

VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK ESTATES

Fee: _____ Receipt#: _____

Date: _____

Sign Unlit-\$100/Lit-\$150 + ARB-\$75

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN A SIGN OR AWNING NO WORK IS TO BE STARTED UNTIL A PERMIT HAS BEEN RECEIVED

INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit 2 accurate color drawings of the proposed sign indicating its location on the building with exact text, type of materials, colors, completed application and fees
- A recent color photograph of the subject premises showing the buildings on both sides
- Samples of the colors and materials to be used on the sign
- When design is approved by the Building Inspector, submit an additional 10 complete color sets of the drawings & the application for submission to the Architectural Review Board
- All applications must be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board at their monthly meeting and then approved by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting
- The applicant or a representative must appear at the Architectural Review Board meeting
- A separate application must be submitted for EACH sign to be erected
- Liability, Disability and Worker's Comp Insurance Certificates required for contractor installing sign (see instructions)

APPLICATION IS HEREBY made to the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the VILLAGE OF GEAT NECK ESTATES for a permit to erect and maintain a sign in accordance with this application and the regulations of the Code of The Village of Great Neck Estates.

SIGN/NAME _____

SIGN LOCATION/ADDRESS _____

Storeowner's Name _____

Storeowner's Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Property Owner(s) (if individual):

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Property Owner (if corporation or partnership):

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Name and title of corporate officer making application: _____

Sign/Awning to be erected by*: Name: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

NY State Law requires that Certificates of Workers' Compensation Insurance, General Liability Insurance, and Disability Insurance be filed with this application for ALL contractors and subcontractors performing work pursuant to this application. See minimum insurance requirements. The Village of Great Neck Estates must be named as Additional Insured and Certificates must identify the job location.

SIGN DESCRIPTION

Height of sign including background _____

Width of sign including background _____

Height of top of sign above curb _____

Width of store front _____

Is sign illuminated? YES _____ NO _____

Area of proposed sign(s) in square feet _____

Area of existing sign(s) in square feet _____

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ACCURATE COLOR DRAWING OF THE PROPOSED SIGN INDICATING ITS LOCATION ON THE BUILDING, IN DUPLICATE (*10 ADDITIONAL COLOR DRAWINGS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES). THE DRAWING MUST INDICATE THE EXACT TEXT, TYPE OF MATERIALS, AND COLORS.

Applicant _____

Signature

Date _____

Sworn to before me this

day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF PROPERTY OWNER/AUTHORIZATION
All Owners must sign either as owner or applicant

State of New York)

SS:

County of Nassau)

(I)(We), _____ being duly sworn, state:
 print owner(s) name

Complete Items #1 & #2 if applicable

(1) (I am) (We are) the owner(s) of the property described in this application known as
_____, and described on the Nassau County
 address

Land and Tax Map as Section _____, Block _____, Lot(s)_____.

(2) (I) (We) hereby authorize _____ to submit
 Applicant
this application.

Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner

Sworn to before me this _____ day

of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public

**ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF**

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Sworn to before me this _____ day

of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public

**FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS ‘A’ MISDEMEANOR
PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**



BUILDING PERMIT
COMMERCIAL OR MIXED USE PROPERTY
DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT
NASSAU COUNTY

240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501

Town, City, Village of: _____

DATE REC'D (Assessor Use Only)

SECTION	BLOCK	LOT (S)	SCH DIST	PERMIT #	SPECIFIC ZONING DESIGNATION

Location of Building: N.E.S.W. SIDE OF (OR CORNER OF) _____ N.E.S.W. SIDE OF _____

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY _____ Check one NAME OF BUSINESS _____

CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE _____ ZIP _____ CONTACT PERSON _____

ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION: _____
 OWNER OR LESSEE
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

DATE TO BEGIN _____ PRINCIPLE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION _____ PHONE _____

DATE TO COMPLETE _____
 STEEL
 MASONRY
 OTHER
 EMAIL _____

LOT SIZE S.F. _____
 # BLDGS ON LOT _____
 If you wish to group or apportion lots, please call 516-571-1500 for more information.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK IN DETAIL (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY **USE BY SIZE AND FLOOR**

