

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER GWYNEDD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE SIGN PROVISIONS OF THE LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP ZONING CODE TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION OF "TEMPORARY SIGN", TO REVISE AND ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING TEMPORARY SIGNS IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND FOR CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTIAL USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("**Supervisors**") has met the procedural requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10101, et. seq., for the adoption of this Ordinance, including holding a public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code authorizes the Supervisors to make and adopt ordinances that are consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township, and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Supervisors have determined that it is in the best interests of the Township that the text of the Lower Gwynedd Township Zoning Code (the "**Zoning Code**") be amended as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, to wit:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Title Six of the Code, entitled "Zoning," is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) The definition of "temporary sign" as set forth in Section 1250.04(60), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Temporary sign" means a type of non-permanent sign that is located on private property. Portable signs or any sign not permanently embedded in the ground, or not permanently affixed to a building or sign structure that is permanently embedded in the ground, are considered temporary signs. A temporary sign shall comply with the provisions of the Zoning Code for permanent signs regarding location, construction, and public safety.

(2) Subparagraph (b) of Section 1292.06, is replaced in its entirety with the following:

(b) Temporary Signs.

(1) Temporary signs shall be permitted on properties in non-residential districts and on properties in residential districts upon which a non-residential use is permitted (excluding No-Impact Home-Based Businesses as defined in Section 603(l) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. Section 10603(l)).

(2) Temporary signs shall be subject to the following regulations:

A. Maximum area: eight (8) square feet for each sign.

B. Display period: Temporary signs may be displayed for two (2) periods of display per calendar year, and each period of display shall not exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days.

C. Illumination: Temporary signs shall not be illuminated.

D. Number of signs: No more than five (5) temporary signs are permitted per street frontage.

E. All temporary signs must be made of durable materials and shall be well-maintained. Temporary signs that are frayed, torn, broken, or that are no longer legible will be deemed unmaintained and required to be removed.

F. Permission: The party posting the temporary sign is solely responsible for obtaining the permission of the property owner before posting their temporary sign.

(3) Temporary Signs - Sign Permits.

A. Temporary signs, as defined in this Zoning Code, are exempt from standard permit requirements, but must abide by the terms of this chapter.

B. Temporary signs shall comply with the provisions of this Zoning Code for permanent signs regarding location, construction, and public safety. Temporary directional signs shall comply with the provisions of Section 1292.05(d).

(4) Exempted Signs. The following temporary signs are exempt from the provisions of this chapter:

A. By or with the permission of a government agency, a governmental flag, public monument, public announcement, historic identification signs or plaques, and municipal identification signs.

- B. *Flags, not to exceed forty (40) square feet, each.*
 - C. *Volunteer fire department recruitment signs.*
- (5) *Prohibited Signs. The following temporary signs are prohibited:*
- A. *Signs containing any word, place, symbol, or character which interferes with, imitates, or resembles an official traffic control sign.*

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors this 27th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:



MIMI GLEASON, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: 

DANIELLE A. DUCKETT, CHAIRPERSON