

CITY OF GLENVIEW
ORDINANCE 3 , SERIES 2004

**An Ordinance regulating signs
in the City of Glenview**

WHEREAS the City of Glenview is a residential community and the residents are interested in preserving the natural beauty and attractiveness of the area within the City, and

WHEREAS the character of the environment affects the quality of life of the City's residents and the value of residential properties, and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in protecting esthetic values and the public safety of its residents, and preventing traffic hazards which may present a danger to its residents, and

WHEREAS, the City wants to regulate the physical characteristics of signs without proscribing or restricting a resident's constitutional right of free speech, or unreasonably interfering with the use of privately owned residential property, or suppressing the content of a resident's freedom of speech, or violating any First Amendment protections, and

WHEREAS, the City's regulation of signs is intended to be content-neutral to protect a substantial interest of the City, and to be no greater than is necessary to further the City's objectives in protecting the environment and residential character of the community, and residential property values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Glenview as follows:

- Section 1. No commercial advertisement shall be displayed on any lot, except for when a lot, or a house on a lot, is for sale, one (1) sign not more than five (5) square feet in size advertising such sale may be placed on the lot for sale only;
- Section 2. A residential sign, such as a sign supporting the resident's political or personal point of view, shall not be larger than five (5) square feet in size, and shall be located only on the lot owned, or rented, by the resident expressing the view point.
- Section 3. The height of any sign shall not exceed 3 ½ feet above the original ground level of the lot along the street frontage prior to construction. Any sign must be located at least fifteen (15) feet from any street adjacent to the lot where the sign is located.
- Section 4. No sign shall be permitted on public property, streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks, public utility poles, lamp posts, hydrants, shrubs, trees or public easements. No sign shall obstruct the sight lines of persons using streets, sidewalks and driveways.

Section 5. This Ordinance does not apply to the following:

- (a) Any traffic sign, public notice or warning required by a valid and applicable law, regulation or ordinance;
- (b) Holiday lights and decorations on residential lots with no commercial message;
- (c) Traffic control signs on private property, such as Stop, Yield, No Trespassing, No Hunting, and Private Drive, and other similar signs which contain no commercial message;
- (d) Signs used to identify the name and address of the residents, and
- (e) Signs permitted under this Section 5 must adhere to the size, height and location requirements contained in Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Section 6. Any person, corporation, firm or other entity violating any section of this Ordinance shall be guilty of committing a civil offense and fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation. Each day during which such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

This Ordinance repeals Ordinance 5A, Series 2002 and shall take effect after its passage and upon publication.

First reading this 17 day of March, 2004.

Second reading and enacted April 21, 2004.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK