

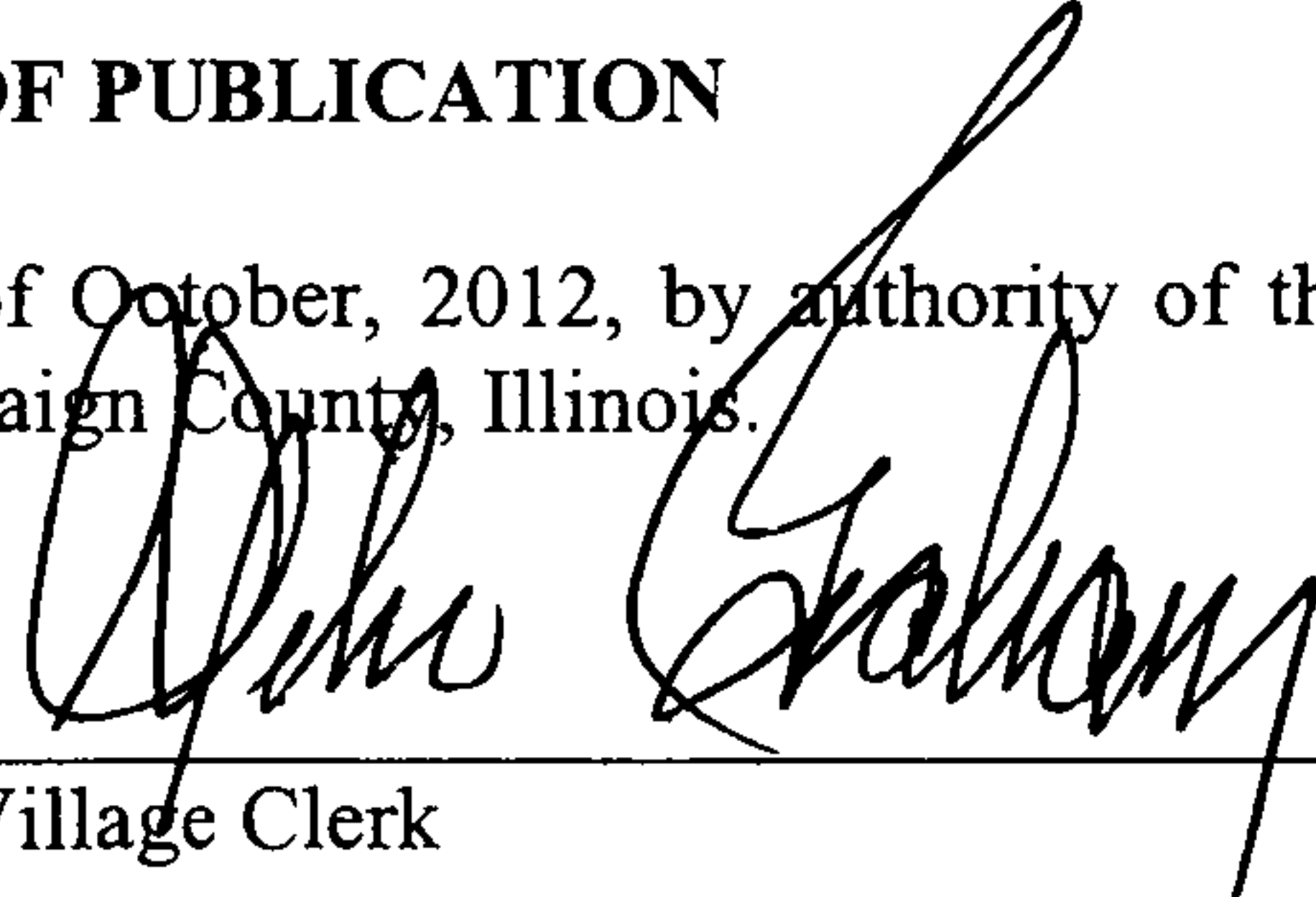
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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 46-369 of Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois (Chapter 46 being known and cited as the Rantoul Zoning Ordinance), as supplemented and amended (the “**Zoning Ordinance**”), the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois (the “**Corporate Authorities**”) adopted a resolution to initiate proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the requirements in connection with institutional signs and electronic message signs; and

WHEREAS, the substance of such proposed amendment is now included in the form of a proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in this Ordinance (the “**Proposed Text Amendment**”); and

WHEREAS, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012, in the Boardroom of the Village of Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S. Tanner Street, Rantoul, Illinois, the Plan Commission held and conducted a public hearing on the Proposed Text Amendment (the “**Public Hearing**”), due notice of the time, date and place of such Public Hearing having been published once in The Rantoul Press, a newspaper published within the Village, on September 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, after full and complete consideration of any testimony or comment presented at the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission rendered its decision by an affirmative vote of 6 to 0 that the Proposed Text Amendment, in the form as now set forth in this Ordinance, be forwarded to the Corporate Authorities of the Village with a recommendation that the Proposed Text Amendment be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission thereafter finally adjourned the Public Hearing on September 24, 2012, and has subsequently reported such findings and recommendation to the Corporate Authorities of the Village within thirty (30) days thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as the findings and determinations by the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

Section 2. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance. The following Sections of the Zoning Ordinance, as supplemented and amended, be and the same is hereby further supplemented and amended to provide as set forth below:

Section 46-10. Definitions, is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

a. To add a new definition of *Institutional use* immediately following the definition of *Industrial Park* to provide as follows:

Institutional use means any public, quasi-public or non-profit use including, but not limited to, a library, park, public or private school, hospital or any other structure or land used exclusively for any such public, quasi-public or nonprofit purpose.

b. To add a new definition of *Institutional sign* under the definition of the word *Sign* to provide as follows:

(12) *Institutional sign* means a sign which identifies an institutional use by a name or symbol or which makes an announcement in connection with such institutional use.

