

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

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City of Plattsburgh.....

~~Town~~

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Local Law No. 1..... of the year 2011..

A local law IMPOSING A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL SIGNS
(Insert Title)

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Be it enacted by the Common Council..... of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~COUNTY~~

City of Plattsburgh..... as follows:

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1. Purpose and Intent. New advances in sign technology have resulted in signs that emit bright light and display changing and moving images. This technology may distract motorists creating a risk of injury to other drivers and pedestrians. Such signs may be aesthetically incompatible with community development objectives to preserve the architectural character of older buildings. City Code Chapter 270 does not regulate digital signs, therefore, to prevent the sudden proliferation of such signs and to study the public safety and aesthetic impact of Digital Signs it is necessary to impose a Moratorium on their installation.
2. Definitions. "Digital Sign" means a sign illuminated by incandescent bulbs, light emitting diodes, or that uses liquid crystal display technology and is capable of changing text or images with electronic commands. "Digital Sign" includes signs that vendors may also call or describe as plasma displays or video walls
3. Digital Signs Prohibited. During the moratorium period:
 - a. No existing sign shall be replaced with a Digital Sign.
 - b. No new Digital Sign shall be installed.
 - c. No permits shall be issued for the installation of Digital Signs.
4. Penalties. A violation of this law shall constitute an offense punishable under City Code section 270-57 A.
5. Variances. A person aggrieved by the application of this law may apply for a variance pursuant to the provisions of City Code Chapter 270.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

6. Moratorium Period. The prohibition on the installation of exterior Digital Signs shall remain in effect from the date this law takes effect to a date 180 days after this law takes effect, provided, that, the Common Council acting by resolution may terminate the moratorium prior to its expiration.
7. Report to Common Council. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, or a joint committee of such boards, shall make a written report and recommendation to the Common Council concerning advisable changes to the signage provisions of the Zoning Law within 150 120 days after this law takes effect.
8. This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after ~~disapproval~~) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20_____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20_____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph-----2-----, above.



Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk
or officer designated by local legislative body Keith A. Herkalo, City Clerk

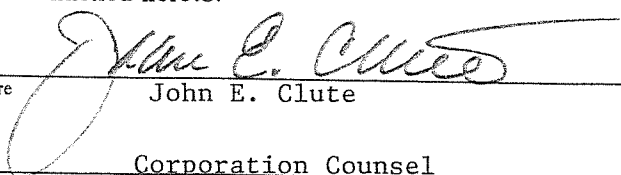
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Date: 4 May 2011

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF Clinton

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.



Signature John E. Clute

Title Corporation Counsel

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City of Plattsburgh
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Date: 4 May 2011