

Part 6

Signs

Section 601. Scope and Applicability.

(A) Signs perform an important function by identifying a broad range of land uses.

(B) Control of the construction, location, size, conspicuity, brightness, legibility, operational characteristics and maintenance of signs is necessary to promote the health, safety, general welfare and aesthetics of the Township. Signs have a direct and substantial impact on traffic safety, pedestrian safety, community aesthetics and property values. Signs also provide a guide to the physical environment and, as such, serve an important function to the community and economy. Electronic signs, including video display signs, are highly visible from long distances and at very wide viewing angles both day and night and are designed to draw the attention of persons in their vicinity and hold it for extended periods of time. If left uncontrolled, electronic signs, including video display signs, can constitute a serious traffic safety threat.

(C) The term "sign" shall mean any object, device, display or structure that is used to advertise, identify, display, direct, inform or attract attention.

(D) Those elements which may be excluded from sign controls include (1) flags of any governmental unit or branch or of any charitable or religious organization, (2) flags or signs posted by any religious organization to provide directions to a place of worship, (3) interior signs not visible from a public right of way or adjoining property, (4) cornerstones built into or attached to a wall of a building commemorating a person or event, (5) official notices of any court or public office, (6) legal notices posted pursuant to law, and (7) public service signs as aids to safety or service.

(E) In all permitted districts signs may be erected, altered, maintained, used, removed or moved only if they comply with the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of the Township relating to such activities.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 601 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 602. General Sign Regulations.

(A) No sign shall be erected containing information which states or implies that a property may be used for any purpose not permitted under the provisions of this Chapter in the zoning district within which the property to which the sign relates is located.

(B) On-site signs advertising a use no longer in existence or a product no longer available shall be removed or changed to advertise the new use or product within thirty (30) days of the cessation of the original use or product availability. Only signs in conformance with this Chapter shall replace signs once removed.

(C) No sign shall be so located or arranged that it interferes with traffic because of glare; blocking of reasonable sight lines for streets, sidewalks, or driveways; confusion with a traffic control device (by reason of color, location, shape, or other characteristic); or any other reason.

(D) In no case shall any sign, other than an official sign, be erected within the official right-of-way of any street, unless specifically authorized by ordinance or regulation of the Township and in conformance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulations, where appropriate.

(E) In no case shall any sign, other than an official sign, be erected within the boundaries of a designated clear sight triangle at an intersection of streets or access drives, unless it complies with the provisions of Section 405(H) of this Chapter.

(F) Signs may be illuminated by direct lighting but shall have such lighting shielded so no glare or direct light will shine on abutting properties or in the normal line of vision of the public using the streets or sidewalks. No red, amber, or green lights shall be permitted, and no flood or spotlights shall be mounted higher than fifteen (15) feet above ground level.

(G) No sign, except such directional devices as may be required by the Federal and State Aviation Authorities, that is a part of or is supported by a building, shall be placed, inscribed, or supported upon the roof or upon any structure which extends above the roof of any building.

(H) All sign provisions of this Chapter shall apply to signs on smokestacks, water towers, and other similar structures.

(I) Non-illuminated temporary signs may be permitted on new construction sites, if such signs do not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in total area and if they are removed within seven (7) days after completion of the construction work. Not more than one (1) sign shall be placed on each street frontage of the construction site.

(J) Temporary signs announcing or advertising any political, educational, charitable, civic, professional, religious, philanthropic or similar campaign, drive or event may be permitted on non-residential properties only for a total period not to exceed thirty (30) days in any calendar year, providing such signs do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and are removed promptly after the completion of the campaign, drive or event.

(K) If an establishment has walls fronting on two (2) or more streets, the sign area for each street may be computed separately.

(L) No sign in other than a residential district shall be located so as to face any residential district on the same side of the street on which the property bearing the sign fronts.

(M) Free-standing signs shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the street right of way line. No free-standing sign shall project beyond a street right-of-way line. No free-standing sign in other than a residential district shall be within thirty-five (35) feet of any residential district boundary line.

(N) Wall signs shall not extend beyond the edge of any facade or other surface to which they are mounted and shall not project more than twelve (12) inches from its surface.

(O) Projecting signs shall not extend more than four (4) feet from the wall or surface to which they are mounted. Projecting signs shall not interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic, shall not be less than ten (10) feet above the pavement of ground, and shall not be closer than six (6) feet to the property line.

