

ORDINANCE 2017 -1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SIGN CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR
TO ALLOW EXTERNAL ILLUMINATION OF WALL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Village has in full force and effect a sign code which provides, in pertinent part, that commercial wall signs shall be illuminated only internally, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board was petitioned in case number 01-PZB-17 by the owner of a new business, HeBrews Coffee Shop, 211 Sheridan Road, to amend the said code so as to allow external illumination of wall signs in commercial zoning districts, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to due and proper notice and posting, the PZB did hold a public hearing on January 10, 2017 at which it took testimony from Paul R. Cox, agent of the Petitioner, and debated the merits of the said petition and the effects that granting the requested relief would have on the overall scheme of the sign code within the commercial areas of this Village, and

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the debate, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the PZB did unanimously recommend that the Village Board adopt an amendment to sections 158.07 of the municipal code and allow such illumination, provided that the said external illumination is installed and maintained consistently with the provisions of section 158.10 of the said code, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board did receive the recommendation of the PZB, and upon due consideration of the issues, does concur that the proposed amendment is appropriate and in keeping with the character of our community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 158.07(E)(8) of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

(8) *Illumination.* Wall signs may ~~only~~ be internally illuminated, and may also be externally illuminated, consistent with the standards provided in section 158.10(C) of this Code.

SECTION TWO: Section 158.10 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows:

§ 158.10 ILLUMINATION.

All signs permitted to be illuminated under the regulations of this chapter shall be installed or applied such that signs shall meet the following standards.

(A) Wall signs, if illuminated, may be illuminated internally or externally.

(1) Internal illumination means that the light source is contained within the sign and is visible only through a translucent surface, or is otherwise recessed into the sign structure using concealed fixtures so that no reflectors, extension arms, floodlights, light bulbs or fixtures are visible from direct view. In the case of dimensional signs or individually applied letters, numbers, logos or other copy, illumination may also be placed behind the elements in outline form such that the light source is not visible from direct view.

(2) Externally illuminated wall signs shall conform to the standards of subsection C hereinbelow.

(B) Ground signs, if illuminated internally, shall meet the same standards as wall signs.

(C) *Externally illuminated signs.* Externally illuminated signs shall have lighting fixtures designed and installed only in such a manner that the direct rays of such lights shall be concentrated on the sign and be prevented from causing a glare on or striking the street or nearby property, or the reflector shall be provided with proper glass lenses concentrating the illumination upon the area of the sign so as to prevent glare on the street or nearby property.

(D) *Flashing signs and devices.* Flashing signs and devices shall be prohibited.

(E) Exposed neon tubing and exposed light bulbs shall be prohibited. Neon tubing used for internal illumination shall be concealed behind translucent covering.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR,
ILLINOIS, ON THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

ATTEST:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK