

TOWN OF GUILFORD
REGULATIONS AFFECTING PRIVATE
UNATTENDED DISPLAYS ON THE GUILFORD TOWN GREEN
(File with the Selectman's Office)

This Application is for use only during the "winter holiday season" which is defined as beginning on December 1st and ending on January 15th.

- (1) NAME OF APPLICANT _____
[Organization/Individual]
- (2) DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION _____
- (3) PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPLAY _____
- (4) ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____
- (5) DISPLAY DESCRIPTION _____
- (6) DESCRIBE HOW DISPLAY IS CONNECTED TO THE WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON _____

- (7) DATE DISPLAY TO BE ERECTED _____
- (8) DATE DISPLAY TO BE REMOVED _____
- (9) SECTION REQUESTED FOR DISPLAY _____ A _____ B _____ C
(see map/Section 9)

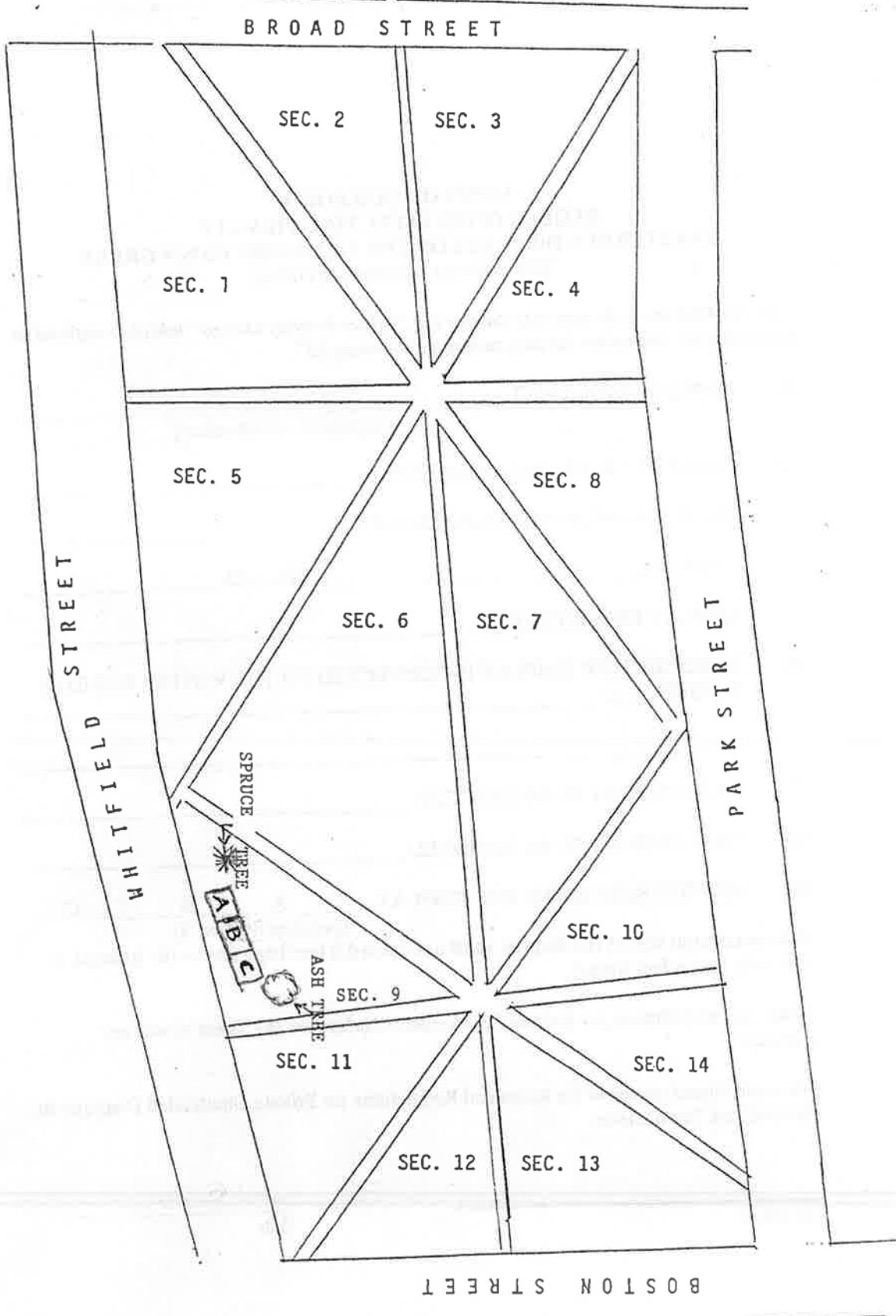
[The maximum size of the display shall not exceed 8 feet high above the ground, 8 feet wide and 8 feet deep.]