(P) No signs shall be posted, stapled, or otherwise permanently attached to public utility poles or trees within a street right-of-way. No temporary signs shall be placed on any Township-owned property or on any other edifice owned or controlled by any governmental entity or any public utility except signs specifically authorized by such government or public utility.

(Q) All signs, except temporary signs, shall be constructed of durable material and kept in good condition and repair. Any sign which is allowed to

become dilapidated or a hazard shall be repaired or removed by the property owner or lessee of the property or may, after 30 days notification, be removed by the Township at the expense of the owner or lessee of the property on which it is located.

(R) No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any premises that they own or control a sign which has been abandoned. Any such abandoned sign shall be repaired or removed by the property owner or lessee of the property or may, after 30 days notification, be removed by the Township at the expense of the owner or lessee of the property on which it is located. An "abandoned sign", for the purpose of this Section is a sign that:

(1) Is located on and/or related to the use of a property which becomes vacant and unoccupied for a period of nine months or more,

(2) Was erected for an occupant or business unrelated to the present occupant in business and is not being lawfully used for the new occupant; or

(3) Which relates to a time, event or purpose which is past.

(S) Signs existing at the time of passage of this Chapter and which do not conform to the requirements of this Chapter shall be considered non-conforming signs and once removed shall be replaced only with conforming signs. Nonconforming signs may be repainted or repaired (including lighting), provided that a repainted or repaired sign does not exceed the dimensions of the existing sign. Copy may also be changed, but a new permit must be obtained before such copy change takes place. Any nonconforming sign which is damaged in excess of 25% of its cost of replacement or is removed shall be replaced only with a conforming sign.

(T) In addition to other applicable regulations of the Township and state laws, the following shall apply to all adult business use signs and other visible messages:

(1) Sign messages shall be limited to written descriptions of material or services available on the premises.

(2) Sign messages shall not include any graphic or pictorial depiction of material related to specific sexual activities or anatomical areas.

(3) Advertisements, displays or other promotional materials related to specific sexual activities or anatomical areas shall not be shown or exhibited so as to be visible to the public from the exterior of the building.

(4) The entrance of the adult business should include a sign warning all individuals that the premises is classified as an adult business.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 602 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 603. Permitted Signs. The types, numbers and sizes of signs shall be in accordance with the following regulations.

(A) All Zoning Districts.

(1) Official traffic or directional signs and other official Federal, State, County or local government signs.

(2) Temporary signs announcing any political, educational, charitable, civic, religious, philanthropic, or similar campaign, drive or event only for a total period not to exceed thirty (30) days in any calendar year, provided such sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall be removed promptly upon the completion of the campaign, drive or event.

(3) Signs advertising the sale or rental of the premises upon which the sign is located. Such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area and shall be removed within seven (7) days after settlement or a lease has been entered into. No more than one (1) such sign shall be placed on the property unless said property fronts on more than one (1) street, in which case one (1) sign may be located on each street frontage.

(4) Temporary signs of architects, builders, contractors, developers, engineers and similar artisans, which are erected and maintained on the premises where the work is being performed. Such signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and shall be removed promptly upon completion of the work.

(5) Trespassing signs, signs indicating the private nature of a road, driveway or premises, signs controlling fishing or hunting on the premises, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet.

(6) Nameplate signs displaying the name and address of the occupant of a dwelling, or dwelling unit, provided that the area of each such sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet and provided that such a sign shall not be internally illuminated or illuminated by any lighting having a total wattage of more than one hundred (100) watts.

(7) Temporary signs erected in connection with the development or proposed development on the premises by a builder, contractor, developer, or other persons with an interest in such development. The aggregate area of such signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the last structure has been initially occupied. When a developer is engaged in selling lots only, the temporary signs advertising the sale of lots in the development shall be permitted during the initial period of the development project, which period shall commence with the recording date of the development plan and shall end twelve (12) months thereafter. The permit for such signs may be renewed at the end of each twelve (12) month period. The text of the sign shall clearly indicate that a development is "proposed" unless all necessary municipal approvals have been obtained.

(8) Signs identifying a permitted home occupation displaying the name, profession or activity, and address of the occupant, provided that not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected for each permitted use, and provided that the area of each such sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet. Each such sign shall not be internally illuminated or illuminated by any lighting having a total wattage of more than one hundred (100) watts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no signs shall be permitted which advertise a no-impact home-based business.

