

Article IX – Supplementary Regulations

Section 901 – Signs and Outdoor Advertising Structures

or legible are (but not limited to): burned out lights, missing letters, peeling paint poster material, faulty anchoring system, spray-painted vandalism, damage due to any errant or a vandal's buckshot or bullets, storm damage, or automobiles crashing into the sign. This section also provides that any damage to the sign caused by storms, accidents, or vandals shall be cleaned up and/or corrected immediately. It is in the discretion of the Zoning Enforcement Officer how much time shall be allowed for clean up and correction, but in no way is the problem to exist beyond twenty-one days of the initial accident, storm, or vandalism. Repair due to vandals, accident, or storms shall comply with Article IX, Sec. 902.

- F. Signs that identify or advertise a business shall be removed within 30 days of the date that the business ceases to exist.
 - G. Signs shall not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood or contrary to the spirit and purpose of the ordinance by reason of the location, position, size, shape or color of such sign.
 - H. Signs of 32 square feet or less are permitted without a land use permit. These signs shall still comply with every other sub-section under Article IX, Sec. 901 and 902.
 - I. Signs greater than 32 square feet or more cannot be placed without the issuance of a land use permit. The procedure for securing a land use permit for a sign is as follows:
 - i. Contact the Zoning Enforcement Officer;
 - ii. Show him/her sight plan, sign design or actual sign;
 - iii. Show him/her dimensions of the sign;
 - iv. Upon review, if the Zoning Officer agrees that the sign is larger than 32 square feet, then he/she shall inform the owner/placer of the sign that a Land Use permit is required;
 - v. Application for a land use under this Section and Sub-Sections will be handled in the exact same manner as a Land Use Permit in each of the other Zoning Districts.
 - J. No sign shall contain profanity, nudity, or pictures of extreme violence.
 - K. Portable and/or moveable signs are prohibited in Clark Township.
3. In the event of a controversy concerning the conditions listed here, the determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals, established under the Statute and this ordinance shall be conclusive on such question.
4. Any sign that fails to comply with any of the conditions set forth here shall be declared a nuisance per se and it shall be the duty of the Zoning Enforcement Officer to give Notice and Order as under Article V, Section 502 (3), (7), and Article V, Section 503 (1)(2).

Section 902 - Nonconforming Uses

- 1. The following regulations shall control nonconforming uses in existence at the time of passage of this ordinance (6/10/75).
 - A. If a nonconforming use or structure has been destroyed by reason of a windstorm, fire, explosion, or any act of God or the public enemy, the use or structure can be continued or rebuilt as previously existed, or may be altered, in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.
 - B. No such structure may be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity unless it can be conclusively shown to the satisfaction of the Board of