

SIGN ORDINANCE 5 2011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLIFFORD, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING AN ANNUAL PERMIT FOR ALL SIGNS, PRESCRIBING THE SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS, AND STATING PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to regulate the location, size, placement and certain features of signs necessary to enable the public to locate goods, services and facilities without difficulty and confusion, to encourage the general attractiveness of the community and to protect the property values therein,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this ordinance to establish regulations governing the display of signs which will:

Promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Enhance the economy and the business and industry in the Township by promoting the reasonable, orderly and effective display of signs, and thereby encourage efficient communication with the public.

Restrict signs and lights which overload the public's capacity to receive information or which increase the probability of traffic congestion and accidents by distracting attention or obstructing vision.

Promote signs which are compatible with their surroundings, are appropriate to the type of activity to which they pertain and are expressive of the identity of the proprietors and other persons displaying signs.

WHEREAS, the Township of Clifford, due to ever-increasing vehicular traffic, incurs increased costs for police, street, fire, and emergency management services, among others; and

WHEREAS, by lease or rental fees, owners of off-premises sign structures benefit greatly from the ever-increasing volume of traffic through the Township; and

WHEREAS, on-premises sign structures serve primarily to identify businesses, professions, activities, commodities, services, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered upon the premises

where such signs are located, in contrast to off-premises sign structures that are sources of income to their owners.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN that there shall hereby be established a permit and general business regulation creating and establishing a licensing requirement and assessing a fee thereon providing as follows:

Definitions.

Signs used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AWNING SIGN

A sign on a fixed or retractable fabric shelter that is supported entirely from the exterior wall of an enclosed building.

BANNER

A sign intended to be hung, either with or without a frame, which sign is made of cloth or similarly flexible material, but excluding flags as permitted by the provisions in this ordinance.

BILLBOARD

A sign having a sign face in excess of 32 square feet and a vertical sign face dimension in excess of three feet.

BUSINESS SIGN

A sign that directs attention to a business, profession, activity, commodity, service, product price, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered upon the premises where such sign is located or within the building to which such sign is affixed.

CONSTRUCTION SIGN

A sign identifying individuals or companies involved in design, construction, wrecking, financing, or development when placed upon the premises where work is under construction but only for the duration of construction or wrecking.

DIRECTORY

A sign which indicates the name and/or address of the occupant, the address of the premises, and/or identification of any legal business or occupation which may exist at the premises.

CELEBRATION FLAG

An ornamental flag such as those symbolizing the theme of a celebration and/or the recognition of a season, holiday, theme or event, with no commercial advertising value.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN

A sign providing necessary information to facilitate safe and efficient traffic flow and is located on a site other than the site of the facility or event to which the sign directs. The sign must direct to a facility or event located within Clifford Township.

FLASHING, BEACON, STROBE, OR MOVING SIGN

A sign with any visible moving or rotating parts, flashing or intermittent illumination or color changes caused by electrical, mechanical or other means. Electronic moving message boards, time-temperature sign and search lights are included in this definition.

FREE-STANDING SIGN

A sign not more than eight feet in height, which is not attached to any building but is supported in poles, frames or similar structures.

GROSS AREA SIGN

The entire area within a single continuous perimeter composed of a single face enclosing the extreme limits of characters, lettering, illustrations, ornamentations, or other figures, together with a material or color forming an integral part of the display or to differentiate the sign from the background to which it is placed. Structural supports bearing no sign copy shall not be included in gross surface area; however, if any portion of the required structural supports become enclosed for decorative or architectural purposes, that portion will be included in the total gross surface area of the sign.

LOT SIGN

A designated parcel, tract, or area of land established by plot, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law to be used, developed, or built upon as a single unit under single ownership or control.

GROUND SIGN

A free-standing sign located on, or close to the ground, the height of which is not more than four feet above the ground.

INFLATABLE SIGN

An advertising device, including tethered balloons, for the primary purpose of advertising that is either expanded to its full dimension and/or supported by gases contained within the sign or its sign parts, at a pressure greater than atmospheric pressures.

INFORMATION SIGN

An on-premises sign conveying instructions or directions with respect to the use of the premises including parking, entrance-exit signs, signs noting the availability of rest rooms, telephones or other public conveniences on the property where the use occurs.

