placement of any sign unless specifically approved for such use
- G. A sign may not be erected where by reasons of its position, shape, color or other characteristics, it would interfere with, obstruct or be confused with an official traffic sign, signal or device.
- H. A sign may not contain rapidly flashing or moving parts or have the appearance of having rapidly flashing or moving parts, except for automatic changeable copy signs and other electronic copy, which changes not more often than once every five (5) seconds, by means of scrolling or other discernible changes in the pattern of illuminated lights, shall not be considered to rapidly flash, blink or move for the purposes of this subsection.
- I. A wall sign may not extend beyond the edge of the wall to which it is affixed or extend above the roof line of a building.
- J. A sign and its supporting mechanism may not extend beyond the lot lines of the property on which it is located.

Sec. 30.18.27. Sign Regulations Applicable To All Districts.

The following sign regulations are applicable to all zoning districts.

- A. All signs must be stationary except permitted temporary signs, or special event signs and sandwich board signs.
- B. Wall and freestanding signs may include reader boards.

- C. Pole signs and awnings to which signs are affixed or displayed shall maintain a minimum clear space of eight (8) feet from the bottom of the sign to the ground.
- D. Vehicles or trailers which are intended to function as or used as signs, are prohibited.
- E. While construction of a building occurs upon a parcel of property, a sign is permitted in any district subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. A sign shall be no larger than thirty-two (32) square feet and not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
 - 2. A sign shall not be erected until a building permit has been issued for the project and construction activity has begun.
 - 3. Signs shall be removed immediately upon the issuance of any occupancy permit for the building or structure on the property.
- F. During a special event of a noncommercial nature of interest to the general public signs, including banner signs, are permitted in any district, subject to the following:
 - 1. No more than three (3) such signs shall be displayed within the Village at any one time during each special event. Such signs may be located either on or off the lot on which the special event is held.
 - 2. The display of such signs shall be limited to the ten (10) days immediately preceding the special event and shall be removed within forty eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the special event.
 - 3. Unless a banner sign, such signs shall have a maximum size of thirty-two (32) square feet in area, and a maximum height above ground level of six (6) feet and shall be set back from any side or rear property line a minimum of fifteen (15) feet. The front setback shall be as required for signs in the district in which the sign is to be located.
 - 4. Banner signs within or over the street right of way shall be a maximum of sixty (60) square feet in area and shall be hung so as to provide adequate vehicle clearance and to avoid interference with traffic visibility.
- G. Non-commercial signs are permitted in all zoning districts subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. Such signs shall be subject to the regulations of the zoning district in which the sign is located.

2. Non-commercial signs may remain until such signs are in disrepair and are deemed to no longer comply with Sec. 30.18.26 and the requirements of the district in which it is located.

Sec. 30.18.28 Signs in the Residential and OSP Districts.

Only the following signs shall be permitted in residential districts:

- A. Signs as permitted in Sections 30.18.24 and 30.18.25.
- B. One non-illuminated name plate sign not more than 288 square inches in area.
- C. One non-illuminated temporary sign pertaining to the lease or sale of the premises upon which it is placed, not to exceed 8 square feet in total area. Such sign shall be removed upon completion of a purchase or lease agreement. Election and campaign signs shall be removed within 48 hours after the date of the election to which the sign pertains.
- D. A ground sign or pole sign of not more than 35 square feet in area and 7 feet in height advertising the name and activities of a permitted non-residential use.
- E. No sign permitted in a residential district shall be erected closer to any street or road than half the setback required for the principal building to be erected on said lot, provided that a name plate sign not more than 72 square inches in area may be placed anywhere within the front yard.
- F. One home occupation wall sign shall be permitted of not larger than 4 square feet or one yard sign not higher than 4 feet or larger than 4 square feet and setback as provided in E. above.

Sec. 30.18.29. Signs in the NS, CBD And Commercial PUD Districts.

- A. Signs as permitted in Sections 30.18.24 and 30.18.25.
- B. Billboards are specifically prohibited in these districts.
- C. All signs except exempt signs located on a lot may not aggregate more than one hundred (100) square feet in area.
- D. All signs must be attached flat against the building, except that one freestanding or pylon sign may be permitted, not to exceed ~~35-64~~ square feet in area on either side, provided said freestanding sign is located at least five (5) feet from the street right-of-way and does not exceed 20 feet in height. For those lots with more than one commercial establishment (multi-tenant building), the size of the pole sign may be increased to no more than 96 square feet. One ground sign may be

permitted no more than 64 square feet with a maximum height of 6 feet above the ground and setback a minimum of 5 feet from the front and side lot lines. For each commercial establishment on a corner lot, one wall sign per public or private street frontage is permitted. Each commercial establishment shall have no more than one sign per wall.

E. One projecting sign is permitted per entrance as an alternative to a wall sign. The maximum sign area permitted is 12 square feet. A projecting sign shall not project more than four feet from the face of the building wall.

E.F. A sign facing residentially zoned property shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of a residential lot line.

F.G. Signs shall not project above the roof line or parapet wall around the roof.

