

ORDINANCE # 2008- 08-05

**AMENDMENT TO THE KENDALL COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION  
12.10.A "Signs – Business Districts – Permitted Signs" and 12.03 "Definitions"**

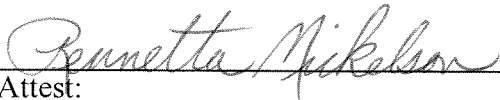
*WHEREAS*, Kendall County regulates development under authority of its Zoning Ordinance and related ordinances; and

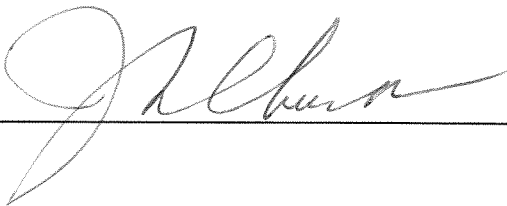
*WHEREAS*, the Kendall County Board amends these ordinances from time to time in the public interest; and

*WHEREAS*, all administrative procedures for amendments have been followed including a Public Hearing held before the Kendall County Zoning Board of Appeals.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED*, the Kendall County Board hereby amends Sections 12.10.A "Signs – Business District – Permitted Signs" and 12.03 "Definitions" of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance as provided in attached Exhibit "A".

*IN WITNESS OF*, this Amendment to the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance was approved by the Kendall County Board on February 19, 2008.

  
Attest:



Rennetta Mickelson  
Kendall County Clerk

John A. Church  
Kendall County Board Chairman

Exhibit "A"

## SECTION 12.00 SIGNS

### 12.03 DEFINITIONS

**ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD DISPLAY:** A sign or component of a sign that uses changing lights to form a message or series of messages that are electronically programmed or modified by electronic processes.

**FLASHING SIGN:** Any illuminated sign on which the artificial light is not maintained stationary or constant in intensity and color at all times when such sign is in use. For the purpose of this ordinance any revolving, illuminated sign shall be considered as a flashing sign. **Due to their unique characteristics, electronic message board displays are not considered flashing signs.**

**POLE SIGN:** A sign mounted on one (1) or more freestanding pole(s) or **pylons or other supporting base that is not as wide as the bottom of the sign.**

### 12.10 BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

#### A. PERMITTED SIGNS.

1. Signs relating only to the name and use of buildings or premises upon which they are placed. Advertising signs and outdoor billboards advertising products or matters not related to the occupancy and use of the premises shall not be permitted. The following signs shall be permitted and governed as follows:
  - a. Wall Signs. One wall sign not exceeding five (5) percent of the total square footage of the building facade upon which it is placed.
  - b. Canopy, Marque or Awning Signs. The surface area of a Canopy, Marque or Awning sign shall not exceed ten (10) square feet, or thirty (30) percent of the exterior surface area of the canopy, marquee or awning attached to the building front, whichever is greater. Such signs shall be harmonious in scale and proportion with the building they are mounted to and with the architectural elements of the building.
  - c. Free-standing Signs. One ground-mounted sign or pole sign per lot not exceeding fifty (50) square feet per face.
  - d. Directories. For buildings with multiple tenants, a directory sign may be substituted in lieu of the allowable free-standing sign subject to review and approval by the Planning, Building and Zoning Department as to height and overall square footage.

- e. Public or semipublic buildings, or public park identification sign. Not more than one sign per street frontage not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in size per face inclusive of any logo.
- f. Nameplates. One attached, non-illuminated sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in size displaying the name, occupation, and/or service located upon the premises, and the address.
- g. Temporary Signs. Temporary Signs shall be permitted as described in Section 12.14.

2. Location and Height.

- a. Wall Signs. Wall Signs shall be face mounted on the building wall, projecting not more than twelve (12) inches from the facade of the building. Such signs shall not project above the parapet wall, mansard, or other roofline and shall be recessed where involving a pitched roof location.
- b. Canopy, Marquee or Awning Signs. Such signs shall be completely within the borderline of an outer edge of the marquee or canopy, and shall in no instance be lower than eight feet above the ground surface over which the marquee or canopy is constructed.
- c. Ground-mounted Signs. Such signs shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height from grade to the highest point on the sign and shall be located no closer than ten feet to any property line. Such signs shall not be located so as to obstruct vision at a vehicular entry or exit from the property.
- d. Pole Signs. Such signs shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height. The bottom of the sign shall be at least ten (10) feet above surrounding grade.

B. Other Requirements.

- 1. Number of signs. Each building or property shall be allowed a maximum of two signs, which may be either an attached sign, a ground-mounted sign, a pole sign, a canopy sign, a wall sign, or an awning sign. Window Signs and nameplates are excluded from this maximum of two signs.
- 2. Buildings with multiple occupancy. For buildings and/or property containing more than one business or tenant, each business or tenant may have one wall sign conforming to the requirements of this section. Each sign must be attached to the lease unit containing the business tenant identified.
- 3. Additional Signs. Each building or property may have one additional attached sign on walls containing a main entrance which faces customer parking areas and is not visible from either a public or private street. For this exception to apply, the signs must be attached to the same wall as their

respective entrances and both the signs and the entrances must be upon the same plane of the building.

4. Painted Wall Signs. No sign may be painted, or similarly posted directly on the surface of any wall. Nor shall any sign be permitted to be placed on any wall, fence, or standard, facing the side of any adjoining lot located in any Residential District.
5. Integrated Shopping Centers. For integrated shopping centers containing five or more stores or shops, one (1) additional sign may be erected not exceeding one hundred (100) square feet in area advertising only the name and the location of the integrated shopping center. Such sign shall be placed not less than ten (10) feet from the front property lines of the premise upon which the sign is located and the bottom edge of such signs shall be at least eight feet above the surrounding ground. The overall height shall not exceed twenty (20) feet above grade.
6. Flashing Signs. No illuminated sign shall be of the flashing or intermittent type. Signs which may be in conflict with public traffic signals shall not be permitted.
7. Changeable Copy Signs. Changeable Copy Signs are permitted as a part of Wall or Free-Standing Signs. The size of the Changeable Copy Sign shall be counted towards the total sign area permitted for each sign type, and shall not exceed 40% of the total permitted sign area.
8. **Electronic Message Board Display. Electronic Message Board Displays are permitted only in the B4 District subject to the following standards:**
  - a. **The electronic message board must be located along a State or County Highway. If it is located along a County Highway, it must be within 1,000' of a State Highway.**
  - b. **The electronic message board component of a sign may comprise no more than 60% of the sign's total allowed sign face area.**
  - c. **Freestanding electronic message boards must be mounted on a base with a width that is at least 75% of the width of the sign's face, based on the greatest horizontal dimension of the sign face.**
  - d. **Any individual letter scrolling or otherwise displayed on the electronic message board shall remain illuminated and visible for at least 2 seconds.**
  - e. **The message shall not flash. Any message that remains visible for less than 2 seconds shall be considered as flashing.**
  - f. **Electronic message board signs are prohibited within 100 feet of a principal residential structure if any part of the sign face could be visible from the principal residential structure.**
  - g. **The hours of illumination shall be limited to between 6:00am and 11:00pm for signs located less than 500 feet from any principal residence. Public safety facilities shall be exempt from this**

provision. Churches located less than 500 feet from any principal residence shall also be exempt from this provision on those days of the year when special events are held for the observance of religious holidays.

- h. When adjacent to residential properties light levels shall not exceed 0.05 foot candles as measured along the residential property line.