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~~County~~
~~City~~ of Jackson
Town
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Local Law No. One of the year ~~19~~ 2000

A local law providing for the Regulation of Certain Offsite
(Insert Title)
Commercial Signs in the Town of Jackson

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~County~~
~~City~~ of Jackson
Town
~~Village~~ as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings & Purpose:

(a) Findings. The Jackson Town Board finds that off-site commercial signs as defined hereinafter may have a negative impact upon significant agricultural resources within the Town.

(b) This law is intended to protect property values and create a more attractive and economic business climate. It is further intended hereby to reduce distraction and obstructions.

SECTION 2. Definitions

(a) Offsite Commercial Sign. An offsite commercial sign shall be defined as any material, structure or device, or part thereof, composed of lettered or pictorial matter which is located out-of-doors, or on the exterior of any building, or indoors as a window sign, displaying

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an advertisement, announcement, notice or name and shall include any declaration, demonstration, display, representation, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business or cause when such is placed in view of the general public whenever the purpose of the sign is to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business not located within the legal limits of the real property on which the sign is located.

(b) Sign Face. - The sign face is defined as the entire area of one side of a sign within a single continuous perimeter enclosing all elements which form an integral part of the sign. The structure supporting the sign shall be excluded unless the structure is designed in a way to form an integral background for the display.

SECTION 3. Prohibition

Off-site commercial signs with a sign face area greater than sixty-five (65) square feet shall be prohibited in the Town of Jackson.

SECTION 4. Grandfathered Signs

Notwithstanding the prohibition contained in section three above, any offsite commercial sign with a sign face greater than sixty-five (65) square feet that is in existence in the Town of Jackson as of the effective date of this law shall be entitled to remain in place in the Town of Jackson, provided, however, that other than normal maintenance, no alterations to such existing sign shall be permitted and should such sign be removed by an authorized person, firm or corporation, then no sign prohibited by this local law shall be permitted at that site.

SECTION 5. Enforcement.

(a) In the event of a violation or attempted violation of this local law, the town may seek a court order preventing such violation or an order requiring removal of any sign installed, altered, reconstructed or not removed in violation of this local law. In addition, any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this law shall subject to a fine of \$100.00 per week for each week of violation.

(b) In the event the town is successful in its proceedings against any offender, then the town shall be entitled to recover from such offender the costs of the enforcement proceedings including attorneys fees.

SECTION 6. Validity.

(a) If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this law is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect

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the validity of the remaining portions of this law.

SECTION 7 Variance.

(a) The Town Board has the right to grant a variance to have an on site sign on a contiguous neighbors land if it is agreeable to both landowners.

SECTION 8. Waiver

(a) A waiver may be granted if extraordinary or financial hardship is proven. This will be reviewed every 6 months by the Town Board. If the hardship no longer exists or property is transferred, waiver is rescinded and sign must be removed within ninety (90) days.

SECTION 9. Effective Date

This law shall become effective upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.