(9) Signs identifying residential subdivisions or land developments comprising ten (10) or more dwelling units. Such signs shall have a maximum area of thirty (30) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. These signs may be located at up to three of the major entrances from exterior streets and may include the overall name of the development and any logo. Such signs shall not include advertising.

(10) Temporary signs identifying a yard or garage sale, provided (1) no more than two signs per event, (2) each sign shall not exceed four square feet in area, and (3) all signs shall be placed a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to a sale and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.

(11) Temporary signs advertising the temporary sale of products or goods such as Christmas trees, Easter flowers, fireworks, etc., provided such signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and shall not be posted earlier than thirty (30) days before the date of the event to which they pertain and shall be removed within seven (7) days of said event.

(B) Residential Districts.

(1) Sign, bulletin, announcement board or identification sign for schools, churches, hospitals, sanitariums, clubs, multi-family dwellings or other principal uses and buildings for the purpose of displaying the name of the institution and its activities or services, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet and not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected on any one street frontage.

(2) Sign offering the sale of farm products, nursery products or livestock produced or raised on the premises, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet and not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected on any one street frontage.

(3) Sign denoting membership in agricultural associations, cooperatives or indicating specialization in a particular breed of cattle, hogs, etc., or in a particular hybrid or strain of plant, provided that such sign is limited to six (6) square feet and not more than one (1) sign on any one street frontage.

(C) Signs for Multi-Family Dwellings (Garden Apartments or Townhouses). The following signs shall be permitted:

(1) Freestanding signs advertising the sale or rental of the premises upon which the sign is erected, provided that (a) the total area of the sign does not exceed forty (40) square feet, (b) there shall be no more than one (1) such sign on any one lot on the same street frontage, and (c) no sign shall be erected so as to stand higher than any of the buildings it advertises. For the purpose of this Chapter, multi-family dwelling units shall not be advertised by such real estate signs for more than twelve (12) months after building construction is completed.

(2) Directional signs, not to exceed two (2) square feet each, erected within the multi-family complex itself to direct persons to a rental office or sample apartment.

(3) Permanent identifying signs for the purpose of indicating the name of the multi-family complex and for the purpose of identifying the individual buildings within the complex. Not more than one (1) sign for each entrance to the complex shall be permitted and no such sign shall exceed ten (10) square feet in size. Signs to identify the individual buildings within the complex shall not exceed six (6) square feet in size.

(D) Commercial and Industrial Districts.

(1) Signs directing patrons, members or audience to temporary exhibits, shows or events and signs erected in conjunction with a political election, provided that such sign (a) shall not exceed six (6) square feet, (b) shall be removed within two (2) weeks after the date of the exhibit, show, event or election, and (c) shall not be posted earlier than two (2) weeks before the date of the exhibit, show or event, except that political signs shall not be posted earlier than one (1) month prior to an election.

(2) Wall or free-standing signs on the same lot as the use to which they relate, provided that the total area of such signs shall be limited to two (2) square feet for each lineal foot of horizontal building façade length, but not to exceed an aggregate area of one hundred sixty (160) square feet. No more than one (1) freestanding sign structure shall be permitted on a lot having less than five hundred (500) feet of street frontage. No more than two (2) freestanding sign structures shall be permitted per lot.

(3) Special temporary promotional devices, signs or displays, such as banners or pennants. Where such signs are outside of a building, they shall remain on display for a period not to exceed sixty (60) consecutive days. Banners shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area.

(4) "A" type, sandwich type, sidewalk, or curb signs and balloons or devices shall be permitted only in commercial, business, and industrial districts for special occasions not more than four (4) times a year for a period totaling not more than fifteen (15) days within a calendar year, as long as they do not obstruct any public right-of-way. At no other time shall such devices be permitted. Such "A" type, sandwich type,

sidewalk, or curb signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area per side.

(5) Window signs shall not exceed 20% of the total area of the window.

(6) Signs identifying office, commercial or industrial subdivisions or land developments comprising three (3) or more principal uses. Such signs shall have a maximum area of thirty (30) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. These signs may be located at up to three of the major entrances from exterior streets and may include the overall name of the development and any logo. Such signs shall not include advertising.

(7) Signs indicating the existence of, and direction to tourist attractions of a natural, scenic and/or outdoor recreational nature, provided that no such sign shall exceed twenty (20) square feet.

(8) Electronic Changeable Copy Signs, in accordance with the provisions under Section 606.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 603 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 604. Signs Prohibited in all Districts

(A) Signs which in any way simulate official, functional, directional, or warning signs erected or maintained by the Federal, State, County, or any municipal government, or by any railroad, public utility, or similar agency concerned with the protection of public health or safety.

(B) Banners, spinners, flags, pennants, or any moving objects used for commercial advertising purposes, whether containing a message or not, except as otherwise permitted within this Chapter.

(C) Flashing, blinking, twinkling, animated, or moving signs of any type, except those portions of signs which indicate time and temperature.

(D) Video display signs.

(E) Electronic changeable copy signs, except as otherwise permitted within this Chapter.

(F) Off-Premises Signs, except as otherwise permitted within this Chapter.

(G) Multi-Vision Signs.

(H) Portable changeable copy signs.

(I) Any type of sign that fluctuates in light intensity or uses intermittent, strobe or moving lights that does not fall under the definition of a video display sign, an electronic changeable copy sign, or an electronic graphic display sign.

(J) Signs placed, inscribed or supported upon the roof or upon any structure which extends above the eaves of the roof of any building.

(K) Signs which emit smoke, visible vapors or particles, sound or color.

(L) Signs or displays that include words or images that are obscene, pornographic or highly offensive to public decency.

(M) Signs that are not in good repair or do not meet construction standards.

(N) Signs erected without a building permit.

(O) Signs that contain out-of-date political messages.

(P) Signs that are illegal under State law or regulations.

(Q) Signs that attempt or appear to attempt to regulate, warn, or direct the movement of traffic or that interfere with, imitate, or resemble any official traffic sign, signal, or device.

(R) Signs that are erected or maintained on trees or painted or drawn on rocks or other natural features.

(S) Signs that prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window, or fire escape or that are attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

(T) Any vehicle to which a sign is affixed in such a manner that the carrying of such sign or signs no longer is incidental to the vehicle's primary purpose, but becomes a primary purpose in itself.

(U) Temporary signs, when located on the same property as an electronic changeable copy sign.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 604 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 605. Off-Premises Signs (Billboards).

(A) Location of Off-Premises Signs.

(1) Off-premises signs shall be permitted only within the Planned Highway Commercial (PHC) District along U.S. 222 and the Planned Industry/Business (PIB) District along the corridor of U.S. 222.

(2) No off-premises sign shall be erected less than ten (10) feet nor more than fifty (50) feet from any street right-of-way line.

(3) No off-premises sign shall be located closer than 300 feet from any existing dwelling on an adjoining residential lot.

(4) V-type or back-to-back off-premises sign shall be considered one sign.

(5) No two (2) off-premises signs shall be spaced less than 1,500 feet apart along any street.

(6) No off-premises sign shall be located in such a manner as to obscure or otherwise physically interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, signal, or device or obstruct or physically interfere with a driver's view of approaching or intersecting traffic.

(B) Size of Off-Premises Signs.

(1) The maximum gross surface area of an off-premises sign shall be six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet, with a maximum length of forty-eight (48) feet, plus temporary embellishments not exceeding twenty (20) percent of the sign's gross surface area.

(C) Height of Off-Premises Signs.

(1) There shall be a maximum height of forty-five (45) feet to the top of an off-premises sign face, measured from the ground level at the base of the sign.

(D) Lighting of Off-Premises Signs.

(1) No revolving or rotating beam or beacon of light that simulates any emergency light device shall be permitted as part of any off-premises sign.

(2) Flashing devices shall not be permitted on an off-premises sign. However, illuminated signs that indicate customary public information, such as time, date, temperature, or other similar information, shall be permitted.

(3) External lighting, such as floodlights, thin line, and gooseneck reflectors, are permitted, provided that the light source is directed on the sign face and is effectively shielded so as to prevent beams of light from being directed onto any portion of a street.

(4) The illumination of any sign shall be diffused or indirect in design to prevent direct rays of light from shining onto residential districts.

(E) Off-Premises Signs with an Electronic Process or Remote Control.

(1) All messages/displays shall remain unchanged for a minimum of five (5) seconds.

