

## CHAPTER 14

### CLASSIC SIGNS

#### SECTION:

#### 12-14-1 CLASSIC SIGNS

##### A. Eligibility

1. Any person may apply for designation of an existing sign, as of the date of adoption of this Code, as a classic sign. Classic signs are exempt from all requirements of this Title except those regulating unsafe signs.
2. To qualify for designation as a classic sign, the sign must:
  - a. Be at least twenty-five (25) years old or an exact duplicate of an original sign where the combined age of the exact duplicate and original sign is at least twenty-five (25) years.
  - b. Possess unique physical design characteristics, such as size, configuration, message, color, texture, etc.
  - c. Be of extraordinary significance to the Village, regardless of the use identified by the sign.

##### B. Application

1. An application for classic sign status must include plans for sign maintenance, renovation or possible reconstruction, acceptable to the Department of Community and Economic Development.
2. Application for classic sign status must be made to the Department of Community and Economic Development, or his/her designee, who schedules a public hearing of the Architectural Review Board and presents his/her recommendations to the Architectural Review Board at a public hearing.
3. The Architectural Review Board must make its recommendation to the Village Board. The Village Board may approve or deny the application.

##### C. Maintenance

The owner of a classic sign must ensure that the sign is not structurally dangerous, a fire hazard, an electrical shock hazard, or any other kind of hazard. If a classic sign is damaged or destroyed to the extent of fifty percent (50%) of its replacement value, the sign may not be replaced unless it is in conformance with all of the provisions of this Title.