

nearer to the rear lot line than 10 feet or nearer to another principal or accessory building or structure than 10 feet.

**§ 185-20. Signs.<sup>11</sup> [Amended 1-10-1990 by Bylaw Amendment 89-172; 3-18-1992 by Bylaw amendment 91-222; 1-4-2006 by Bylaw Amendment 05-582; 3-21-2012 by Bylaw Amendment 12-672]**

**A. Purpose.**

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for the reasonable regulation and control of billboards, signs, and other advertising devices within the Town of Franklin in order to protect and enhance the appearance of the Town, as well as the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, without unduly restricting the conduct of lawful enterprise.

**B. Applicability.**

- (1) All externally visible signs not exempt under state law or under Subsection F, Exemptions, of this bylaw, shall be in compliance with the regulation contained within this bylaw.
- (2) Only temporary signs described by this bylaw shall be permitted. All other temporary signs are not permitted. (See Attachment 10, Schedule of Permitted Signs Per Sign District.<sup>12</sup>)
- (3) This bylaw establishes four separate sign districts with different regulations within each district. (See Attachment 10, Schedule of Permitted Signs Per Sign District.) These districts are delineated on the map entitled "Town of Franklin Sign Districts" and created under § 185-4, Districts enumerated.
  - (a) The Downtown Commercial District (hereafter DCD).
  - (b) The Commercial and Business Corridor District (hereafter CBCD).
  - (c) The Industrial and Office Park District (hereafter IOPD).
  - (d) The Residential District (hereafter RD).
- (4) Any preexisting sign that this bylaw makes nonconforming shall remain legally preexisting nonconforming until it is replaced because of a change in use. When changed, the sign must conform to this bylaw.

**C. Permit requirements.**

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11. Editor's Note: See definitions in § 185-3.

12. Editor's Note: Attachment 10, Schedule of Permitted Signs Per Sign District, is included as an attachment to this chapter.

- (1) General: The Building Commissioner shall determine sign compliance with the requirements of this bylaw including but not limited to size, shape, construction,