

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND REGULATING THE USE OF DISPLAY SIGNS AND ADVERTISING BANNERS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

For the purpose of this ordinance, "Village" shall be the Village of Martin, Michigan.

"Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

"Display Sign" shall mean any type of sign suspended from the outer wall of any building and overhanging a public street or alley. This shall include painted or electrically lighted signs or a combination of the same.

"Advertising Banner" shall mean any cloth panel containing advertising matter and suspended over any part of a public street or alley.

SECTION 2. Before a person shall erect any display sign or advertising banner attached to, suspended from or supported on a building or structure, he shall file an application for a permit to do so with the Village Clerk of the Village. The application shall be in writing and must contain at least the following:

- (1) Name and address of person desiring the permit together with the address of the location where sign is to be erected.
- (2) A drawing or sketch showing width, depth and height of sign; distance from face of building or structure to which sign is to be attached, manner of suspending and bracing said sign and whether same is to be electrically lighted.

After receiving the application for a permit and all required information, the Village Clerk shall present the same to the Village Commission for its consideration and no permit shall be granted without formal approval of a majority of the Village Commission.

SECTION 3. Before approving application and granting a permit, the Village Commission may require the applicant to execute and file with the Village Clerk a surety bond, in a sum to be fixed by the Village Commission, with sureties approved by it, indemnifying the Village against all loss, cost, damage or expense incurred or sustained by or recovered against the Village by reason of the construction or maintenance of such display sign.

SECTION 4. All display signs equipped with neon tubes must be designed to prevent radio interference and the electrical wiring of all electrical signs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Electrical Code.

SECTION 5. The Village Commission may refuse to grant a permit for a display sign or advertising banner for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Failure to furnish the necessary information when making application;
- (2) Inadequate method of suspending and bracing display sign or method of hanging advertising banner;
- (3) Failure to execute and deliver a satisfactory surety bond when required;
- (4) When the edge of display sign farthest from building or structure face will be less than thirty (30) inches from face of curb line, present or proposed;
- (5) When the dimensions of the display sign for which a permit is sought is of such size as to obstruct or impair the effectiveness of an existing display sign on either side of, and adjacent to, the location where proposed sign will be erected;
- (6) When the lowest point of display sign is less than nine feet above the sidewalk grade.

SECTION 6. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction therefor shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 7. Should any phrase, sentence, clause, or section of this ordinance be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not be deemed to invalidate any other part or section of this ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 20 days after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 22 day of January, 1963.

Signed *Robert Salisbury*  
Village Clerk

Approved *Albert*  
Village President

This is to certify that on the 26th day of January, 1963, a copy of this ordinance was posted at the Martin State Bank, the Martin Post Office, and Geib's Service Station.

*Robert Salisbury*