LAMPPOST FLAG

An ornamental flag which symbolizes a celebration, season, holiday, theme or event, which flag is attached to a lamppost supporting privately owned lighting fixtures used to light the parking lot of a shopping area.

MULTI-USE IDENTIFICATION SIGN

A sign used on a site which is occupied by separate entities on a single parcel of land which sign is used to advertise more than one entity.

NON-STREET FRONTING SIGN

Signs erected on the premises where the activity or business is being conducted and which are not visible from outside the property.

PERMANENT WINDOW SIGN

Signs affixed directly on or behind a translucent surface, including windows and doors, that are visible from the exterior.

POLE SIGN

A free-standing sign greater than 8 feet, but not more than 15 feet, in height, supported on poles, frames or similar structures.

POLITICAL SIGN

A sign which displays or identifies an individual, individuals, slate of candidates, or political party standing or running for election in a primary or general election event for a federal, state, county, or local municipal office, and/or a sign supporting, opposing, or commenting upon a referendum issue

placed upon the ballot for consideration by the general voting public in either a primary or general election.

REAL ESTATE SIGN

A sign which is used to offer for sale, lease, or rent that premises upon which such sign is placed.

PORTABLE SIGN

Any sign which is movable and not permanently affixed to a building, structure or the ground such as, but not limited to, sidewalk signs and sandwich boards.

PROHIBITION SIGN

A sign erected on a property to protect or preserve said property, such as a "No Trespassing," "No Dumping," or "No Hunting" sign.

PROJECTING SIGN

A sign mounted on a wall perpendicular to the building surface or projecting more than 12 inches from the wall.

ROOF SIGN

A sign erected over or on, and wholly or partially dependent upon, the roof of any building or structure for support, or attached to the roof in any way.

TEMPORARY DIRECTIONAL SIGN

Directional signs deemed necessary to facilitate safe and efficient traffic flow for special sports, school, entertainment, amusement, recreational, theatrical, cultural or historical events.

TEMPORARY WINDOW SIGN

Signs affixed directly on or behind a translucent surface, including windows and doors that are visible from the exterior, and which are displayed for not more than 30 days.

VEHICLE SIGN

A permanent or temporary sign affixed, painted on or placed in or upon any parked vehicle, parked trailer or other parked device capable of being towed, which is displayed in public view under such circumstances as to location, time of day, duration and availability of other parking space, which circumstances indicate that the primary purpose of said display is to attract the attention of the public rather than to reflect the customary use of such vehicle. The display of signs advertising the sale

of such a vehicle shall not be considered to be a vehicle sign for the purpose of this definition.

WALL SIGN

A sign that is painted or mounted parallel to a building wall and projects not more than 12 inches from the wall.

Off-Premises Signs - A sign, consisting of 32 square feet or more of gross surface area as hereinafter defined, visible from a public way that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment, attraction, or subject sold, offered, or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot where such sign is

GENERAL PROVISIONS

No sign other than signs authorized by this Ordinance shall be erected within the right-of-way lines of any public street or public sidewalk, or shall be closer to a curb than 30 feet, unless specifically authorized by other ordinances and resolutions of the Township.

No stringing of lightbulbs, no animated signs nor signs that revolve, swing, have movable parts, flashing lights, or reflectors shall be permitted after the effective date of this Ordinance.

No advertising sign, banner, pennant, spinners or display constructed of cloth, canvas, wall board or other like materials shall be erected, suspended or hung on any property except as follows:

(1) The Supervisors may, upon application, permit the use of such advertising banners, signs, spinners or displays for a period of not more than 30 days in any one calendar year, provided that:

(a) No sign or display shall exceed in size the area permitted for permanent signs as provided for in Ordinance.

(b) No such sign shall be placed in a position that it will cause a danger to traffic on a street by obstructing the view.

(c) No such sign or display shall be permitted within the right-of-way lines of any public street, nor be closer to a curb than 30 feet.

No sign shall project over a public sidewalk.

Wall signs shall not project over 12 inches from the face of the building.

Each sign must be maintained in good condition and repair.

All new signs shall be included as part of the application for new commercial construction or alteration permits.

Nonconforming signs at the effective date of this chapter must be made to conform to this chapter when they are altered, moved or replaced.

