



Village of Northbrook

DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SERVICES

Zoning Code Interpretation

Purpose:	Signs on Roof Not Visible from Street
Northbrook Zoning Code Section(s):	9-106 Signs
Date:	December 21, 2018

Reason for Interpretation

A question arose about whether or not the Village sign regulations are applicable to signs or murals that are painted on horizontal surfaces of a roof. Roof signs are specifically prohibited. Does this prohibition apply to signs painted on horizontal surfaces?

Interpretation:

The 'Roof Sign' definition in the zoning code (9-106E.2.h.) states that a sign may not be painted on the roof; however, it is applicable to signs that "projects above the highest point of a building with a flat roof".

A mural or sign painted on the exterior flat top surface of the roof of a building, not visible from anywhere except above the surface of the roof (from the sky) is allowed and does not require a sign permit.

It is also not subject the size restrictions in the code.

Reviewed and Affirmed:

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