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SIGN PERMIT

PERMIT NO. _____

DATE: _____

NAME (APPLICANT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DO YOU OWN OR LEASE THE PROPERTY? _____

IF APPLICANT IS NOT THE PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME (OWNER): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TAX MAP PARCEL NO: _____

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

DEED REFERENCE BOOK: _____ PAGE: _____

PROPERTY ZONE: AC RA RS CI FP (CIRCLE ONE)

NAME (CONTRACTOR): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CURRENT USE OF THE PROPERTY: _____

IS THIS USE PERMITTED IN THIS ZONE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SIGN (DIMENSIONS, LOCATION, PHOTOS, ATTACH PLANS): _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE, OFFICE USE ONLY

SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION FEE \$150.00

☐ PAID CHECK # _____

PERMIT APPROVED ☐

PERMIT DENIED ☐

SCOTT LONGSTRETH, PE
ZONING OFFICER

DATE
THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR SIX MONTHS

§ 27-1023. Signs. [Ord. 35, 11/11/1999, § 1023]

1. Use, Location and Size. The following types of signs and no others shall be permitted to be erected or maintained, unless specifically identified in the criteria for a land use permitted by conditional use:
 - A. Identification, informational or directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies.
 - B. Signs advertising the sale or rental of premises; provided, that:
 - (1) Such signs shall be erected on the premises to which they relate.
 - (2) The area of one side of any sign shall not exceed 20 square feet in the CI District and 10 square feet within all other districts.
 - (3) Such signs shall be removed within 14 days after the property is sold or rented.
 - C. Signs indicating the location and direction of premises available for or in the process of development and having inscribed thereon the name of the owner, developer, builder or agent; provided, that:
 - (1) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed 20 square feet.
 - (2) Not more than two such signs shall be erected on each 500 feet of street frontage.
 - D. Signs of mechanics and artisans during the period such persons are performing work; provided, that:
 - (1) Such signs shall be erected only on the premises where such work is being performed.
 - (2) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed 40 square feet.
 - (3) Not more than one such sign may be erected on each street frontage.
 - (4) Such signs shall be removed promptly upon completion of work.

- E. Signs for public recreation areas, schools, colleges, churches or other similar public institutions or uses; provided, that:
 - (1) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed 20 square feet.
 - (2) Not more than one such sign may be erected on each street frontage.
- F. Signs prohibiting or otherwise controlling trespassing upon particular premises or indicating the private nature of a road, driveway or premises or otherwise controlling the use of the property; provided, that the area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed six square feet.
- G. Signs indicating the name of a particular organization, home for the aged, nursing home or convalescent home, farm or estate; provided, that:
 - (1) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed 25 square feet.
 - (2) Any such sign shall be located on the same lot as the organization, home for the aged, nursing home, farm or estate.
 - (3) Not more than one such sign may be erected on each street frontage.
- H. Signs advertising the sale of farm products, as permitted by this Chapter; provided, that:
 - (1) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed 10 square feet.
 - (2) Not more than two such signs shall be erected and maintained.
 - (3) Such signs shall be displayed only when such products are on sale.
- I. Home business, accessory use, name or address signs; provided, that:
 - (1) The area on one side of any such sign shall not exceed four square feet.
 - (2) Any such sign shall be erected only on the premises which in such use exists.
- J. Commercial or industrial signs; provided, that:

- (1) The area one side of any free-standing sign shall not exceed 80 square feet in the CI District and 20 square feet in any other district.
 - (2) Not more than one such sign shall be erected on each street frontage.
 - (3) In the CI District, the area of any sign attached to a building shall not exceed 15% of the wall area on which the sign is placed.
 - (4) In districts other than CI, the area of any wall sign or projecting sign attached to a building shall not exceed 10% of the wall area on which the sign is placed or 20 square feet, whichever is less.
 - (5) The sign placed on any building or lot shall be related to the business conducted on such premises.
- K. Temporary signs advertising a sale or event; provided, that such signs shall not be displayed in excess of one month and shall be removed promptly after the event.
- L. Political signs for candidates of elected offices; provided, that such signs shall not be displayed in excess of one month prior to the election date and shall be removed within seven days after the election. Political signs shall not exceed three square feet in area.
- M. Billboards are permitted by conditional use in the CI District, in accordance with the following requirements: **[Amended by Ord. No. 2017-01-67, 10/12/2017]**
- (1) No billboard shall be located within 1,500 feet of any other billboard.
 - (2) All billboards shall be set at least 50 feet back from all street/highway right-of-way lines.
 - (3) All billboards shall be set at least 200 feet from any residentially zoned land as well as from any residential dwellings.
 - (4) All billboards shall be set at least 50 feet from any property line.
 - (5) No billboard shall have a face which exceeds 300 square feet in area.
 - (6) The lowest edge of the face of the billboard shall be at least seven feet off the ground, and the maximum height of the billboard shall be no more than 35 feet from ground level.

- (7) No billboard shall be located within 50 feet of any sewer, water, pipeline, or electric right-of-way line.
- (8) No vertically or horizontally stacked billboard shall be permitted.
- (9) Billboards shall not obstruct the view of any motorist on an adjoining road or the view of adjoining commercial or industrial uses which depend upon such visibility for identification.
- (10) Any digital billboard emitting light or luminance through LED lighting or similar technology shall be no brighter than 5,000 candela per square meter (nts) between the hours of sunrise and sunset and no brighter than 125 candela per square meter (nts) between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Such billboards shall utilize light-sensing technology that automatically adjusts the brightness of the display of the billboard as natural ambient light conditions vary in order to comply with the aforementioned brightness limits.
- (11) Digital billboards emitting light or luminance through LED lighting or similar technology shall not be permitted to change their imagery more frequently than once every 15 seconds. Such changes shall be made in an instantaneous fashion.
- (12) Billboards shall not utilize message sequencing such as flashing images, fading images, videos, moving parts, or scrolling words or images.
- (13) The replacement of an existing conventional or nondigital billboard with a digital billboard shall require a conditional use permit.

2. General Sign Regulations.

- A. The area of a sign shall be construed to include all letter, wording and accompanying designs and symbols, together with the background, whether open or enclosed, on which they are displayed (but not including any supporting framework and bracing incidental to the display itself). Where the sign consists of individual letters or symbols attached to a building, wall or window the area of the sign shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or other regular geometric shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols. In computing the square foot area of a double-faced sign, only one side shall be considered; provided, that the both faces are identical. If the interior angle formed by the two faces of the double-sided sign is greater than 45°, then both sides of such sign shall be considered in calculating the sign area. A cube shall be considered four signs.
- B. No sign shall be placed in such a position that it will cause danger to traffic on a street by obscuring the view.
- C. No signs shall be allowed in the public right-of-way, except for the following:
 - (1) Permanent signs, including:
 - (a) Public signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post legal notices, identify public property, convey public information and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
 - (b) Bus stop signs erected by a public transit company.
 - (c) Informational signs of a public utility regarding its poles, lines, pipes or facilities.
 - (2) Temporary signs, including:
 - (a) Public signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post legal notices, convey public information and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
 - (b) Signs announcing special events of charitable or public service groups; provided, such signs shall be approved by the Zoning Officer and shall:
 - 1) Be limited to a maximum size of 32 square feet in area.
 - 2) Be removed as soon as the event or activity thereby has occurred and shall not be permitted to exist more than 30 days prior to such event or activity.