<input type="checkbox"/> NEW BUILDING <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITION (CHANGE IN S.F.) <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOLITION <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERATION (NO CHANGE IN S.F.) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Describe) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FAÇADE <input type="checkbox"/> BASEMENT RENOVATION/ALTERATION <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC <input type="checkbox"/> ROOF <input type="checkbox"/> PLUMBING <input type="checkbox"/> ELEVATORS SIZE QUANTITY <input type="checkbox"/> SPRINKLERS _____ <input type="checkbox"/> SOLAR _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ANTENNA _____ <input type="checkbox"/> BILLBOARD _____ <input type="checkbox"/> SATELLITE DISH _____	BSMT 1ST 1ST addnl use 2ND UPPER FLOORS TOTAL # FLOORS _____ List additional use in comments section	EXISTING S.F. AREA Use Size SF		PROPOSED S.F. AREA Use Size SF																																		
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COMMENTS

Approved By _____
 Date of Granting of Permit _____
SEPARATE APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE FOR EACH BUILDING
 Signature of Applicant/Contact Person _____
 Please Print Name _____ Tele # _____

Township
School District
Section
Block
Lot(s)
Date

VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK ESTATES

4 Gateway Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021 516-482-8283 fax: 516-482-5572

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL CONTRACTORS:

- Nassau County Home Improvement License
- General Liability Certificate (Acord Form)
"Incorporated Village of Great Neck Estates, Its Officers, Agents and Employees
4 Gateway Drive Great Neck, NY 11021",
MUST be listed as Additional Insured & Certificate Holder
Address of Job must also be listed on certificate
- Additional Insured Endorsement Form (ISO Form CG 20 12)
Must be indicated on the form: "Incorporated Village of Great Neck Estates, Its Officers, Agents and Employees 4 Gateway Drive Great Neck, NY 11021"
- Disability Insurance (DB120 form)
- Workers' Compensation (C105.2 form)
**Note: For Workers' Comp & Disability Exemption use form CE-200*

The Contractors and all subcontractors shall maintain, at a minimum, the following insurance, and provide evidence of same to the Village of Great Neck Estates in the form of Certificates of Insurance or copies of policies, providing 30 days' notice of Cancellation or non-renewal. The insurance carrier must be a New York State licensed carrier with an A.M. Best Rating of at least an A IX. In all cases where the Village, its officers, agents and employees are to be named as additional insured, an endorsement to the insurance policy must be provided as documentation of such additional insured status.

I. Workers Compensation and NYS Disability

Coverage	Statutory
Extensions	Voluntary Compensation Employers Liability - Unlimited

II. Commercial General Liability

Coverage and Limits	Occurrence - 1999 ISO CGL or equivalent General Aggregate \$2,000,000 Products & Completed Operations \$2,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000 Fire Damage \$ 50,000 Medical Expense \$ 5,000
Additional Insured	All owners, agents, employees, volunteers, elected and appointed officers and officials of the Incorporated Village of Great Neck Estates, using ISO Form GC 20 10 07 04 be accompanied by CG 20 37 07 04 adding back Completed Operations
Special	Hold Harmless Agreement Aggregate Limits Per Project Waiver of Subrogation Primary & Non-Contributory, Contractual Liability 3 rd Party Injury to Employees, Volunteers, Subcontractors etc. Include Completed Operations

III. Automobile Insurance

Coverage	Standard New York Policy including all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles
Limit	\$1,000,000. Combined Single Limit
Additional Insured	all owners, agents, employees and volunteers and elected and appointed officers and officials of the Incorporated Village of Great Neck Estates and the Great Neck Estates Civic Association, Inc., using ISO Form CG2010 (B) or equivalent.

Village of Great Neck Estates, NY
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Chapter 230. Zoning

Article IV. Signs

[Added 10-5-1976 by L.L. No. 5-1976]

§ 230-40. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to amend the Village's Building Zone Ordinance by adopting new provisions to regulate signs and related matters in order to protect and enhance Village property values; increase Village commerce; reduce sign or advertising distractions and obstructions which may be hazardous to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians; reduce hazards that may be caused by signs or other structures overhanging or projecting over public rights-of-way; protect and enhance objects having a special aesthetic interest or value; regulate the use of advertising media upon or near streets and other public places; prevent destructive visual overcompetition among occupants of commercial properties; facilitate the reasonable needs of businesses to identify themselves in ways harmonious with their environment; promote an attractive visual character for the Village; protect and enhance the physical and visual environment of the Village; encourage the most appropriate use of land; foster, encourage and provide for uniformity or continuity of visual characteristics between this community and neighboring communities; and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community, all in accordance with a comprehensive visual conversion and development plan involving the control of signs and related attracting devices.

