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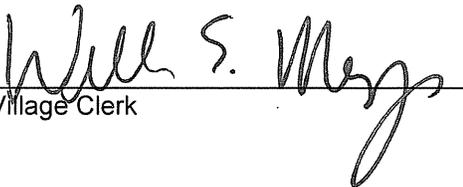
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Village Clerk

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 10 of the Lake Bluff Zoning Regulations includes regulations for signs in all districts of the Village; and,

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of signs is essential to supporting the objectives of the Zoning Regulations and the Village's Comprehensive Plan, to preserve and enhance the appearance and safety of the Village, and to protect the property values of the Village; 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**, the Village Board of Trustees referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals proposed amendments to the Village's sign regulations regarding election signs and political message signs ("**Amendments**"); and,

**WHEREAS**, following a properly noticed and held public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the Village Board of Trustees adopt the Amendments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that adoption of the Amendments set forth in this Ordinance pursuant to the Zoning Regulations and the Village's home rule powers is in the best interests of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.**

The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings and determinations of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 2. Public Hearing.**

A public hearing on the Amendments was duly advertised on or before July 5, 2011 in the *News-Sun*. The public hearing was held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 20, 2011, and continued on August 17, 2011, September 21, 2011, October 19, 2011, and November 16, 2011. On November 16, 2011, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the Proposed Amendments.

**Section 3. Amendments to Section 10-10-3 of the Zoning Regulations.**

Section 10-10-3, entitled "Sign Types and Definitions," of Chapter 10, entitled "Signs," of Title 10, entitled "Zoning Regulations, of the Lake Bluff Municipal Code, is hereby amended in the following respects [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are struck through]:

- (a) the definition of "Election Sign" is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**"ELECTION POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGN:** A temporary sign announcing or supporting political candidates or issues in connection with any national, State, or local election.

(b) the definition of "Political Message Sign" is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**"POLITICAL MESSAGE SIGN:** a sign **other than a political campaign sign** expressing a noncommercial message regarding an issue or a person of political or public concern."

(c) a new definition of "Election Period" is created to read as follows:

**"ELECTION PERIOD. The period between the date that an election ballot is certified by the State Board of Elections and seven days after that election."**

(d) a new definition of "Political Sign" is created to read as follows:

**"POLITICAL SIGN: a political campaign sign or a political message sign."**

#### **Section 4. Amendments to Section 10-10-19 of the Zoning Regulations.**

Subsection A, entitled "Specific Signs Exempt," of Section 10-10-19, entitled "Exemptions," of Chapter 10, entitled "Signs," of Title 10, entitled "Zoning Regulations, of the Lake Bluff Municipal Code, is hereby amended as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are struck through]:

#### 10-10-19: **EXEMPTIONS:**

- A. Specific Signs Exempt: The following signs shall not require a sign permit or review by the architectural board of review, so long as such signs comply with the following provisions applicable thereto, as well as all other provisions of this chapter, including, but not limited to, provisions regarding the allowable total number and size of signs on a premises:

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#### 7. Election- **Political** signs.

**A. Size Per Sign. Political signs may be up to six square feet in total area but no more than four feet in height.**

**B. Permitted on Private Property. Political Signs are permitted within the lot lines on private property at all times with the lot owner's consent. Political signs are not permitted on public rights-of-way at any time.**

**C. Location on a Lot. Political signs may be located on a lot between the building and the setback line, except that during an election period political campaign signs may be located between the setback line and the lot line.**

**D. Square Area of All Signs. The total area of political signs on a lot shall not exceed 18 square feet during periods of time other than Election Periods. During Election Periods, no more than one political campaign sign may be displayed for each candidate or**

**issue and the square footage of political campaign signs shall not count against the 18 square foot maximum.**

~~Two (2) signs, each not more than four (4) square feet in area, per zoning lot, shall be located entirely on private property pursuant to owner's consent, shall not be erected more than sixty (60) days before the date of the election, and shall be removed within seven (7) days following such election. On a corner lot, a total of four (4) signs, each not to exceed four (4) square feet in area, may be located on each zoning lot, provided no more than two (2) signs shall face each public street. Unless an election sign includes on its face the name of the person or organization responsible for such sign, the owner of the property on which such sign is located shall be deemed responsible for the sign.~~

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~~13. Political message signs. Such signs shall be located on private property and shall not exceed six (4) square feet in total surface area."~~

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

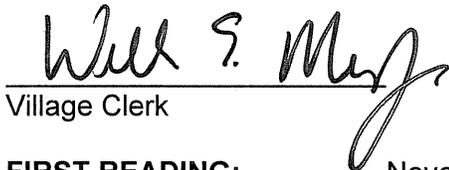
**PASSED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, by vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Bluff, as follows:

- AYES:** (4) Carney, Christensen, Dewart and O'Hara
- NAYS:** (0)
- ABSENT:** (2) Josephitis and Rener

**APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

  
Village President

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk

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