- (3) Emergency warning signs erected by a governmental agency, a public utility company or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.
 - (4) Any sign installed or placed on public property, except in conformance with the requirements of this Section, shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation. In addition to other remedies hereunder, the Township shall have the right to recover from the owner or person placing such a sign the full costs of removal and disposal of such sign.
- D. The following signs and other devices shall not be permitted, erected or maintained in any zoning district, notwithstanding anything else to the contrary contained in this Section or elsewhere:
- (1) Signs which incorporate in any manner any flashing or moving illumination or with illumination which varies in intensity or which varies in color and signs which have any visible moving part, visible revolving parts or visible mechanical movement of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical pulsation or by action of normal wind currents. Clocks, handing signs which move with air currents, time and temperature signs and barber poles are excepted; provided, that they otherwise comply with all other provisions of this Part.
 - (2) Light sources which cast light on signs unless shield by opaque material so that bulbs are not visible from off the property on which the signs are located.
 - (3) Any sign or sign structure which constitutes a hazard to public safety or health.
 - (4) Signs which by reason of size, location, content, coloring or manner or intensity of illumination distract or obstruct the vision of drivers to the extent which creates a significant safety hazard, either when leaving a roadway or driveway or obstruct or detract from the visibility of any traffic sign or control device or public streets and roads.
 - (5) Any sign which obstructs free ingress to or egress from a fire escape, door, window or other required building exit.
 - (6) Signs which make use of the words such as "stop," "look," "one way," "danger," "yield" or any similar words, phrases, symbols, lights or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

- (7) Signs on public property or public rights-of-way, unless erected by a governmental body or unless required to be so located by order of a governmental body.
- (8) Signs painted on, attached to or supported by a street sign or street light standard, stone, cliff or other natural object.
- (9) Searchlights, pennants, spinners, banners and streamers, inflatable balloons and similar devices, except for temporary occasions not to exceed 15 days duration, such as grand openings and then only with special prior permission of the Zoning Officer.

E. No roof signs shall be permitted.

F. No free-standing sign shall be higher than the height limitations of 20 feet from the ground.

G. In addition to the above requirements of this Section, every sign referred to in and permitted by this Section shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the following standards:

- (1) All signs shall comply with applicable provisions of any building and electrical codes as adopted by the Township.
- (2) Except for banners, flags, temporary signs and window signs conforming in all respects with the requirements of this Section, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanent attached to the ground, a building or another structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame or structure.
- (3) All signs shall be maintained in good structural condition.

3. Nonconforming Signs.

- A. Any sign which lawfully existed and was maintained at the effective date of this Chapter may be continued; provided, such sign is constructed of durable material and is maintained in good condition and repair.
- B. Any sign which has been destroyed or damaged by a natural occurrence can be rebuilt or repaired with same material to the same size and in the same location as the original sign.
- C. Any sign, which has been purposely destroyed or damaged or fallen into disrepair, can be repaired or replaced only within the regulations of this Section.

4. Applications and Permits.
 - A. Applications for permits to erect, alter or modify permanent signs shall be made to the Zoning Officer.
 - B. It shall be unlawful to commence the erection of any permanent sign or to commence the moving or alteration of any permanent sign until the Zoning Officer has issued a sign permit for such work.
 - C. In applying to the Zoning Officer for a sign permit, the applicant shall submit a dimensional sketch or scale plan indicating the shape, size, height and location of all signs to be erected, altered or moved and supply such other information as may be required by the Zoning Officer for determining whether the provisions of this Section are being observed. If the proposed sign as set forth in the application is in conformity with the provisions of this Section and other ordinances of the Township then in force, the Zoning Officer shall issue a sign permit for such sign. If the sign permit is refused, the Zoning Officer shall state such refusal, in writing, with the cause and shall immediately thereupon mail notice of such refusal to the applicant at the address indicated in the application. The Zoning Officer shall grant or deny the permit within 15 days from the date the application is submitted. The issuance of a permit shall in no case be construed as waiving any provisions of this Section.
5. Removal of Certain Signs. After 180 days any sign which advertises business or service no longer in existence on the premises shall be considered to be abandoned. Signs that are abandoned shall be removed by the persons responsible for the erection and/or maintenance thereof within 30 days after notice of the abandonment to such person by the Zoning Officer. If such persons fail or refuse to remove such abandoned signs after the notice aforesaid, the Zoning Officer may remove the signs at the expense of the property owner or the persons responsible for the erection and/or maintenance thereof.