

**Local Law Filing**

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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~~County~~  
~~City~~ of ..... CAIRO .....  
Town  
~~Village~~

Local Law No. ....3..... of the year 19 ..98

A local law ...PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CAIRO.....  
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the .....Town Board.....of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~County~~  
~~City~~ of .....Cairo..... as follows:  
Town  
~~Village~~

SEE ATTACHED

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NUMBER 3 OF 1998

A LOCAL LAW Prohibiting Certain Signs Within the Town of Cairo

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

This local law shall be known as the "Local Law Prohibiting Certain Signs Within The Town of Cairo". This law prohibits the erection and maintenance of certain signs within the Town. For the purpose of this local law "sign" is defined as any material, structure, or device, or part thereof, composed of lettered or pictorial matter which is located out-of-doors, or on the exterior of any building, displaying as advertisement, announcement, notice or name, and shall include any declaration, demonstration, display, representation, illustration of insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business or cause when such is placed in view of the general public.

SECTION 2 - SIGNS PROHIBITED

Erection or maintenance of the following signs is prohibited within the Town of Cairo:

- A. Obsolete, abandoned or discontinued signs.
- B. Signs that attempt or appear to attempt to direct the movement of traffic or which interferes with, imitates or resembles any official traffic sign, signal or device.
- C. Signs which prevent the driver of a vehicle from having a clear and unobstructed view of official signs and approaching or merging traffic.
- D. Signs which move or have animated or moving parts except those giving public service information such as time, date, temperature, weather or similar information.
- E. Signs erected or maintained upon trees or painted or drawn on rocks or other natural features.
- F. Signs exceeding 50 square feet in area or 20 feet in height (above grade of road). Subject to Planning Board review: the Planning Board may authorize signs in excess of the maximum size upon written request and after a public hearing.
- G. Signs that are not consistent with the rules and regulations of this Part.

### SECTION 3 – EXEMPT SIGNS

The following signs are exempt from the requirements of this law:

- A. Providing consent of the property owner is obtained and that the placement does not exceed sixty (60) days:
  - 1. Political posters, banners and similar signs.
  - 2. Signs or other promotional devices relating to a special event, festival, or similar activity sponsored by public or non-profit agencies.
- B. Safety, directional, historical markers or other types of signs erected and maintained by public agency.
- C. Signs advertising the sale, lease or rental of the premise upon which the sign is located, which sign shall not exceed 16 square feet in area.
- D. Signs denoting the name and address of the occupants of the premises, which signs shall not exceed 8 square feet in area.
- E. Temporary signs denoting the architect, engineer, or contractor placed on premises where construction, repair, or renovation is in progress, which signs shall not exceed 36 square feet in area.
- F. Signs placed in windows.
- G. Signs used to post lands in accordance with the NYS Environmental Conservation Law.
- H. Holiday decorations.

### SECTION 4 – CONTINUATION OF EXISTING SIGNS

Signs in existence prior to enactment of this law may continue as long as they are in conformance with Section 2, A, B, C, & E.

## SECTION 5 – PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation that shall establish place, construct, enlarge or erect any sign or billboard in violation of the provisions of this Local Law or shall otherwise violate any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be subject to:

- A. Such penalties as may otherwise be provided by laws, rules, regulations of the Town of Cairo for violations.
- B. Injunctive relief in favor of the Town of Cairo to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this Local Law and, if necessary, to remove any construction which may have taken place in violation of the Local Law.

## SECTION 6 – ENFORCEMENT

This Local Law shall be enforced by the Town of Cairo Code Enforcement Officer.

## SECTION 7 – VALIDITY

The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

## SECTION 8 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of the State.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.  
(Name of Legislative Body)

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 19 98 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Cairo was duly passed by the Town Board on December 9 19 98, and was (approved)(~~not disapproved~~)(~~repassed after disapproval~~) by the Supervisor and was deemed duly adopted on December 31, 19 98, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.  
(Name of Legislative Body) (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.  
(Name of Legislative Body) (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**

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(Name of Legislative Body) (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

\*Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairman of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 19\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and of a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2, above.

*Ann T. Dorpfeld*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk  
or officer designated by local legislative body  
ANN DORPFELD

Date: January 11, 1999

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF GREENE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

*Kurt J. Doherty*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

TOWN ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

County  
~~City~~  
Town  
~~Village~~

of CAIRO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_