All signs must be constructed and maintained in accordance with Pennsylvania Building Code's construction requirements.

No sign may be attached to utility poles or other existing signs.

Any sign erected in violation of this Ordinance must be removed immediately upon proper notification by the Township upon the person (including but not limited to an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or other similar entity) who has violated the provisions of this Ordinance. Failure to remove shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and subject to the following provisions.

Any person, partnership, or corporation who or which has violated or permitted the violation of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon being found liable therefor in a civil enforcement proceeding commenced by the Township, pay a judgment of not more than \$500 plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township as a result thereof. No judgment shall commence or be imposed, levied, or be payable until the date of determination of a violation by the Magisterial District Judge. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable Rules of Civil Procedure. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation, unless the Magisterial District Judge determining that there has been a violation further determines that there was a good-faith basis for the person, partnership or corporation violating the chapter to have believed that there was no such violation, in which event there shall be deemed to have been only one such violation until the fifth day following the date of the determination of a violation by the Magisterial District Judge. Thereafter, each day

that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. All judgments, costs and reasonable attorney fees collected for the violation of this chapter shall be paid over to the Township.

Prohibited Signs

The following signs are prohibited at any location in the Township:

Signs which are attached or otherwise affixed to trees or other vegetation, rocks, street lights, utility poles, other than official traffic signs.

Signs which imitate traffic control devices.

Banners, except for banners permitted; flags, except for flags permitted and spinners, streamers, valances and similar attention attracting devices.
String lights, strip lights used to attract attention other than seasonal holiday decorations.

Inflatable signs.

Roof signs.

Flashing, beacon, strobe or moving signs, except for those signs of a constituted governmental body.

Portable signs, except for those signs necessary to be used as warning signs to bring attention to construction activity, temporary road hazard or the like.

Vehicle signs.

Billboards, unless authorized by the grant of conditional use by the Board of Supervisors.

Any sign erected in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision on any street or driveway intersection or obstruct the view of any traffic sign or signal.

Any sign which is erected within any street right-of-way, public utility right-of-way or railroad right-of-way, except official traffic, government, utility or railroad signs which have no

advertising value, and except temporary and permanent directional signs and banners advertising community events when specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

Any sign, including its support structure, advertising a profession, use, activity or business no longer conducted or which advertises a profession, use, activity or business which is illegal.

Any sign which obstructs free ingress to or egress from a fire escape, door, window or other means of ingress or egress. Any sign painted or affixed to any outdoor bench, chair, similar article.

Any sign, except authorized directional signs, billboards, political campaign signs, home/garage/yard sales signs, civic/charitable signs and temporary window signs, which are located on a site other than the site to which the advertisement or message is directed.

Signs erected so as to have the back or non-message side of the sign face, if greater than eight square feet, visible from any adjacent street frontage.

Nonconforming signs.

Except for changes to bring an existing nonconforming sign into full conformance with this Ordinance, a sign in any sign area in the township cannot be enlarged, extended, relocated, structurally reconstructed or altered.

Signs not requiring a permit:

Signs of a constituted governmental body.

The display of flags of a nation; association of nations; political subdivisions; military flags of forces of the United States of America and forces of nations with which diplomatic relations are conducted with the United States of America; nonprofit organizations; educational organizations accredited by the State of Pennsylvania; corporations; and flags memorializing a national defense event or situation past or present.

Memorial tablets.

Historic markers erected by the State of Pennsylvania or the Township.

Signs which display address numbers only with a face 60 square inches or less.

Seasonal displays and decorations which do not advertise a product or service.

Normal maintenance and repair of a conforming or existing nonconforming sign exclusive of any alteration.

Banners advertising civic events only when authorized by the Board of Supervisors and banners advertising grand opening events:

- (a) Banners advertising a grand opening event may be erected on the property where the facility which is having a grand opening is located.
- (b) Such grand opening banners may be displayed for a maximum period of time of four weeks.
- (c) Such grand opening banners shall be displayed no longer than two weeks before the commencement of the grand opening event, nor shall any grand opening banner be displayed later than two week after the commencement of the grand opening event.

Home/garage/yard sale signs subject to:

- (a) Signs may be erected on the same street and/or within 1,600 feet of the sale site.
- (b) The area of any such sign shall not exceed four square feet per side.
- (c) The height shall not exceed six feet.
- (d) Only one such sign may be erected on any property, unless the property fronts on two streets, in which case one sign is authorized on each street frontage.
- (e) The sign shall be installed no earlier than two days prior to the sale and shall be removed within two days after the sale.

Public auction signs subject to:

- (a) The sign may be erected only upon the property on which the sale is going to be held.
- (b) The area of any such sign shall not exceed six square feet per side.
- (c) The height shall not exceed six feet.

(d) Only one such sign may be erected on any property, unless the property fronts on two streets, in which case one sign is authorized on each street frontage.

(e) The sign shall be installed no earlier than two weeks prior to the date of the sale and shall be removed no later than two days after the date of the sale.

Temporary real estate signs subject to:

a) One sign may be erected for each 300 feet of frontage or fraction thereof.

(b) The area of one side of any such sign shall not exceed eight square feet, except that the area of the sign may be increased to a size not to exceed 32 square feet per side when the sign is erected a minimum distance of 100 feet from any dwelling located on the same side of the street as the sign

(c) Such signs may be erected only on the property to which the sign pertains, shall be removed within two days after the settlement of the sale or consummation of the lease or rental.

(d) The height of a real estate sign permitted to have a maximum area of eight square feet per side shall be six feet.

Political campaign signs subject to:

(a) The area of any such sign shall not exceed eight square feet per side.

(b) The height of any such sign shall not exceed four feet.

(c) Signs may be erected not more than 30 day prior to the election and shall be removed within two days after the election.

Civic/charitable signs. Signs advertising charity

Civic/charitable signs subject to:

(a) The area of any such sign shall not exceed eight square feet per side, per organization or activity up to the maximum area allowed.

(b) The height shall not exceed six feet.

(c) The sign must advertise a charitable organization or event located in the Township.

(d) Signs advertising activities may be erected no earlier than two weeks prior to the date of the activity and shall be removed no later than two days after the completion of the activity.

Non-street fronting signs.

All signs within a building that are not designed to be visible from outside the building.

Prohibition signs, such as "No Trespassing," "No Dumping," "No Hunting," and other similar signs erected by the property owner for the protection or preservation of his or her property subject to:

- (a) One sign may be erected for each 100 feet of street perimeter.
- (b) The area of any such sign shall not exceed four square feet per side.
- (c) Sign shall not exceed six feet in height.

Temporary window signs may occupy 15% or less of the area of each window or each door area in addition to permanent window signs.

Temporary directional signs may be erected when, in the opinion of the Township, such sign or signs are necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient traffic flow for special sports, school, entertainment, amusement, recreational, theatrical, cultural or historical events, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The area of such signs shall not exceed eight square feet per side.
- (b) The height of such sign shall not exceed six feet.
- (c) The sign shall be erected no earlier than two days prior to the special event and shall be removed within one day following the special event.

Political signs may be erected subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The area of any such sign shall not exceed eight square feet per side.
- (b) The height of any such sign shall not exceed four feet.
- (c) Signs may be erected not more than 30 day prior to the election and shall be removed within two days after the election.

Signs on gasoline dispensing pumps, including price registers, gallonage registers, pump identification numbers; instruction signs pursuant to the use of pumps and those signs required by law to be displayed on the pump, but not including the gasoline

brand names, unless the lettering or symbol is one square foot or less in area and is limited to one such identification on a maximum of two sides of each pump.

Signs indicating direction of door movement, if such signs are less than one square foot in area and have no advertising value.

Celebration flags subject to:

- (a) A maximum of three celebration flags per dwelling unit may be displayed on a property and a maximum of three celebration flags per nonresidential entity may be displayed on a property.
- (b) Celebration flags shall not exceed an area of 15 square feet of area per side.

Traffic control signs such as stop, one-way, do-not enter and parking.

Lamp post flags subject to:

- (a) A maximum of two lamppost flags may be erected on each lamppost.
- (b) Lamppost flags shall have a maximum area of 20 square feet per side and shall be placed on a lamppost in a manner that will provide a minimum of eight feet clearance beneath the bottom of the flag and the finished grade of the surface below the flag unless the flag or portion thereof is located over a parking space in which case the minimum clearance shall be 12 feet beneath the bottom of the flag and the finished grade of the parking space.
- (c) All lamppost flags on a property shall depict not more than two different designs and shall be of the same color; however, sizes may vary.
- (d) Lamppost flags shall not depict pricing information or hours of operation.
- (e) Lamppost flags shall not be used to convey a grand opening event message.

