

**SEC. 17.1.108 NONCONFORMING SIGNS**

(a) Signs Eligible For Characterization as Legal Nonconforming. Any sign located within the Village of Biron limits of the date of adoption of this Chapter or located in an area annexed to the Village of Biron hereafter which does not conform with the provisions of this Article is eligible for characterization as a legal nonconforming sign and is permitted, providing it meets the following requirements:

(1) The sign was covered by a proper sign permit prior to the date of adoption of this sign ordinance;

(2) If no permit was required under the applicable law for the sign in question and the sign was, in all respects, in compliance with applicable law on the date of adoption of this sign ordinance.

(b) Loss of Legal Nonconforming Status. A sign loses its nonconforming status if one (1) or more of the following occurs:

(1) The sign is structurally altered in any way, except for normal maintenance or repair, which tends to or makes the sign less in compliance with requirements of this Article than it was before alteration;

(2) The sign is relocated;

(3) The sign fails to conform to the Village requirements regarding maintenance and repair, abandonment or dangerous or defective signs;

(4) On the date of occurrence of any of the above, the sign shall be immediately brought in compliance with this Article with a new permit secured therefor or shall be removed.

(c) Legal Nonconforming Sign Maintenance and Repair. Nothing in this Article shall relieve the owner or use of a legal nonconforming sign or the owner of the property in which the sign is located from the provisions of this Article regarding safety, maintenance and repair of signs.