

Sec. 50-8. Signs and banners across streets.

(a) No person shall erect or place any sign or banner across any street, sidewalk or alley in the town. Signs or banners may be placed across streets, sidewalks or alleys only by the town.

Nonprofit organizations registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service in order to provide income tax deductions to donors and nonprofit organizations to which contributions are tax deductible without it having to register with the I.R.S.; federal, state and local governmental agencies or branches may apply to the town to have a sign or banner erected across a street, sidewalk or alley.

(b) The purpose of the sign or banners should be to welcome visitors to the town, honor public service, such as that performed by military units, promote public events that will promote Blackstone, and appeal to a large cross section of the population.

(c) Signs and banners shall not bear commercial advertising, political issues, political campaign promotion, religious or nonreligious messages, or promote specific social ideas or messages.

(d) The town manager shall promulgate an application form which shall obtain the following information and any additional information the town manager deems appropriate:

(1) Width, height and material from which the banner or sign is made, with adequate wind vents shown.

(2) A sketch or drawing of the banner showing its content, layout and design. Banners that deviate from the submitted drawing are subject to rejection.

(3) Requested dates of erecting and removal of the sign or banner and requested location of the banner.

(4) The application shall contain an indemnity agreement from the applicant agreeing to hold the town harmless from and against any and all liability by reason of the sign or banner.

(e) Applicants who are approved shall pay a fee of \$75.00 for erection and removal of the banner, prior to its erection.

Applications must be received at least 60 days prior to the proposed erection date in order to present the application to town council for approval or rejection.

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Secs. 50-9--50-25. Reserved.