Residential Signs

The following types of signs and no others shall be permitted in residential districts:

A. Official traffic signs authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) or the Township in compliance with PennDOT resolutions.

B. Owner identification signs showing name of owner or property identification:

- (1) One sign.

- (2) Maximum size shall be two square feet.
- (3) Maximum height shall be 4 1/2 feet from the ground to the top.
- (4) Lighting not permitted.

C. Professional or accessory use signs indicating the name, profession or activity of the occupant of a dwelling, provided that:

- (1) The profession or accessory use is permitted by the zoning code for that district.
- (2) One sign.
- (3) Maximum size shall be four square feet.
- (4) The sign may contain any combination of name, use or profession.
- (5) Lighting is not permitted.
- (6) Maximum height shall be 4 1/2 feet to top.

D. Identification signs for farms, schools, churches, hospitals and similar permitted uses other than signs provided for in this Ordinance, provided that:

(1) No more than one sign may be placed on premises held in single and separate ownership, unless such premises fronts on more than one street, in which case one sign may be erected on each street frontage, with the total area of all signs not to exceed the area permitted for a single sign.

(2) Farms.

(a) A property must contain a minimum of 40 acres held in single and separate ownership to qualify as a farm for purposes of this article.

(b) Maximum size shall be 50 square feet.

(c) Maximum height shall be eight feet.

(3) Other uses.

(a) Maximum size shall be 60 square feet.

(b) Maximum height shall be eight feet.

(4) Such sign shall be illuminated only by concealed or indirect light attached to the sign itself or mounted on the ground if it can be demonstrated that such light will not be hazardous to vehicles on public roads.

E. Real estate development signs.

(1) Temporary on-site signs advertising the developed property, provided:

(a) Maximum size shall be 10 square feet.

(b) Maximum height shall be six feet.

(c) A maximum of two such signs shall be erected for any property held in single and separate ownership.

- (d) No such sign shall be illuminated.
 - (e) Such sign must be located on the property which it is advertising.
 - (f) Such sign must be removed from the premises upon settlement.
- (2) A sign advertising the sale or rental of a house.
- (a) Maximum size: nine square feet.
 - (b) Maximum height: six feet.
 - (c) Such sign must be on the property which it is advertising.
 - (d) Such sign must be removed upon settlement.
- (3) Signs indicating the location or direction of the premises in the process of development may be erected off of the property, provided:
- (a) The size of any such sign shall not exceed three square feet.
 - (b) The height shall not exceed 4 1/2 feet.
 - (c) No more than two such signs may be erected in the Township for each development.
 - (d) No such sign shall be illuminated.
 - (e) No such sign shall be erected without notarized written permission of the landowner on whose property the sign is to be located.
 - (f) All such signs shall be removed within 30 days of final settlement on the last portion of the development.
- (4) A permanent sign identifying a residential development.
- (a) Maximum aggregate size of signs shall be 12 square feet for each entrance.
 - (b) Maximum height shall be three feet.
 - (c) A maximum of two signs per entrance into the development from Township or state road shall be permitted.
 - (d) No illumination permitted.
 - (e) Appropriate landscaping around the sign shall be required and approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - (f) The size of signs permitted under this section may, as a conditional use approved by the Board of Supervisors, be increased to a size no greater than 50% of that allowed herein provided that the Board of Supervisors determines that such increase in the allowed size is in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood with regard to design, color and location and otherwise satisfies the standards and criteria of this Ordinance governing special exception requests.

F. Trespassing sign or sign indicating the private nature of a driveway or premises, provided that:

- (1) The size shall not exceed one square foot.
- (2) The height shall not exceed six feet.

G. Temporary signs of farms, mechanics, artisans or for construction site deliveries, provided that:

(1) Temporary signs for agricultural products. A maximum of 32 square feet of signs shall be permitted to advertise seasonal agricultural products grown on the premises or adjacent lands and must be removed at the end of the season.

