

**2024 Annual Town Meeting
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Article __ Outdoor Display

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding as Section 5.4.1:

“5.4.1. Outdoor Displays.

A. Outdoor Displays which comply with the following requirements are allowed as of right in zoning districts Central Business, Village Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial, and Business Industrial:

1. Outdoor displays are prohibited on any parking, delivery or loading areas; fire lanes; drive aisles; or sidewalks where less than 6 feet of sidewalk width remains for pedestrian access; or any other location that could cause a safety hazard.
2. Only products offered for sale by the store may be displayed. The sidewalk space shall not be leased to or used by an outside vendor or include self-contained fixtures such as vending machines, or coin operated amusements.
3. Merchandise must be displayed such that a minimum of 6 feet of sidewalk clearance is maintained at all times for pedestrians and handicap accessibility. Items should be located immediately adjacent to the building and may not extend beyond the subject business' storefront space. Display items shall not obstruct the normal ingress and egress from the subject business or other nearby businesses.
4. Outdoor display racks and shelving shall be:
 - a. Constructed of sturdy materials such as wood, iron, steel, clay, canvas, aluminum, or plastic. Prohibited shelving materials are glass, porcelain, and other breakable materials, including any items that may pose a hazard.
 - b. Maintained and in good condition at all times. Broken, rusting, degraded, torn, tattered or similar items shall be removed promptly.
5. Displayed merchandise shall not pose any health or safety hazard.
6. Displays shall specify that the actual sale of outdoor merchandise shall take place inside the store.
7. No additional business signage beyond pricing and product information is allowed.
8. The display is subject to the determination by the fire department that any overhang above the display area is of noncombustible material, or if it is combustible, subject to a fire protection plan approved by the fire department.

B. Any proposed outdoor display that does not meet these standards requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.”

And by amending Section 5.4 Table 1: Schedule of Uses, Section D. Business Uses under Accessory Uses, by adding after “Outdoor Display” the words “Subject to Section 5.4.1”, and changing “SP” to “Y” in the columns for CB, VC, NC, and BI.

Or act in any manner related thereto.