

To the residents of the Village of Cuba:

The Cuba Planning Board and the Cuba Village Board have been informed of several code violations within the Village of Cuba. The perspective of the boards is that if there are codes on the books then they need to be enforced. However, it is also recognized that times change and that maybe some of the codes need to be reconsidered. Before turning the concerns over to the Code Enforcement Officer it was decided to receive input from the community about the codes in question. The boards recognize the value of businesses to the community and want to encourage their growth. On the other hand, they also recognize that "the regulations are intended to promote and protect public health, welfare and safety by regulating and restricting existing and proposed signs and advertising devices of all kinds. It is intended to promote public safety, to protect property values, to create a more attractive economic climate and to enhance the scenic and natural beauty of the village". (§ 200-69). It is our desire to not hinder businesses, while watching out for the welfare of the community.

Below are some of the codes in question. A full copy of the Zoning Code of the Village of Cuba is available for viewing in the Village office. Residents may submit written comments at Village Clerk's Office at 17 East Main Street, Cuba, NY 14727 during regular office hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday) or use an online survey at <http://tinyurl.com/avwb84b>.

General Regulations

§ 200-70 A. With the exceptions of name plates, for sale/rent signs, or temporary signs, all signs must be issued a permit by the Zoning Officer.

§ 200-70 C. Except for temporary signs, no sign permit shall be issued by the Zoning Officer without the approval of the Planning Board.

§ 200-70 E. No illuminated signs shall create a traffic hazard or unreasonably bother neighbors.

§ 200-70 F. Except for time and temperature signs, no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating or moving light or lights. Lighting devices shall employ only lights of constant intensity.

§ 200-70 J. No movable or portable signs shall be placed on any premises in the village except for temporary signs which are approved under 200-76

§ 200-70 K No sign shall be attached to fences, utility poles, or trees.

§ 200-70 N. Except for directional signs, no sign shall be within the public right-of-way of any street, nor 15 feet of the pavement of any public street, nor 10 feet of any property line.

Signs in Business and Industrial Districts

§ 200-71 D. Building signs shall not project more than twelve (12) inches from the face of the building to which the sign is attached.

Signs in Residential Districts

§ 200-73 B. For multiple-family dwellings, churches, libraries, social clubs, public buildings and other similar uses, a single identification sign not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and indicating only the name and address of the building may be displayed. Signs identifying churches, libraries and other similar public buildings may, in addition to the name and address, include the times that services are provided. Such signs shall not be located closer to any lot line than one-half (1/2) of the required setback nor project more than four feet in height above grade. Said signs shall not be illuminated, except indirectly.

Temporary signs

§ 200-76 A. Temporary signs advertising any political, educational, charitable, civic, religious or like campaign or event may be erected or displayed for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days in any calendar year. Political signs may be displayed without a permit for up to 60 days. Signs must be removed within 7 days following the campaign or event.

§ 200-76 C. No temporary signs shall be attached to fences, trees, utility poles, bridges, traffic signs, and shall not create a hazard.

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