(2) The time interval used to change from one complete message/display to the next complete message/display shall be a maximum of one (1) second.

(3) There shall be no appearance of a visual dissolve or fading, in which any part of one message/display appears simultaneously with any part of a second message/display.

(4) There shall be no appearance of flashing or sudden bursts of light, animation, movement, or flow of the message/display.

(5) Any illumination intensity or contrast of light level shall remain constant.

(F) Prohibited Off-Premises Signs.

(1) Signs that have multiple sign faces oriented in the same direction and aligned in a side-by-side or high/low fashion.

(2) Signs that advertise defunct businesses.

(3) Signs that are not securely fixed on a substantial structure.

(4) Signs that meet the definitions of video display signs or multi-vision signs, or contain portions that meet such definitions.

(G) Construction Standards.

(1) All off-premises signs shall be constructed in accordance with the current Building Code of the Township of Spring.

(2) The structural elements of all off-premises signs shall be of metal construction.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 605 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 606. Electronic Changeable Copy Signs. In addition to complying with all other requirements of this Chapter, electronic changeable copy signs shall comply with the following provisions.

(A) Location of Electronic Changeable Copy Signs

(1) Electronic changeable copy signs shall be permitted only within the following Districts:

- (a) Neighborhood Convenience (NC) District.
- (b) Planned Highway Commerce (PHC) District.
- (c) Planned Highway Interchange (PHI) District.
- (d) Planned Office/ Business District (POB) District.
- (e) Planned Business and Residential (PBR) District.
- (f) Planned Industry/ Business (PIB) District.
- (g) Extractive Industry (EI) District.
- (h) Fuel Storage (FS) District.

(2) In Zoning Districts other than those listed in Section 606(A)(1), electronic changeable copy signs may be permitted by the Zoning Hearing Board as a special exception use in accordance with the

standards contained in Section 322 of this Part for any lot containing one of the following principal uses :

- (a) College or university.
- (b) Community center.
- (c) Fire station
- (d) Nursery school/day care center.
- (e) Place of worship.
- (f) Public recreation.
- (g) School, public/private.
- (h) Township-owned use, including Township park.

(3) Such sign must be located on the lot containing the use identified or advertised on the sign. No electronic changeable copy sign shall advertise for businesses, goods or products not located on the premises on which the sign is located. This shall not prohibit general messages to the public such as community events, birthdays, etc.

(B) Setbacks of Electronic Changeable Copy Signs.

(1) Any electronic changeable copy sign shall be set back a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from the property boundary line of any existing principally residential use and from the boundary of any residential district.

(C) Size of Sign. An electronic changeable copy sign may be used only in conjunction with an immediately adjacent wall sign or as part of a free standing sign and shall not be displayed on its own. The electronic changeable copy portion of the sign shall not be larger than (40%) of the total area of the permanent graphic portion of the sign when compared as graphic components. For purposes of determining the allowable total sign area, the permanent graphic portion of the sign and the electronic changeable copy portion of the sign shall be included in the same perimeter inclusive of any physical separation between the two components.

(D) Operational Limitations. Electronic changeable copy signs shall contain static messages only, changed only through dissolve or fade transitions which may otherwise not have movement, or the appearance or optical illusion of movement, of any part of the sign structure, design, or pictorial segment of the sign, including the movement of any illumination or flashing, scintillating or varying of light intensity.

(E) Limit on Number of Signs. Only one (1) electronic changeable copy sign, or sign containing a portion thereof, shall be permitted per lot. Such signs must be included in the total number of signs permitted, and shall not be in addition to that permitted total.

(F) Duration of Message. Any message, or portion thereof, displayed on such sign shall have a minimum duration of one (1) minute and must be a static display. The time of transition from one message or image to the next shall be no longer than one (1) second. No portion of the message may flash, scroll, twirl, change color, fade in or out, or in any manner imitate movement.

(G) Text of Message. The text of the sign must be limited to ten words to allow passing motorists to read the entire copy with minimal distraction.

(H) Illumination of Electronic Changeable Copy Signs.

(1) The brightness of an electronic changeable copy sign shall not exceed an illumination of 5,000 nits (candelas per square meter) during daylight hours, and 500 nits between dusk and dawn, as measured from the sign's face at maximum brightness. The sign shall have an automatic dimmer switch control to produce a distinct illumination change from a higher illumination level to a lower illumination level for the period of time between one half hour before sunset and one half hour after sunrise. Electronic changeable copy signs shall also be equipped with automatic monitors and dimmer features to adjust brightness levels based upon ambient light. At no time shall the sign be operated at a brightness level greater than the manufacturer's recommended levels.

