

## **TOWN OF MAYFIELD LOCAL LAW # 3 OF THE YEAR 2003**

A local law creating a moratorium on the placement of large signs and billboards.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mayfield as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE: This local law shall be referred to as the “Local Law Creating a Moratorium on the Placement of Large Signs and Billboards”.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT:

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Mayfield to regulate and control land use, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town Board hereby declares an eighteen (18) month moratorium on the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement and erection of signs and billboards exceeding 40 square feet in area.

The Town of Mayfield does not have regulations that effectively govern signs. The Town of Mayfield recently had applications for the construction and location of very large signs before it, and anticipates that other applications will be made in the near future.

The Town Board desires to address the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement, and erection of large signs and billboards on a comprehensive Town wide basis, rather than on the present ad hoc basis, and to adopt a zoning ordinance which will contain regulations concerning large signs and billboards.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF CONTROLS:

A. During the effective period of this local law:

1. The Town Board shall not grant any approvals which would have as a result, the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or erection of a sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area.
2. The Planning Board shall not grant any approval to a subdivision plat, site plan, special permit, wetlands permit or other permits which would have as a result the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or erection of a sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer shall not issue any permit, approval or certificate which would have as the result the establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or erection of a sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area.

B. The Town Board reserves the right to direct the Code Enforcement Officer to revoke or rescind any Building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy issued in violation of this Local Law.

SECTION 4. NO ACTION UPON OR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

A. No currently pending application for establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or erection of a sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area or for approval for subdivision plat, site plan, special permit, wetlands permit or other permit, variance, Building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy of or for a currently situated or proposed sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area shall be finally considered by any board or agency of the Town of Mayfield while this Local Law is in effect. Nothing

in this Local Law shall preclude an applicant from having conferences with regard to such pending application with appropriate boards or agencies of the Town of Mayfield while this Local Law is in effect.

- B. No new application for establishment, placement, construction, enlargement or erection of a sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet or for approval for subdivision plat, site plan, special permit, wetlands permit or other permit, variance, building Permit or Certificate of Occupancy of or for a currently situated or proposed sign or billboard exceeding 40 square feet in area shall be acted upon or considered by any board or agency of the Town of Mayfield while this Local Law is in effect.

SECTION 5. TERM: This Local Law shall be in effect for a period of eighteen (18) months from its effective date.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES: Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish, place, construct, enlarge or erect any sign or billboard in violation of the provisions of this Local Law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

- A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided by laws, rules, regulations of the Town of Mayfield for violations; and
- B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Town of Mayfield to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law and, if necessary, to remove any construction which may have taken place in violation of the Local Law.

SECTION 7. VALIDITY: The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.