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**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 16-772
RURAL BUSINESS ZONE SIGN REGULATIONS
A ZONING BY-LAW TO AMEND THE FRANKLIN TOWN CODE AT
CHAPTER 185, ATTACHMENTS 10: SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED
SIGNS PER SIGN DISTRICT:**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

Chapter 185 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is hereby amended by the following **additions** to §185, Attachments 10: Schedule of Permitted Signs Per Sign District:

Attachment 10
Schedule of Permitted Signs Per Sign District

	Downtown Commercial District ²	Commercial Business Corridor District	Industrial - Office Park District	Residential District
Wall Signs				
First Floor Storefront Facing Street	No more than 24 Sq.Ft. or 10% of Front Façade ¹	No more than 48 Sq.Ft. or 2 Sq.Ft. per Linear Ft of Frontage ¹	No more than 60 Sq.Ft.	No more than 15 Sq.Ft. for a business with a Special Permit or Variance No more than 10 Sq.Ft. for Home Occupation or Professional Office All others no more than 3 Sq.Ft.
First Floor Storefront Facing Street Corner	No more than 36 Sq.Ft. or 15% of 1 Façade Divided into 2 ¹	No more than 64 Sq.Ft. Divided into 2 Signs	No more than 90 Sq.Ft. Divided into 2 Signs	No more than 23 Sq.Ft. divided into 2 Signs for a business with Special Permit or All others not permitted
Upper Floors Facing Street	Not Permitted	No more than 6 Sq.Ft.	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Freestanding Signs				
Single or Multiple Entity	No more than 40 Sq.Ft. and No More Than 14 Ft. High	No more than 60 Sq.Ft. and No More Than 20 Ft. High	No more than 60 Sq.Ft. and No More Than 25 Ft. High	No more than 20 Sq.Ft. and No more than 6 Ft. high for a business with Special Permit or Variance All Others Not Permitted
Window Signs				
First Floor Facing Street	No more than 6 Sq.Ft. or 10% of Window Surface ¹	No more than 6 Sq.Ft. or 10% of Window Surface ¹	No more than 6 Sq.Ft. or 10% of Window Surface ¹	Not Permitted
Upper Floors Facing Street	No more than 4 Sq.Ft. or 10% of Window Surface ¹	No more than 20% of Window Surface	No more than 20% of Window Surface	Not Permitted
Door Sign	No more than 2 Sq.Ft.	No more than 2 Sq.Ft.	No more than 2 Sq.Ft.	No more than 2 Sq.Ft.
Reader Boards				
Attached to Freestanding Sign	Manual with no more than 3 Lines of Text	Manual with no more than 3 Lines of Text	Manual with no more than 3 Lines of Text	Not Permitted
Awning or Canopy Signs				
First Floor	No more than 10 Sq.Ft. of Signage	No more than 10 Sq.Ft. of Signage	No more than 10 Sq.Ft. of Signage	No more than 10 Sq.Ft. of Signage
Upper Floors	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Off-Site Signs				
Freestanding or Wall	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Temporary Signs				
Non-Profits and Charities	Check for Availability of Town Display See §185-20.(D)	Check for Availability of Town Display See §185-20.(D)	Check for Availability of Town Display See §185-20.(D)	Check for Availability of Town Display See §185-20.(D)
All Other Temporary Signs	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Public Use and Safety Signs				
All Sign Types	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Political Signs				
Signs Expressing a Political Opinion	No more than 16 Sq.Ft.	No more than 16 Sq.Ft.	No more than 16 Sq.Ft.	No more than 16 Sq.Ft.
Signs Promoting a Candidate or Issue	No more than 16 Sq.Ft. Displayed for no more than 7 Days After Vote	No more than 16 Sq.Ft. Displayed for no more than 7 Days After Vote	No more than 16 Sq.Ft. Displayed for no more than 7 Days After Vote	No more than 16 Sq.Ft. Displayed for no more than 7 Days After Vote

NOTES

¹ Whichever is Smaller

² The Rural Business Zoning District has the same sign regulations as the Downtown Commercial Sign District.

The foregoing Zoning By-law amendment shall take effect in accordance with the Franklin Home Rule Charter and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 5.

DATED: _____, 2016

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS _____

A True Record Attest:

YES _____ **NO** _____

ABSTAIN _____

**Teresa Burr
Town Clerk**

ABSENT _____

Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk