

# **New Hope Regulations**

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### Sign Ordinance Regulations

No sign shall be erected or temporarily placed within a street right-of-way or upon public lands, easements or rights-of-way. All signs, excepting governmental signs, shall be located on private property. Freestanding signs shall be set back a minimum of ten feet from the nearest lot line. The setback shall be measured from the lot line to that portion of the sign nearest to the property line.

"For Sale" and "For Rent" signs shall be permitted subject to the following regulations: Singlefamily homes, twin homes and townhomes may have one sign related to the sale, rent or lease of the dwelling units on the premises. Said sign shall not exceed eight square feet in area.

Open house signs subject to the following:

- No sign shall exceed six square feet in area or three feet in height.
- All signs shall clearly identify the address, month, dates or days of the week of the event.
- All signs shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from the back of the curb or behind any existing sidewalk, whichever is greater.
- No sign shall be located on any governmental property including, but not limited to, municipal, county or school district property.
- No sign shall be placed on utility poles, fences or trees.
- No sign shall be placed on vehicles or trailers located on the public street or any other public or governmental property.
- Any sign placed on private property other than the sale premises shall only be placed with prior permission of the property owner.
- No open house sign shall be posted more than one day prior to the open house and all signs shall be removed by 10:00 p.m. on the same day of the open house event.

Directional signs are allowed not exceeding two square feet in area which are placed entirely upon private property and not located on public lands, easements or rights-ofway.

## Septic System Regulations

Septic systems are not allowed in the city.



#### **Point of Sale Regulations**

Since 1978, New Hope has required sellers to have their home inspected by a city building official and to make any needed repairs before the home is sold. A code compliance inspection is required prior to the sale of any residential property, including single-family homes, condominiums, and apartment buildings. The initial code compliance inspection takes about 45 minutes. During the inspection, the building official looks for items in the home that present safety or maintenance concerns. Following the inspection, the homeowner receives a

"fix it" list that spells out the repairs that will be needed to bring the property into compliance with the city codes. The home seller must make the specified repairs and have the home re-inspected before a Certificate of Compliance will be issued and the home may be sold. If the seller is physically or financially unable to make the repairs, the home may be sold "as is" if the buyer commits to making the repairs within a specified period.

The Code Compliance Inspection fee is \$130. The fee covers both the initial inspection and one re-inspection of the property.

#### **City Website**

https://www.newhopemn.gov/

#### City Ordinances

https://www.newhopemn.gov/city\_hall/city\_code

\*Please note: As of 1/1/21, New Hope did not have specific statutes related to Rental Regulations.