

VILLAGE OF STILLWATER

Policy: Deaf and Blind Child Warning Signs

Date: April 17, 2018

Procedure:

- A. A resident living on a Village of Stillwater street or road who wishes to have a deaf or blind child warning sign installed must submit a written request to the Village Clerk using the attached form. The following criteria shall apply:
1. The hearing and/or visually-impaired child for whom the sign is to be installed must be under eighteen (18) years of age.
 2. Written verification of the child's hearing problem and/or documentation stating that the child is legally blind must be received from a school official or a licensed physician.
 3. If the family moves, the child no longer lives at home, or the child's condition improves, the parent/guardian agrees to notify the Village Clerk in writing within fourteen (14) days of the event.
 4. If approved, the applicant must agree in writing that the sign will be removed when the child reaches thirteen (13) years of age, unless otherwise requested and approved by the Village.
 5. Additionally, the parent/guardian must recognize and agree that the sign is no guarantee of their child's safety and that they have responsibly for monitoring their child's activities.
- B. The request will be added to the agenda under New Business at the next regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting. Discussion should include the type of sign, street information, above criteria and cost to the Village. The family is encouraged to attend the Board meeting to answer any questions.
- C. If the Village Board of Trustees approves the request, a sign will be installed at the direction of the Village Public Works Superintendent. The following guidelines will be followed:
1. Deaf and Blind Child warning signs shall be placed according to the procedures established in the New York Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. To the extent the MUTCD does not provide criteria for the installation of these signs, the Public Works Superintendent shall establish such criteria.

2. In the event that a child is confirmed to having both a hearing and visual impairment, then a “Deaf Child” sign will be chosen for installation.
3. The applicant will be notified of the date that the sign is scheduled to be installed.
4. The sign placement will be reviewed at least every two years to insure that the above criterion is still being met. The Village may require that the applicant renew the written request at any time.
5. Signs shall be removed when the above criterion are no longer satisfied.
6. The Village reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to remove deaf and blind child warning signs at any time.

REQUEST FOR DEAF/BLIND CHILD AREA WARNING SIGNS

Date: _____

Request: I request the following warning sign for our Village street due to my child's hearing/sight impairment (check one):

____ DEAF CHILD AREA

____ BLIND CHILD AREA

Child's Name: _____

Child's Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____

I have read the Village policy on Deaf and Blind Child Warning Signs. I agree to notify the Stillwater Village Clerk, in writing, if (1) the family moves, (2) the child no longer lives at home or (3) the child's condition improves to the point where the sign would not be needed. Certification of the extent of my child's hearing/sight impairment from a school official or licensed physician/optometrist is attached. I understand that the sign will be removed when the child reaches the age of 18, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Village Board Approval: ____ Yes ____ No Date: _____

Number of signs installed: _____ Date: _____

Number of signs removed: _____ Date: _____

Notes: