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County City Town x Village

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of Island Park

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2022

A local law entitled VACANT STOREFRONT is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Sec. 1: Legislative Finding 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 chapter 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 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 vacant storefront windows in accordance with certain standards.

SEC. 2: Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

STOREFRONT WINDOW

Any window located in the Village and Business Districts that permits an unobstructed public view into the interior of the building from an adjacent street, sidewalk or 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 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 Island Park logo, fine art, sculpture, or photography.

SEC. 3: Window displays required.

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

- A. The aggregate area of window displays shall not exceed 50% of the storefront window.
- B. Adhesive materials used to affix the window display shall not be visible from the outside of the storefront window.
- C. The window display shall be maintained in a clean and neat appearance.
- D. The window display shall face the exterior of the storefront window and shall not be further than three feet from the interior of the storefront window.
- E. 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.
- F. 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 a portion of or the entire storefront window shall not be considered a window display for purposes of this chapter and is hereby prohibited.
- G. All proposed window displays to be installed pursuant to this chapter shall be approved prior to installation, by the Village Clerk.

SEC. 4: Construal of provisions.

The provisions of this chapter 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 chapter.

SEC. 5: Penalties for offenses; enforcement.

Any person committing an offense against any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine in an amount not less than \$1,000 nor exceeding \$2,500 for each offense. The continuation of an offense against the provisions of this chapter shall constitute, for each day the offense is continued, a separate and distinct offense hereunder.

Be it enacted by the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

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of Island Park **as follows:**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.