Rules and Regulations for Private Unattended Displays on the Town Green are attached.

The undersigned agrees to the Rules and Regulations for Private Unattended Displays on the Guilford Town Green.

Signature

Date



Description of Agreement with:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)) ss:
COUNTY OF)

Applicant

(Date)

Notary Public

**REGULATIONS AFFECTING PRIVATE
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(Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, October 15, 2001)

1. With the exception of Signs placed upon the Town Green in accordance with Guilford's Policy regarding Placement of Signs on Green, as amended, and displays allowed during the winter holiday season in accordance with these Regulations, all unattended privately owned displays on the Town Green are prohibited.
2. The "winter holiday season" for the purposes of these Regulations is defined as that period beginning on December 1 and ending on January 15. During but not limited to such holiday season, the Town maintains a lighted and decorated Christmas tree on the Green. In order to celebrate the diversity of the community, to bring the community together to celebrate the holiday season, and to foster holiday spirit in its downtown area, the Town will designate three 100 square foot areas (each 10 feet x 10 feet square) in the vicinity of the Town's decorated Christmas tree, in which areas privately owned unattended non-commercial displays will be permitted in accordance with these Regulations. A "display," for the purposes of these Regulations, may include one or more symbols, religious or otherwise, with attendant decorations.
3. While these Regulations are content-neutral in terms of the message intended to be conveyed by each display, such displays should be in keeping with the winter holiday season and the historic character of the Green.
4. A maximum of three displays, one per each area, may be in place at any one time.

5. Any individual or group may display once per holiday season.
6. Applications for placement of a display for the 2001-2002 holiday season will be accepted and acted upon on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning with the start of the Town Hall business day on October 29, 2001. In subsequent years, such applications will be accepted and acted upon on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning with the start of the Town Hall business day on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day in September of each year. A successful Applicant may display in the assigned area for all or part of the winter holiday season. A parcel shall remain vacant on any day within such holiday season that a successful Applicant chooses not to display.
7. All applications shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen at its offices in the Town Hall and acted upon by it. The Town Building Department will examine both applications and displays to review compliance with these Regulations and will advise the Board of Selectmen with respect to the same. Applications which do not comply with these requirements will not be approved. Displays which do not comply will not be permitted. Displays which fall into non-compliance after erected will be subject to removal by the Town. All displays must comply with all applicable building, health and other Town and State laws and Regulations, including those related to zoning, health and safety. Decisions on applications will be made within 15 business days of receipt by the Board of Selectmen.
8. There will be no charge for an application and no charge for electricity used for the display. Electric service will be available only for use in lighting. Lighting shall be on the same timing schedule as the Town Christmas tree.

9. No display shall be more than 8 feet high above the ground level nor more than 8 feet wide nor more than 8 feet deep, and no display shall present a threat to health or safety.
10. Each display must be accompanied by a disclaimer sign, 12" high and 24" wide, within the 100 foot square area and in proximity to the display, no less than 24" nor more than 36" above the ground, starting in clear and visible letters: "This display is erected, owned and sponsored by (name and address of the individual or organization)," clearly displaying the name and address (Town or City) of the sponsor.
11. The Town may locate a sign in each of the three display areas disclaiming any Town sponsorship or endorsement of the messages contained in or represented by the display.
12. The authority enacting these Regulations reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to the same without notice, or revoke the Regulations in their entirety.
13. Each Applicant, as part of and by filing an application, shall agree to restore the ground and the premises to its original condition and shall provide to the Town either a bond to cover and guarantee the cost of clean up and repairs in the amount of \$5,000.00 or a signed agreement to pay and indemnify the Town for any costs and/or expense it incurs for said items. The Applicant's liability, under either option, shall be limited to damage caused by the Applicant or its agents.

14. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Applicant, by its application, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its agents and employees from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, claims, demands, suits, costs or expenses for injury to or death of any person or damage to any property arising out of or caused either wholly or in part by reason of Applicant's use of the Green or the installation, placement and maintenance of said display, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by any party indemnified hereunder. A successful Applicant, before erecting a display, shall furnish the Town with a Certificate of General Liability Insurance, naming the Town as an additional insured, with a Property Damage and Bodily Injury Liability \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit. The Town will not be responsible to the Applicant for property damage to the display.
15. The Town will not permit any display which is obscene as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. 53a-193, or which is likely to incite imminent lawless action, or which is otherwise unprotected by the First Amendment. The Town reserves the right to remove such displays as fail to conform to these Regulations and will not be responsible to the Applicant for any damage to or destruction of the display in conjunction with such removal.