

ORDINANCE 2016 - 23

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF MANHEIM TOWNSHIP – 2014, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 1806.4.C. TO ALTER THE MINIMUM TIME RESTRICTIONS IN THAT SECTION.**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Zoning Ordinance of Manheim Township – 2014, as amended, Article XVIII, Section 1806.4.C. shall be amended by deleting the words “one hour“ and replacing those words with “five (5) minutes”.

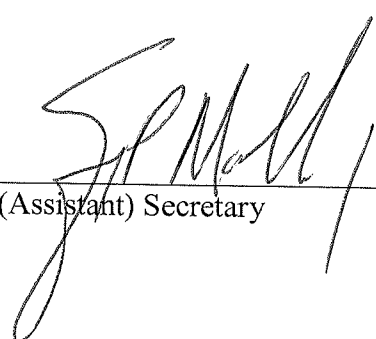
**SECTION 2.** All other portions, parts and provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of Manheim Township – 2014, as amended, as heretofore enacted and amended, shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its sections, clauses or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such provisions shall not affect or impair any other remaining sections, clauses or sentences of the same.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.


**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 12th day of December 2016, by the Board of Commissioners of Manheim Township.

Attest:

  
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(Assistant) Secretary

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP**

By:

  
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Vice (President),  
Board of Commissioners

EXCERPT FROM , ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 1806

and the municipality may recover a fee equal to the cost of removal and storage. No off-premises contractor signs are permitted.

- B. If there are four or more contractor signs on a single lot, they must be combined in a single display by attaching them to a single background panel not to exceed 32 square feet in total sign area and a maximum of six square feet per individual sign. The background is not included in calculating the sign area, the height of the display may not exceed 10 feet, and the display may project a maximum of 12 inches from the wall if attached parallel to the building.
4. Electronic variable messaging signs (EVMS).
    - A. Such sign shall be permitted only on a portion of an approved freestanding sign. The sign area of an EVMS sign shall be a maximum of 60% of the total area of the total freestanding sign.
    - B. The display shall have a maximum luminance of 5,000 nits during daylight hours and a maximum of 125 nits for dusk through dawn.
    - C. The message displayed on the sign shall be static and nonanimated and shall remain fixed for a minimum of ~~one hour~~ five (5) minutes.
    - D. When the message is transitioned, it shall be accomplished in one second or less with all moving parts or illumination changing simultaneously and in unison.
    - E. The sign shall contain a default design that will freeze the sign in one position if a malfunction occurs or, in the alternative, shut down.
    - F. The sign shall not display any message that moves, appears to move, scrolls, or changes in intensity during the fixed display period.
    - G. The sign shall retain a dark-colored background with light-colored graphics, letters or symbols.
    - H. There shall be a maximum of one EVMS sign per property.
  5. Garage/yard sale signs. One on-premises garage/yard sale sign with a maximum of six square feet may be placed no more than 48 hours before the sale and must be removed before the end of the day of the sale. A maximum of two off-premises signs with a maximum of four square feet each are permitted per garage/yard sale. Such signs shall be freestanding and shall not be attached to any utility poles, signal poles, or trees and shall only be posted for the day of the sale. Signs which are not removed within the time limit may be removed and impounded by the municipality, and the municipality may recover a fee equal to the cost of removal and storage.
  6. Home occupation signs. A home occupation sign may include a name, an address, an occupation or activity, and a logo or trademark. There may be no illumination, except that a sign for a medical office or emergency service may be illuminated when the business is open.
  7. Identification signs. Identification signs are regulated in accordance with Tables 1 and 2A. However, two special kinds of identification signs are regulated in accordance with Tables 1 and 2B: development signs and public use signs.