

Bellwood Sign Codes
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RWSSC has won another victory in our efforts to eliminate all sign bans in Cook County. Brokers in the Bellwood area have complained for years about a ban on “for sale” signs. Our attorney contacted Bellwood’s attorney and wrote him a letter outlining the history of sign legislation and what is considered legal under the constitution and what is considered illegal.

The week of June 13th, the Village of Bellwood informed us that no prohibition on the use of “for sale” signs exists in their ordinance and that no ban will be enforced. Bellwood’s sign ordinance allows for the use of (1) one sign per zoning lot, except on a corner lot two signs, once facing each street, shall be permitted. No sign shall exceed 12 square feet in area. (2) No sign shall project more than six feet above curb level.

The Sign Code appears to allow the use of any industry standard sign. If you or any of your clients encounters any difficulty in using or posting a sign, the Village Comptroller, Mr. Roy McCampbell, should be contacted as well as contacting me at the RWSSC.

Our next, and final goal is to eliminate the sign ban in the Village of Melrose Park. A letter will be sent to the Village Attorney in June, requesting that the village bring its sign code into compliance with nationally accepted standards. I will report on the progress of this program as it occurs.

Several agents have asked if we will be addressing the current sign ban in Oak Park. Sadly, RWSSC does not include Oak Park in its jurisdiction, but will forward any concerns of RWSSC members to the President of the Oak Park Board of Realtors.

Please remember that your donations to RPAC make programs like this sign ban elimination possible. RPAC donations help pay attorney fees, mailing costs, and any other costs associated with winning an issue of public policy. RPAC donations help end bans on signs, defeat transfer tax referendum, and defend your right to work in a free marketplace.