(2) Mechanics or artisan signs may only be erected on the property on which they are working except as provided below and all signs must be removed upon completion of the work:

- (a) The size of all signs must not exceed three square feet.
- (b) Signs shall not exceed 4 1/2 feet in height.
- (c) Signs shall not be illuminated.

(3) Construction site delivery signs may be located off the site with written permission of the property owner where they are located up to a maximum of three signs in the Township. All signs must be removed upon completion of the work.

- (a) The size of all signs shall not exceed three square feet each.
- (b) Signs shall not exceed 4 1/2 feet in height.
- (c) Signs shall not be illuminated.

H. Nonconforming use signs, provided that:

(1) The total area of all such signs at the effective date of this Ordinance, or at the effective date of any amendment of this Ordinance by which any sign shall be made nonconforming, shall not be increased.

No such sign shall be changed or replaced except when authorized as a special exception by the Board.

Permit and yearly renewal

Except for signs exempt by this ordinance, no person, firm, corporation or partnership shall erect, place, alter, construct or cause to be erected, placed, altered or constructed, any sign on any property within the township until a permit for the same has been granted by the Township when required by this Ordinance. Property owners who authorize or allow any sign on their property shall ensure that all provisions of this Ordinance are adhered to and will be held responsible for any

violations. In cases where a sign is erected by others without the property owner's permission and the property owner is unable or unwilling to remove said sign, the Township may remove the sign.

Permit Required.

The owner of every lot upon which an on or off-premises sign is located within the Township shall be responsible to obtain an annual sign permit for every sign located thereon. The term for the sign permit shall be July 1 to June 30. Every owner shall be responsible to obtain the necessary permit renewal(s) by July 1 of every year.

Permit Application.

Application for a permit shall be made on an authorized permit application available at the Township and shall be accompanied by the following documents:

A detailed scale drawing at a scale no smaller than 1/2 inch equals one foot showing the sign size (height/width), proposed message, structure, lighting, landscaping of the sign site (if required).

A detailed scale drawing at a scale no smaller than one inch equals 10 feet showing the proposed sign location on the property, distances from street lines or sidewalks and any existing signs.

Also include a description of its construction, including a materials description and colors of sign and supporting structure.

The name and address of the owner of the lot upon which the off-premise sign is located and written authorization of the owner of the property if other than the applicant.

The Township shall make the application form available to lot owners, but responsibility for acquiring the application form and obtaining a sign permit by July 1 remains with the lot owner. A separate application form must be submitted for every sign.

After a permit to erect, place, alter or construct a sign has been obtained and work has been completed as specified in the

application, the owner of the sign shall notify the Township, which will then inspect the sign. If the sign is as permitted and does not violate any provisions of this or any other applicable regulation, a registration number will be permanently affixed to the sign. If anyone should remove or attempt to remove or alter such number, they shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

Permit fees shall be in amounts as established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

The permit fee shall be paid at the time the permit is issued.

The Township shall review all permits within 30 days of the date of the application, and approve or disapprove in writing to the applicant. Permits requiring application to the Board must be approved or disapproved within 45 days after the decision of the Board and after resubmission of the application.

The Township shall inspect all signs after installation and shall issue a certified number of compliance only after such sign has met all of the requirements of this Ordinance.

Applicability

Any sign hereafter erected or maintained shall conform with the provisions of this article and any other ordinance or resolution of the Township relating hereto.

Exemptions.

Business signs, construction signs, directory signs, real estate signs, and political signs, as defined in this Ordinance, are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

Enforcement, Notification, and Penalties.

The Codes Officer of the Township shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. When an owner fails to properly submit an application by July 1 or within fourteen (14) days of erecting a new off-premises sign, the Codes Officer shall notify the owner by certified mail that the license application must be submitted within thirty (30) days. If the application is not submitted within thirty (30) days, a civil action shall be filed

with the district justice. Upon conviction thereof, the owner shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600.00, together with costs of prosecution which shall include reasonable attorneys fees and administrative expenses associated with said prosecution. Said fines and costs as are imposed shall be in addition to such tax as is due hereunder. Every off-premises sign for which a proper application has not been submitted shall be considered a separate offense.

Severability

The provision of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Clifford Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, or section not been included herein.

Effective Date - This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

Repeals - All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they may be inconsistent herewith.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law this _____ day of

_____, 2011.

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