Part (4) *Institutional signs*, of Section 46-232. Signs allowed in all districts without a permit, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(4) *Institutional signs*. Any sign meeting the requirements of Section 46-236-1 of this Chapter which sets forth or denotes the name, symbol or an announcement for any institutional use when located on the premises of such institutional use, provided such sign shall not exceed a total of 20 square feet in display surface. If building-mounted, such institutional signs shall be flat wall signs, and shall not project above the roof line or front facade of the building. If freestanding, the total height shall not exceed six feet.

Part (8) *Manual message boards or electronic message boards* of Section 46-235. Commercial districts, is supplemented and amended to provide as follows:

(8) *Manual message boards or electronic message signs*.

a. Maximum number of signs: One manual message board or one electronic message sign attached to or made a part of any applicable type of sign as set forth in subsections (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section;

b. Maximum area of signs: No more than 50 percent of the total maximum area of the applicable type of sign as set forth in subsections (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section or no more than 50 percent of such other total maximum area of the applicable type of sign as may otherwise be allowed under the provisions of this chapter;

c. Display restrictions: The message on any electronic message sign shall be constant or steady in nature and shall not scroll or travel, grow, melt, x-ray, move up or down, bounce, inverse, roll, twinkle, snow or present pictorials or other animation at a rate faster than one (1) frame per one (1) second. No electronic message sign shall have both the background and foreground in motion simultaneously. Messages shall not change at a rate greater than once every four (4) seconds. Electronic message unit signs shall adjust brightness in response to changes in light levels so that such signs are not unreasonably bright for the safety of the motoring public and the comfort of the neighboring uses. The spillover at any property line shall not exceed 0.5 foot candles.

d. Location: No electronic message sign shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of the lot line of any residential use.

Part (8) *Manual message boards or electronic message boards* of Section 46-236. Industrial districts, is supplemented and amended to provide as follows:

(8) *Manual message boards or electronic message signs.*

- a. Maximum number of signs: One manual message board or one electronic message sign attached to or made a part of any applicable type of sign as set forth in subsections (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section;
- b. Maximum area of signs: No more than 50 percent of the total maximum area of the applicable type of sign as set forth in subsections (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section or no more than 50 percent of such other total maximum area of the applicable type of sign as may otherwise be allowed under the provisions of this chapter;
- c. Display restrictions: The message on any electronic message sign shall be constant or steady in nature and shall not scroll or travel, grow, melt, x-ray, move up or down, bounce, inverse, roll, twinkle, snow or present pictorials or other animation at a rate faster than one (1) frame per one (1) second. No electronic message sign shall have both the background and foreground in motion simultaneously. Messages shall not change at a rate greater than once every four (4) seconds. Electronic message unit signs shall adjust brightness in response to changes in light levels so that such signs are not unreasonably bright for the safety of the motoring public and the comfort of the neighboring uses. The spillover at any property line shall not exceed 0.5 foot candles.
- d. Location: No electronic message sign shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of the lot line of any residential use.

A new section, to be numbered and entitled Section 46-236-1. Institutional use signs, is hereby added to provide as follows:

Sec. 46-236-1. Institutional use signs.

The types of on-premise signs set forth in this section shall be allowed or permitted for any institutional use when the advertising on such signs is for the institutional use conducted upon the premises where any such signs are maintained or displays the date, time and temperature, subject to the limitations for each such type of sign as respectively contained herein.

(1) *Freestanding Sign.*

- a. Maximum number of signs: One (1) Freestanding Sign is permitted per institutional use premises.
- b. Type: Monument style.
- c. Maximum area of sign: Seventy (70) square feet.
- d. Maximum height of sign: Eight (8) feet.

(2) *Wall Signs.* Permitted in accordance with Section 46-235(2), permitted wall signs in the Commercial districts.

(3) *Manual message boards or electronic message signs.* Only one (1) manual message board or electronic message sign shall be permitted for each institutional use premises and each such sign shall meet the following standards:


- a. Design: Must be incorporated into the permitted monument sign, making the electronic message sign an integral part of the sign and the message portion of the sign may not exceed more than fifty (50) percent of the face of the sign or seventeen and one-half (17½) square feet, whichever is smaller.
- b. Operation: If located within any area or district zoned for residential use, any such sign shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of any residential use and shall only operate between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM.
- c. Display restrictions: The message on any electronic message sign shall be constant or steady in nature and shall not scroll or travel, grow, melt, x-ray, move up or down, bounce, inverse, roll, twinkle, snow or present pictorials or other animation at a rate faster than one (1) frame per one (1) second. No electronic message sign shall have both the background and foreground in motion simultaneously. Messages shall not change at a rate greater than once every four (4) seconds. Electronic message unit signs shall adjust brightness in response to changes in light levels so that the signs are not unreasonably bright for the safety of the motoring public and the comfort of the neighboring uses. The spillover at any property line shall not exceed 0.5 foot candles.
- d. Location: Except as otherwise provided in subpart b. of this part (3) immediately above, no electronic message sign shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of the lot line of any residential use. Electronic message signs must be located on arterial or collector streets as designated in the Comprehensive Plan of the Village and must be separated from each other by at least one hundred (100) feet.

Section 3. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Section 4. Publication. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published in pamphlet form.

This Ordinance is hereby passed, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a regular meeting on the date set forth below.

PASSED this 9th day of October, 2012.



 Village Clerk

APPROVED this 9th day of October, 2012.



 Village President

