DelDOT “The Clear Zone Law”

The State sign law prohibits at all times all non-official signage in medians, on utility poles, and as much as 10 feet from the shoulders of state roads and highways known as the “Clear Zone.”

DelDOT is enforcing laws designed to keep the State's Rights-Of-Way clear from illegal and dangerous signs. The law is simple: DelDOT must remove any sign posted in the Clear Zone (in medians and approx. 10' from the edge of the roadway), including those attached to utility poles anywhere along the roadway. Any sign in the State's Rights-of-Way that is not in the Clear Zone will also be removed.

Exemptions apply outside the Clear Zone only for signs posted during a period of 30 days prior to and 30 days after an election, in a district in which an election is held.

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Sign Do’s & Don’ts

Do NOT use paper or cardboard signs

Do NOT attach signs on:
- Utility Poles
- Trees
- Traffic Sign Posts
- Fences

Do NOT place signs:
- In Street Rights-of-Way
- In Median Strips
- On Street Corners
- On Private Property

Do NOT put a sign in a location that blocks the view of motorist on the roadway.

Banners, pennants, streamers, spinning, fluttering or other distraction type objects are not allowed.

If you have any questions whether a sign is allowed, please contact Town Hall.
## The Right Kind of Signs

### Residential
- Real Estate Sale and Sold Signs
- Work, Yard, and Garage Sale
- Craft Fair and Campaign Signs

### Commercial
- Bulletin Board Type
- Business and Professional Signs
- Directional and Accessory Signs
- Subdivision Signs
- Construction and Temporary Signs

### Signs Prohibited in All Areas
- Flashing signs, except for time and temperature indicators, & public safety signs;
- Animated Signs;
- Signs which produce noise or sounds or emit smoke, flame vapor, particles or odor;
- Pennants, banners, streamers and all other fluttering, spinning or similar type signs and other advertising devices EXCEPT for a standard three-foot by five-foot flag with the word “OPEN” displayed, mounted on a pole only. One flag per business is allowed.
- Signs with intermittent lights resembling flashing lights associated with danger (i.e. Fire, Ambulance, or Police)
- Signs with lighting blending with traffic signals:
- Signs that obstruct a motorist’s view of traffic;
- Signs attached to trees or utility poles;
- Signs attached to vehicles parked primarily for display purposes;
- Signs identifying activities and establishments not located on the premises;
- Neon tubes, bent to form shapes, letters, or symbols, unless placed inside a business;
- Bare bulbs of any size;
- Signs illuminated in any manner which may constitute a traffic hazard, or be a nuisance;
- Signs that provide blinking, moving, animation, chaser lights or moving spotlights.

### Signs in Commercial Districts
- Signs in the commercial districts of Millville are governed by regulations with regard to sign size, height, illumination and placement in Article IX of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

All permanent signs, whether free standing, projection or wall signs and some semi-permanent signs, require approval, possibly by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and a sign permit by the Town of Millville before any sign can be erected, installed, constructed, posted, painted, relocated or changed in any way without Town of Millville approval.

The Town of Millville suggests you contact us to learn what is required for your sign before hiring a sign company. For more information call Town Hall @302-539-0449.

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### Signs in Residential Districts
- Most residential signs do not require a Town Sign Permit. Please use permanent or sturdy materials such as wood or metal free standing signs. The residential sign size limit is 2½ feet high & 2½ feet wide, or 6 sqft of sign area.

Do NOT place signs in the road right-of-way, corner, or within 10 feet from any street edge.

Do NOT attach signs to utility poles, fences, traffic signs or trees.

Yard sale and Garage sale signs may be posted for no longer than seven (7) days in advance of the day of the sale and must be promptly removed after the sale.

Work Ads are permitted for the duration of the project and should be removed when completed.