H. Sandwich board signs are permitted only in the Central Business District (CBD). A sandwich board sign area on each side shall not exceed a maximum of 8 square feet, height of 4 feet and width of 2 feet. There shall be no more than one sign per ground floor business and only displayed in front of the facade of the building front of the business or establishment whose information the sign pertains during the hours the business or establishment is open to customers, patrons or the public. The sign shall not impede pedestrian's use of the sidewalk area or people entering or exiting parked vehicles. The sign shall not block ingress and egress from any building entrance. A 5 foot wide clearance area for pedestrians shall be maintained. In areas where the sidewalk extends from the building fronts to the street curbs, sandwich board signs may be in the street right of way.

I. Window signs, provided that the window signs shall not cover more than 50 % of the windows on any building wall.

GJ. Gasoline Service Stations, automotive sales areas and automotive repair shops may display in addition to the foregoing signs, the following signs which are deemed customary and necessary to their respective business:

1. One free-standing or pylon sign, provided that such sign shall not exceed 35-82 square feet in area on a side, shall maintain a minimum clear space of eight (8) feet from the bottom of the sign to the ground, be setback a minimum of 5 feet from a street right of way and not higher than 20 feet;
2. Two additional wall signs per street frontage not exceeding 9 square feet each; or
3. Fuel canopy signs provided that each sign does not exceed 9 square feet in area per side;

- ~~3.4.~~ Signs or lettering displayed over individual entrance doors or bays;
- ~~4.5.~~ Lettering insignias which are a structural part of a gasoline pump island; and;

- ~~5.6.~~ A non-illuminated name plate sign.

~~HK.~~ The Planning Commission may authorize the display of temporary banners or, signs sponsored by a non-profit organization advertising a community event, even though said sign or banner may not conform to the regulations of this district subject to the provisions of Section 30.18.27 F.

L. Changeable copy signs are permitted pursuant to the standards below.

- 1. The changeable copy portion of a ground, pylon or wall sign shall not exceed 50 percent of the total sign area and shall be integral to the sign cabinet. The remainder of the sign shall be of a permanent character. A changeable copy sign located in a window shall not exceed 25% of the window area nor be more than three square feet in area.
- a. 2. Time, Temperature and Commodities Information Signs. Time, temperature and commodities information signs may be added to a permitted ground or pylon sign. Such signs shall be included in the overall permitted sign square footage and are subject to all sign requirements.

3. Display Regulations.

- a. Scrolling or traveling of a message on to and/or off of the display shall be allowed; provided the message is coming from one (1) direction only and that no message shall take more than five (5) seconds to be displayed in its entirety. Once scrolled, the screen may not change for five (5) minutes.
- b. If non-scrolling, the screen of the sign shall not change more than once every five (5) minutes, and shall remain in a stationary state for at least five (5) minutes.
- c. The display shall not, or shall not appear to, flash, undulate, pulse, or portray explosions, fireworks, flashes of light, or blinking or chasing lights; the display shall not appear to move toward or away from the viewer, expand or contract, bounce, rotate, spin, twist or other similar movements.
- d. All electronic signs within 150 feet of a Residential Zone District, shall discontinue the display between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

4. Light Levels Requirements.

- a. In order to prevent glare, electronic signs shall not operate at a brightness level greater than the manufacturer's recommended levels, except as provided in this or other Village or County Codes.
- b. All signs shall have installed ambient light monitors and shall at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic sign based on ambient light conditions.
- c. Maximum brightness levels for electronic signs shall not exceed five thousand (5,000) nits when measured from the sign's face at its maximum brightness during daylight hours and five hundred (500) nits when measured from the sign's face at its maximum brightness between dusk and dawn.
- 5. Additional requirements.
 - a. Electronic sign permit applications shall include a copy of the manufacturer's specifications for luminosity.
 - b. Electronic sign permit applications shall also include a certification from the owner or operator of the sign stating that the sign shall be operated in accordance with Village or County Codes and that the owner or operator shall provide proof of such conformance upon request of the Village.
 - c. An electrical permit shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a sign permit.

Sec. 30.18.30 Signs in the IND-Industrial and I/S Industrial/Service Districts.

The following signs are permitted in the IND- Industrial and I/S districts:

- A. Signs as permitted in Sections 30.18.24 and 30.18.25.
- B. Any sign permitted, as regulated, in the commercial districts.
- C. Billboards are permitted - provided they shall not exceed ~~35~~ 128 square feet in area or 20 feet in height. No billboard shall be erected closer than 300 feet to any other billboard. The yard requirements for a principal building shall be met.

Sec. 30.18.31 Nonconforming Signs.

- A. Every legal permanent sign which does not conform to the height, size, area or location requirements of this Article as of the adopting of the Village of Saranac Zoning Ordinance is hereby deemed to be nonconforming.
- B. Nonconforming signs may be maintained and repaired so as to continue the useful life of the sign but may not be expanded, enlarged, or extended.

C. A nonconforming sign may be diminished in size or dimension or the copy of the sign amended or changed without jeopardizing the privilege of nonconforming use.

D. A sign accessory to a nonconforming use may be erected in the Village in accordance with the sign regulations for the District in which the property is located.

Sec. 30.18.~~31~~ 32 through 30.18.39 reserved.

Section 3. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer Clause. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days after publication.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF IONIA)

I, the undersigned, the duly elected Clerk of the Village of Saranac, Ionia County, Michigan, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete representation of certain
proceedings conducted by the Village Council at a meeting held on this 11th day of
January, 2016.

Roberta Jo Smith

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Village of Saranac Clerk