§ 230-41. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ATTRACTING DEVICE

Any device, other than a sign, such as a banner, pennant, bunting, streamer, colored strip or panel, flame, decorative light, trade flag or similar device, which is visible from a public street or sidewalk, including a device on or behind a window or glass door and which alone or in combination with other devices or signs or merchandise is designed to attract the public to the premises to which the device is appurtenant. It shall not include merchandise or display and promotional articles and materials customarily used in the sale of such merchandise.

BUILDING FRONTAGE

The length of a building fronting a public street or sidewalk. In computing such building frontage, only the portion of the face of the building fronting on the principal street shall be counted, unless such building occupies a corner lot and faces two principal streets, in which case both such faces shall be counted.

MERCHANDISE LABEL

The informational material found on the actual container in which goods are customarily sold at retail, such as beverage bottles, cereal boxes, standard type of gasoline pump bearing thereon in usual size and form the name or type of gasoline, and so forth.

SIGN AREA

The area, in square feet, of the smallest circle, triangle or rectangle or other shape which encloses all of the informational material in the sign, as well as its display backing or border if different in color, texture, materials or plane from the adjacent wall, window, sky or other background. For projecting and freestanding signs, such sign area shall not include incidental supports, though each face of the sign shall be separately counted, and the combination of all faces totaled. For three-dimensional symbols, the sign area shall be the area, in square feet, of the smallest circle, triangle or rectangle or other shape which encloses the largest figure constituting a cross section of the symbol.

SIGN HEIGHT

Computed by measuring the distance to the highest or lowest portion of the sign, as the case may be, used in computing sign area, excluding the supporting structure or bracing of the sign unless the structure or bracing is made part of the message or face of the sign.

SIGN or SIGNS

Informational material, such as a word, abbreviation, letter, punctuation mark, trademark, symbol or shape, as well as a representation by picture, model, drawing or similar means, which is visible from a public street or sidewalk, including material on or behind a window or glass door, and which informs the viewer about the thing referred to, including but not limited to its identity, location, price, merit or use. A sign shall not, however, include a merchandise price sign smaller than six square inches or a merchandise label, and in no event shall a sign include any flag, emblem, insignia or display incidental to and customarily or commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday.

STOREFRONT FOOTAGE

That portion of the building frontage allocable to street, store or office level within such building.

§ 230-42. Permit required; issuance procedure.

Except as hereinafter provided, no sign or attracting device may be erected, altered or reconstructed, except for normal maintenance, without a permit from the Village Board of Trustees or such person or persons as may be designated by the Board of Trustees from time to time by resolution. Such a permit may be granted only after compliance with the requirements applicable to such sign or device and after receipt of a report in accordance with the provisions of § 230-44 hereof. Applications for such a permit shall be made on forms provided by the Village Board of Trustees, together with such other information, such as photographs and drawings, as are reasonably necessary to establish compliance with the provisions of this article.

§ 230-43. Fees.

[Amended 10-7-1987 by L.L. No. 4-1987]

The fee for permits shall be as otherwise provided by law.^[1]

[1] *Editor's Note: As to current fee provisions, see Ch. 109, Fees.*

§ 230-44. Design review and reports.

- A. Referral. Before a permit for a sign or attracting device or a special permit or a variance relating to a sign or attracting device may be granted, the application for the permit, special permit or variance shall be referred to the Code Official for a report.
- B. Review considerations. In responding to applications, the Code Official shall consider whether the materials, texture, colors and details of construction are an appropriate expression of the design concept of the work proposed, whether it is appropriate to and compatible with its surroundings

and whether such work would be consistent with the purposes of this article; provided, however, that the Code Official shall restrict his considerations to a reasonable and professional review.