(2) The lamp wattage and luminance level in nits (candelas per square meter) shall be provided at the time of permit application. Permit applications for electronic changeable copy signs shall also include a copy of the manufacturer's operating manual, which includes the manufacturer's recommended standards for brightness, and a certification from the owner or operator of the sign stating that the sign shall at all times be operated in accordance with all applicable Township regulations and that the owner or operator shall provide proof of such conformance upon request of the Township.

(Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 607. Area of Sign.

(A) The area of a sign shall be construed to include all lettering, 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 which is incidental to the display itself.

(B) Where the sign consists of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, the area shall be considered to be the smallest rectangle which can be drawn to encompass all of the letters and symbols.

(C) The size of any sign shall be computed by multiplying its greatest height by its greatest length, exclusive of supporting structures, unless such supporting structure is illuminated or is in the form of a symbol or contains advertising copy.

(D) In the case of signs that have no definable edges, such as raised letters attached to a building facade, the sign size shall be that area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual message or copy area.

(E) In computing square foot area of a double-face sign, only one (1) side shall be considered, provided both sign faces are identical. If the interior angle formed by the two (2) faces of a double-faced sign is greater than forty-five (45) degrees, then both sides of such sign shall be considered in calculating the sign area.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 606 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 608. Supplemental Sign Regulations.

(A) Projection. No sign shall project more than twelve (12") inches from the building façade to which it is attached. No freestanding sign may project beyond the lot line or beyond a street right-of-way.

(B) Height. No sign that is a part of or is supported by a building shall be erected upon the roof of such building, nor shall such sign extend above the height of the building. Freestanding signs shall meet the height requirements of the particular zoning district in which they are located.

(C) Illumination. Signs may be lighted with nonglaring lights or may be illuminated by shielded floodlights, provided, however, that no red, green or amber lights shall be permitted and provided that lighting is screened from adjacent properties. No lights of intermittent, flashing or animated types shall be permitted.

(D) Placement. No signs shall be permitted which are posted, stapled or otherwise permanently attached to public utility poles or trees within a street right-of-way. No portion of any freestanding sign shall be located within five (5') feet of any side lot line.

(E) Construction. All signs, except temporary signs, shall be constructed of durable material and kept in good condition and repair. Any sign which is allowed to become dilapidated may, after thirty (30) days notification, be removed by the Township at the expense of the owner or lessee of the property on which it is located.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 607 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)

Section 609. Sign Permits.

(A) General

(1) All signs, with the exception of those specifically excluded under Section 608(B), shall require the issuance of a sign permit prior to erection or replacement.

(2) No permit will be required for each time the copy changes on a sign which involves frequent or periodic changes of copy.

(3) All signs must comply with all of the regulations contained herein, regardless of whether or not a permit is required.

(B) Signs Not Requiring Permits

(1) Official signs of any governmental unit and legal notices posted pursuant to law.

(2) Nameplate signs.

(3) Memorial or historic markers when approved by the Board of Supervisors or the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission.

(4) Public services signs such as those advertising availability of restrooms, telephone, meeting times of service organizations or other similar public conveniences.

(5) No-trespassing signs or signs indicating the private nature of a road, driveway or premises and signs prohibiting or controlling hunting and fishing upon the premises.

(C) Freestanding Signs.

(1) If the sign is to be supported by a separate structure to be erected for that purpose, then the applicant shall supply a map of the lot indicating the location of the proposed sign and the relative distances to a point perpendicular to the lot lines. A scaled diagram or photograph of a similar sign shall also be attached.

(2) A Certificate of Occupancy shall be required for freestanding signs only.

(D) Hazardous Signs.

(1) When in the discretion of the Zoning Officer the type of sign in question constitutes a potential danger to the community, a certificate of insurance shall be required. Such policy shall provide \$20,000 minimum benefits.

(2) No Sign Permit shall be granted unless the application conforms to the requirements of this Chapter.

(Ordinance No. 335, March 26, 2007, Section 608 of Section 2; as amended by Ordinance No. 366, January 12, 2009, Section 3)