



LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson **TO ADD SECTION 250-37.2 TO ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 250 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE VACANT BUILDINGS AND STOREFRONTS**, a copy of which proposed local law is on file at the Office of the Village Clerk, and may be accessed at the following link:
www.portjeff.com

Members of the public may view the public hearing live at www.portjeff.com/virtualmeetings . To submit comments for the Public Record or in relation to a Public Hearing, send your comments via email to clek@portjeff.com up until 12 noon on March 15, 2021.

Barbara Sakovich
Village Clerk
February 25, 2021

ADDING SECTION 250-37.2 TO ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 250 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE VACANT BUILDINGS AND STOREFRONTS

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson:

The Code of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson, County of Suffolk, New York, is amended by:

ADDING Section 250-37.2 to Article VIII of Chapter 250 of the Village Code which shall read as follows:

[New Language]

~~[Language to be Deleted]~~

Article VIII Supplementary Regulations

§ 250-37.2 Vacant storefronts.

A. Legislative findings and purpose.

It is the finding of the Board of Trustees that window displays contribute to the vitality and economic health of the Village's business districts by visually connecting interior activities with public space and pedestrians on the street. It has been found that storefront windows that are vacant, or boarded over have a negative impact on the aesthetic character of the Village's business districts. It is the intent and purpose of this Section to promote the success of the businesses and the overall health of the Village's business districts, encourage an active and lively streetscape and maintain the historic aesthetic character of the Village's business districts by establishing regulations requiring the owner or tenant of a nonresidential building to place a window display in all storefront windows in accordance with certain standards.

B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

STOREFRONT WINDOW – Any window located in the C-1, C-2, or Marina Waterfront Districts that permits an unobstructed public view into the interior of the building from an adjacent street, sidewalk or public right-of-way. This term includes doors.

VACANT STOREFRONT WINDOW – A storefront window shall be deemed vacant if no person or persons conducts a lawfully licensed business there for a period of one (1) month or more.

WINDOW DISPLAY – A visual representation of information or graphics for viewing by the public in a storefront window. The display may consist of, for example, the Village of Port Jefferson logo, fine art, sculpture, or photography.

C. Window displays required. A window display shall be required in a vacant storefront window, subject to the following standards:

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- (2) Adhesive materials used to affix the window display shall not be visible from the outside of the storefront window.
- (3) The window display shall be maintained in a clean and neat appearance.
- (4) The window display shall face the exterior of the storefront window and shall not be further than three (3) feet from the interior of the storefront window.
- (5) The window display may be illuminated by means of shielded, direct, white light sources not exceeding 75 watts and in such a manner that no glare shall extend beyond the property lines or disturb the vision of passing motorists or constitute a hazard to traffic.
- (6) Window screening, including but not limited to, blinds, drapes, curtains or shades or a covering which is constructed of durable material such as cardstock or paper which covers the entire storefront window, shall not be considered a window display for purposes of this Section and are hereby prohibited.
- (7) All proposed window displays to be installed pursuant to this Section shall be approved prior to installation, by the Building Inspector.

D. Construction with other laws.

The provisions of this Section shall be in addition to all building, zoning, historic, fire, health or environmental laws that have been or may hereafter be imposed. Nothing herein shall be construed to repeal, modify, or constitute an alternative to any lawful regulation that is more restrictive than this Section.

E. Penalties for offenses; enforcement.

Any person who violates this article or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties provided in § 1-2 of the Code of the Village of Port Jefferson.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Aye Nay

___ ___ Mayor Garant

___ ___ Trustee Snaden

___ ___ Trustee Miller

Aye Nay

___ ___ Trustee Loucks

___ ___ Trustee Kassay

Dated: _____, 2021

Barbara Sakovich - Village Clerk

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

~~County~~

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of **The Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson**

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Village

Local Law No. ____ of the year 2021.

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