

CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #619H

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE (SECTIONS 150.706 EXTERIOR STORAGE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL, OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, 150.712 FENCING STANDARDS AND 150.1008 CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS).

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023.

Published in Pamphlet Form this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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(Sections 150.706 Exterior Storage Standards for Residential, Office and Commercial  
Districts, 150.712 Fencing Standards and 150.1008 Changeable Copy Signs)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belvidere has adopted Chapter 150 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Belvidere Municipal Code pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes to establish and set forth regulations pertaining to the use and development of land, buildings and structures in the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to periodically amend the Zoning Ordinance in response to changes in technology, business and development practices, community standards and to improve administration and enforcement procedures; and,

**WHEREAS**, after due notice, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to consider an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance on March 14, 2023 and has transmitted its recommendation on the matter to the City Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That Section 150.706(D) Exterior Storage Standards, be and is hereby amended, to read as follows:

**(D) Requirements for Exterior Commercial Vehicle and Equipment Storage in Office and Commercial Districts.** No person shall park or store commercial vehicles on a lot in an office or commercial district except within a fully enclosed structure or except as provided herein.

- (1) For the purposes of this Ordinance, a commercial vehicle or equipment shall include vehicles with commercial logos, trailers, and similar equipment, vehicles, and storage units.
- (2) Outside parking of commercial vehicles and equipment are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. The commercial vehicle shall be maintained and be in good condition and safe for effective performance for the function in which it was intended. The exterior of the vehicle shall be intact.
  - b. Commercial vehicles shall be roadworthy. Vehicles that require a license shall be properly licensed.
  - c. The commercial vehicle shall be associated with the primary use of the property
- (3) As set forth in Section 150.704, truck (as defined in Section 150.013) parking and standing are prohibited in all non industrial zoning districts with the exception of vehicles actively engaged in loading and unloading.



**Section 2.** That Section 150.712(E)(1) Fencing Standards, be and is hereby amended, to read as follows:

**(E) Standards**

**(1) Materials**

- A. **Residential Districts.** Acceptable materials for constructing fencing, landscape walls, and decorative posts include wood, stone, brick, wrought iron, chain link, and wire mesh, except that wire mesh fencing is not permitted within required front yard or street yard areas. All finished exteriors of fence shall be colored in a uniform manner with the exception of fluorescent colored paint which is prohibited.
- B. **Nonresidential Districts.** Acceptable materials for constructing fencing, landscape walls, and decorative posts include wood, stone, brick, wrought iron, chain link, and wire mesh. Barbed wire fencing shall only be permitted in the industrial districts when in conjunction with outdoor storage, wholesaling and commercial vehicle/truck parking areas. Any fence within a street yard, including along property lines which intersect a right-of-way, shall be a maximum of 60% opaque.
- C. **Temporary Fencing.** Temporary fencing, including the use of wood or plastic snow fences for the purposes of limiting snow drifting between November 1 and April 1, protection of excavation and construction sites, and the protection of plants during grading and construction is permitted for up to 180 consecutive days and no more than 180 consecutive days per calendar year. Temporary fencing must be setback 6" from the public right-of-way.
- D. **Snow Fences.** Snow fences constructed of wood and wire, and/or plastic shall be permitted only as temporary fences.

**Section 3.** That Section 150.1008 Changeable Copy Signs, be and is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Changeable copy signs as defined in §150.1003, are permitted in all districts, except for lots in residential use in single-family residential districts (SR-3, SR-4, and SR-6).

The changeable copy portion of a free standing sign, including background materials, shall be not be greater than 50 percent of the total freestanding sign area.

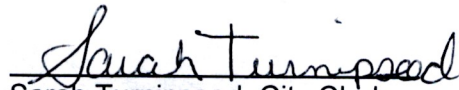
Changeable copy signs with information that changes more than eight times a day shall be treated as animated signs.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Belvidere this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Belvidere this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
Clinton Morris, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk

Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

City Council Members Voting Aye: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather,  
Snow and Stevens.

City Council Members Voting Nay: None.

Date Published: April 6, 2023

Sponsor: Ald. Snow

**AFFIDVAIT**

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF BOONE     )

Sarah Turnipseed, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #619H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on April 6, 2023, and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #619H on the bulletin board in the lobby of Belvidere City Hall at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily accessible to the public during business hours of the City Clerk's office.

*Sarah Turnipseed*

Sarah Turnipseed  
City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

*Erica L. Bluege*  
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Notary Public

