

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO NOTIFY OF CHANGES IN LAND REGULATIONS BY SIGNAGE

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WHEREAS the Town Board of Sugar Creek has determined that informing the public of applications for changes in land use regulations affecting a specific parcel shall benefit people and property in the Town of Sugar Creek.

Now therefore the Town Board of Sugar Creek adopts this ordinance, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Sign Required and Placed.**

Every parcel of land for which an application for a zoning change, a variance, a conditional use, or land division request (certified survey map or subdivision) shall be accompanied by an application for a "neighbor notification sign" filed with the Town Clerk. The "neighbor notification sign" shall be printed on two sides with a notice stating: "THIS LAND IS SUBJECT TO A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE LAND USE OR LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS. For more information call the Town Hall or Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management Department." Such signs shall be installed by an employee or agent of the Town of Sugar Creek so as to assure proper and uniform sign placement. The sign shall remain until the application has been completed by final decision of the responsible governmental body. This ordinance shall not require signs on every parcel in the event of a comprehensive rezone initiated by the Town of Sugar Creek.

**SECTION 2. Prohibition against Removal or Destruction.**

A. No person firm or association shall move, remove, deface, damage or destroy a sign authorized and placed pursuant to this Ordinance.

B. Any person who knowingly or willfully violates Section 2. A. of this Ordinance shall pay a forfeiture of a minimum of \$10.00 up to a maximum of \$50.00. Each day that a sign or lack of a sign violates this Ordinance shall be a separate offense. Citations may be issued with the authorization of the Town Board.

**SECTION 3. Replacement of Lost, Removed or Damaged Signs.**

In the event that a sign authorized and placed pursuant to this Ordinance is lost, removed, moved, damaged, destroyed or defaced, the Town shall install a

replacement sign and charge the property owner the amount established under this Ordinance. If the property owner fails to pay by invoice within a reasonable time, the Town Clerk shall impose a special charge as a lien on the property.

**SECTION 4. Fees for Signs.**

The Town Board may establish fees to cover the cost of the sign and its placement by motion from time to time.

**SECTION 5. Severability and Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.**

A. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective as to whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid and any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions, other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

B. The Town Board finds that laws requiring notice by mail, posting or publication are not inconsistent with this ordinance and shall continue to be in force and effect. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance heretofore enacted by the Town of Sugar Creek are hereby repealed.

Adopted on motion of Supervisor Charles Papcke, seconded by  
Supervisor Carl Rieken on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2007.

Attest:

Diane Boyd  
Diane Boyd, Town Clerk

Approved:

Gary Walker  
Gary Walker, Town Chairman

Charles Papcke  
Supervisor

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Supervisor