C. Report content and procedure.

- (1) In any report required under this article, the Inspector may make recommendations, including approval, disapproval, amendments or advice for possible conditions to be imposed, and such report shall be written.
- (2) A prospective applicant may seek informal advice from the Inspector before application for a permit is made.
- (3) Upon receipt of a design report, the Board of Trustees, as the case may be, shall consider such report in its response and, notwithstanding compliance with all other requirements of this article, approve, disapprove, amend or impose conditions on such application or proposed plan based on design considerations; provided, however, that to the extent the decision of the Board differs from the recommendations of a report, the Board shall state the reasons for such difference in writing.
- (4) Any applicant may, upon request, obtain a copy of the design report.
- (5) If the Code Official fails to report within 30 days of receipt of an application, such failure to respond shall be deemed the equivalent of a design report that the Inspector has no objection or comments on the subject application.

§ 230-45. Sign specifications and requirements.

- A. On or after the effective date hereof, no sign shall be erected or altered in the Village unless the sign meets the requirements of this section.
- B. On or after the effective date hereof, no sign shall be erected or altered in a residence district except a sign displaying only the name, address or profession of the occupant of the premises. Such sign shall be no larger than one square foot in sign area, shall not be illuminated unless a professional sign, and otherwise shall conform to the sign top height, motion, illumination and color requirements of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, such signs shall be exempt from any permit requirements.
- C. On or after the effective date hereof, no sign shall be erected or altered in a business district unless the said sign meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Sign top height. No sign shall have a sign top height higher than the lowest of the following:
 - (a) Fifteen feet above the curblines.
 - (b) The bottom of the sills of the first level of windows above the first story.
 - (c) The lowest roofline of the building.
 - (2) Permitted exterior sign area for street-level signs. Signs for a single building or occupancy shall together not exceed the permitted sign area, and all such signs shall have a total sign area of no more than 1.5 square feet for each foot of building frontage.
 - (3) Permitted interior sign area for street-level signs. No signs on or behind a window or a door constituting part of such total sign area shall have a sign area of more than 15% of the glass area of such window or door.
 - (4) Permitted sign area for signs above street level. Only interior signs shall be permitted for occupancies which are above street level. The total sign area for such signs shall not exceed 1/3 of the glass area of the window or door to which it is attached.
 - (5) Vertical dimension. No sign shall have a vertical dimension greater than 2.0 feet.

- (6) Overall dimensions. In no event shall any sign exceed 25 feet in length or contain an area in excess of 75 square feet.
- (7) Building relation. Each sign shall be attached on its entire surface to the face of a building or within a door or window of a building.
- (8) Projection. No sign shall, unless on an awning, project outward more than 12 inches from the plane of the surface to which it is attached.
- (9) Plane. Each sign shall, unless on an awning, be parallel to the plane of the building face.
- (10) Motion. No sign shall contain or consist of moving parts or intermittent light.
- (11) Illumination. No sign shall be illuminated except indirectly or internally with white light. Exposed neon tubing shall not be permitted. Neon and other gas type illumination shall be permitted within an internally lighted sign, provided that such lighting is transmitted through the letters or symbols of such display and such letters or symbols are stencil cut or are otherwise designed for and integrated into the face of the sign prior to erection and are not glued or pinned or similarly affixed to the plastic face of the sign. Internal lighting that floods through the translucent area of the face of the sign not carrying the message or identifying letters shall not be permitted. In no event shall an illuminated sign be placed or directed so as to permit the beams and illumination therefrom to be directed or beamed upon any adjacent public or private premises so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a nuisance or traffic hazard. An underwriter's label shall be affixed to every sign having an electrical component.
- (12) Color. No sign shall use more than three colors (with black and white considered colors) none of which may be fluorescent or "day-glo" colors.
- (13) Awning signs. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting any premises from having one or more awnings made of cloth or canvas with iron or tube frames, provided that the lowest part of each such awning shall be at least seven feet above the sidewalk surface, and further provided that any permit required by law is obtained for such awning. Any such awning which includes a sign as defined in this chapter shall require a sign permit.
[Amended 3-10-1997 by L.L. No. 4-1997]
- (14) Location. No sign shall be placed or located by any person on any tree, light pole or utility pole or on any public property, street, sidewalk or right-of-way.

§ 230-46. Attracting devices restricted.

All attracting devices erected for 45 days or more shall be permitted only by special permit, as hereinafter provided in § 230-47.

§ 230-47. Signs or attracting devices requiring special permits.

The Board of Trustees, in appropriate cases, after receipt of a design report and recommendation by the Code Official, may, by resolution, permit the following signs or attracting devices, subject to appropriate safeguards consistent with the purposes of this article.

