

Sec. 117-462. - Removal of signs by the zoning administrator.

(a) The zoning administrator may cause the removal of any illegal sign, any sign remaining after a business permanently closes, or any sign not properly maintained in cases of emergency, or after failure to timely comply with written orders for removal or repair. After removal or demolition of the sign, a notice shall be mailed to the sign owner and owner of the property where the sign was located stating the nature of the work and the date on which it was performed and demanding payment of the costs as certified by the zoning administrator together with an additional 50 percent for inspection and incidental costs.

(b) If the amount specified in the notice is not paid within 30 days after mailing of the notice, it shall become a lien against the parcel where the sign was located and shall be certified as an assessment against the property together with ten percent interest for collection in the same manner as the real estate taxes.

(c) The owner of the parcel upon which the sign is located shall be presumed to be the owner of all signs thereon unless facts to the contrary are brought to the attention of the zoning administrator.

(d) In case of emergency, the zoning administrator or building official may cause the immediate removal of a dangerous or defective sign without notice. Signs removed in this manner must present a hazard to the public safety as defined in the state building code.

(Code 1978, § 9.12.22; Ord. No. 94-02, 2-28-1994; Ord. No. 08-07, § 2, 2-12-2008; Ord. No. 08-25, § 2, 8-12-2008)