

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08-3289

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-105 OF THE
GLENCOE ZONING CODE RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, Section 5-105 of the Glencoe Zoning Code regulates signs in all districts of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of signs is essential to supporting the objectives of the Zoning Code and the Comprehensive Plan, to preserve and enhance the appearance and safety of the Village, and to protect the property values of Glencoe; and

WHEREAS, all signs within the Village should be compatible with existing land uses and/or buildings with regard to size, location, color, construction, materials, and the time and manner of display; and

WHEREAS, the Village also wishes to guarantee the First Amendment rights of those who wish to express themselves through the use of signs containing specific messages; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 96-904 amended the Illinois Municipal Code to prohibit municipalities from imposing durational limitations on the display of outdoor political campaign signs; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to ensure that the Zoning Code comports with the requirements of Public Act. 96-904; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board referred to the Zoning Commission proposed amendments regarding political signs to the Village's sign regulations of the Glencoe Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice duly published in the *Glencoe News*, the Zoning Commission of the Village of Glencoe did on April 4, 2011 commence a public hearing

on possible modifications to the Glencoe Zoning Code regarding political signs, which public hearing concluded on April 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented at that public hearing, the Zoning Commission recommended approval of various amendments regarding political signs to the sign regulations of the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendations of the Zoning Commission, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that the best interests of the Village and its residents will be served by amending the Village's sign regulations as hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Glencoe, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are by this reference made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section.

SECTION TWO: **Amendments to Section 5-105 of the Glencoe Zoning Code.** Section 5-105, entitled "Signs," of Article 5, entitled "Regulations of General Applicability," of the Glencoe Zoning Code, shall be and is hereby amended in the following respects:

(a) Subparagraph (p), entitled "Political Sign," of Paragraph 1, entitled "Functional Types," of Subsection 5-105.D, entitled "Classification of Signs," is hereby amended in its entirety so that Subparagraph 5-105.D.1(p) hereafter will be and read as follows:

- (p) Political Signs.
 1. ~~Election~~ **Political Campaign Sign.** A temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national, State, or local election. ~~Election signs~~ **Political Campaign Signs** include only those signs specifically advocating on behalf of a person, or a

position on a question, to be considered by voters ~~on a ballot that has been certified in accordance with the Illinois Election Code.~~

2. **Political Message Sign.** A sign other than an election ~~a **Political Campaign Sign**~~ sign—expressing a noncommercial message regarding an issue or person of political or public concern.

(b) Paragraph 12, entitled "Political Signs," of Subsection 5-105.F, entitled "Signs Permitted in Any District Without Certificate of Zoning Compliance or Fee," is hereby amended in its entirety so that Paragraph 5-105-F-12 hereafter will be and read as follows:

12. Political Signs. [Defined 5-105.D.1(p)]

a. ~~Election Signs and Message~~ **Political** Signs of less than six square feet and four feet in height per sign may be located within the lot lines of any lot pursuant to the consent of the ~~lot's owner and the requirements established in this Paragraph 5-105.F.12.~~

b. Unless an ~~Election Sign or Message~~ **Political** Sign includes on the sign face the name of the person responsible for the sign, the owner of the lot on which the sign is located shall be deemed responsible for the sign.

c. ~~Election Signs and Message~~ **Political** Signs shall be exempted from any regulations regarding sign colors, but not regulations relating to illumination of signs.

d. Message **Political** Signs are permitted at all times ~~and are exempted from permit requirements at all times but must be maintained in good physical condition.~~

e. ~~Not more than one (1) Election Sign shall be permitted on any property per candidate or referendum position in an election contest. There shall be no limit on the number of Message Signs, but no lot may display more than 30 square feet of Message Signs.~~ **Political Campaign Signs of less than six square feet in area and four feet in height per candidate or issue per lot may be displayed.**

f. ~~Message Signs may not be displayed in any required yard on a lot. Election Signs are permitted in a required yard, but not in the public right-of-way. (Message sign defined (5-105-D-1-(p)-2).~~ **Except as provided in**

Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(g), the total area of Political Signs shall not exceed a total of 30 square feet in area per zoning lot, and the total area of Political Signs that may be located within any required yard is zero square feet.

g. ~~An Election Sign must be removed immediately, but in no event later than seven days, following the election to which it applies. Nothing in this Chapter precludes the relocation of an Election Sign so that it may remain as a Message Sign.~~ **Notwithstanding the size limitations contained in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(f), from the date a ballot for any particular election has been certified until seven days after such election occurs, in addition to the amount of signage authorized in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(f), Political Campaign Signs that meet the criteria established in Subparagraph 5-105.F.12(e) may be located within the required yard with no limitations on total square feet per zoning lot.**

h. ~~Election Signs and Message~~ **Political** Signs may be window signs or any other structural types permitted in the district, but must comply with the size, **total area, and location limitations of this Paragraph 5-105.F.12.** ~~limitations of Subparagraph 5-105F12(a), the number limitations of Subparagraph 5-105F12(e), and the location limitations of Subparagraph 5-105F12(f).~~

i. Political Signs must be located entirely on private property. No Political sign may be located within a public or private right-of-way.

SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, publication in pamphlet form, and posting in the manner provided by law.

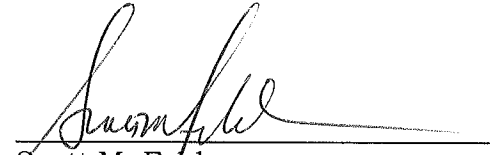
PASSED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2011.

AYES: Bhote, Cowans, Keefe, Levin, Shubart and Solomon (6)

NAYS: None (0)


ABSENT: None (0)

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2011.



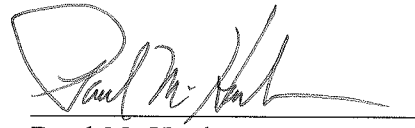
Scott M. Feldman
Village President

ATTEST:



Paul M. Harlow
Village Clerk

Posted and Published in pamphlet form this 21st day of April, 2011.



Paul M. Harlow
Village Clerk

Approved as to form.



Victor B. Higgins
Village Attorney