- A. Ground signs: for each building in a nonresidential district or any nonresidential building in a residential district which is set back more than 10 feet from the curblines of the nearest sidewalk or public street, one ground-mounted sign no closer to the street than the inside edge of the sidewalk, or curb if no sidewalk exists; such sign to otherwise conform to the requirements of § 230-45C.
- B. Multiresidential signs: for each apartment or condominium or cooperative building in a residential district, one ground-mounted or wall sign to identify such building; such sign to have a sign area of

no more than 0.2 square foot for each foot of building frontage and to otherwise conform to the requirements of § 230-45C. In no event shall the total area of all signs exceed 60 square feet.

- C. Projecting signs: wall-mounted projecting signs and three-dimensional symbols, models or representations not extending more than three feet over a public street or sidewalk; such objects, however, otherwise to conform to the requirements of § 230-45C, and such signs also to have a sign bottom height no lower than eight feet above the curbline.
- D. Attracting devices: attracting devices erected for longer than 45 days.
- E. Special identification signs: signs on or behind windows to identify occupants of buildings, which occupants lack storefront footage within such building; such signs to conform to all the requirements of § 230-45C except the sign top requirement.
- F. Special entrance signs: signs indicating side or rear entrances to stores or buildings; such signs to be no more than two square feet in sign area and otherwise to conform to all the requirements of § 230-45C except the permitted sign area requirement.
- G. Signs for retail or service businesses without window space: A building with any retail or service businesses without window space may have, at the front entrance, in a single location, a sign or signs identifying each such retail or service business. Said sign or signs shall comply with all the requirements of § 230-45C, provided that the total area of such sign or signs, taken collectively, may exceed up to 10% of the total area permitted for exterior street level signs.

§ 230-48. Signs or attracting devices exempted.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, no permit shall be required for the following signs or attracting devices:

- A. Sale signs: signs in any nonresidential district, or appurtenant to a nonresidential use in a residential district, advertising special sales or events, which signs may be displayed for a period not in excess of 14 days and which otherwise must conform to all the requirements of § 230-45C, except that the permitted interior sign area may be temporarily increased by up to 50%, all of which increase may be allocated to increase the applicable glass area limit.
- B. Construction signs: signs temporarily erected in a nonresidential district during construction or alteration of the premises on which the sign is located. Such signs shall have a sign area of no more than 15 feet and shall be removed as soon as the work is complete. Such signs shall otherwise conform to the requirements of § 230-45C.
- C. Political signs: political signs incident to an election, provided that such signs may be displayed no more than 60 days prior to the day of election, must be removed within five days after the election and may not be attached to a tree, post, utility pole or fence or otherwise placed to obstruct vision of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Such signs must conform to all requirements of § 230-45C, except that the permitted sign area may be 50% greater than that which is otherwise permitted.

§ 230-49. Nonconformity restricted; time limitations for removal of obsolete signs.

- A. No sign or attracting device existing on the effective date of this article shall be required to conform to its provisions, subject to the following exceptions:
 - (1) Unless otherwise exempted, all attracting devices shall conform to this article and shall be the subject of a permit issued hereunder within two years of the effective date of this article.

- (2) Unless otherwise exempted, all rooftop signs shall conform to this article and shall be the subject of a permit issued hereunder within two years of the effective date of this article.
 - (3) Unless otherwise exempted, all signs the exterior sign area of which exceeds by more than 50% that permitted under § **230-45C** shall conform to this article and shall be the subject of a permit issued hereunder within two years of the effective date of this article.
 - (4) Unless otherwise exempted, all interior signs shall conform to this article and shall be the subject of a permit issued hereunder within six months of the effective date of this article.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § **230-49A**, signs or attracting devices containing moving parts or intermittent lighting shall be made nonmoving or nonintermittent within 60 days from the effective date of this article.
- C. In achieving conformity, the location of any previously existing sign must be made to conform in color, plane and texture to the surrounding building area if it remains visible after being replaced by a new sign.
- D. Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, product sold or activity or service being conducted shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure or lot upon which such sign may be found within 60 days of such cessation. Upon failure to comply within the time specified, the Code Official is hereby authorized to order removal of such sign, within 60 days of a written notification, and expenses incident thereto shall be paid by the owner of the building, structure or lot to which such sign is attached.