

# FINDLEY TOWNSHIP

MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## SIGN ORDINANCE 2024

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**SECTION 106: SEVERANCE**

If any article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in the Sign Ordinance shall be for any reason, declared to be illegal, unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the Sign Ordinance as a whole or any article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word or remaining portion of the Sign Ordinance.

Findley Township hereby declares that it would have adopted the Sign Ordinance and each article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, provisions, regulations, limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases, words or boundaries may be declared invalid, unconstitutional or illegal.

**SECTION 107: REPEAL**

The enactment of this Sign ordinance contained herein shall hereby repeal in its entirety the Sign Regulations included in the Findley Township Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance # 2000-1, adopted March 1, 2000, and as subsequently amended.

Any other resolution or ordinance conflicting with the provisions, regulations, limitations, and/or restrictions of this zoning ordinance contained herein shall be and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

use or not permanently attached to and an integral part of a porch, carport, or similar attached accessory structure. See also Canopy as permanent structure.

**Awning Sign.** A sign with its copy on a shelter made of any non-rigid material, such as fabric or flexible plastic that is supported by or stretched over a frame and attached to an exterior wall of a building or other structure.

**Banner Sign.** A sign with its copy on non-rigid material such as cloth, plastic, fabric or paper with no self-supporting framework.

**Billboard.** A sign which exceeds the standard size permitted and provided the sign surface area may not exceed 250 square feet, indicating a business conducted, a commodity sold, or a service rendered, generally located off the premises, on which advertising matter of any character is printed, posted or lettered by any means. A billboard may be either free standing or painted on or attached to a surface of a building or other structure.

**Bulletin Board.** A particular type of changeable copy sign that displays copy in a casement made of glass, Plexiglas or other materials.

**Canopy.** A canopy shall include any permanent or non-retractable structure, made of cloth, vinyl, metal or similar material, with framed structure attached to a building, projecting over any established setback, and carried by a frame supported by the ground or other structure. See also Awning as temporary structures.

**Canopy Sign.** A sign on a rigid multi-sided structure attached to a building or on any other freestanding structure that may have a roof with support but no walls.

**Cartway.** The portion of a street which is improved by surfacing with permanent or semi-permanent material and is intended for vehicular traffic.

**Centerline.** The line located at the middle of the traveled surface of a road, equidistant from both edges of the road surface.

**Changeable Copy Sign.** A sign or portion thereof on which the copy or symbols change either automatically through electrical or electronic means, or manually through placement of letters or symbols on a panel mounted in or on a track system without physically altering the permanent physical face or surface of the sign. This includes manual, electrical, electronic, digital displays, including LED-technology or other variable message signs including Tri-Vision Boards.

**Clear Sight Triangle.** The clear sight triangle is the area established by measuring 100 feet from the intersection of the street center lines along said center lines. No sign, building, structure, planting, or other obstruction shall be permitted which would endanger public safety along any street or public roadway by obscuring sight visibility along said street. Such clear sight lines shall be maintained free of obstructions as measured between the heights of three feet (3') up to ten feet (10') above the surface of the street.

A one-hundred-foot clear sight triangle shall be maintained at all street intersections.

**Ground Sign.** A sign permanently affixed to the ground at its base, supported entirely by a base structure, and not mounted on a pole or attached to any part of a building. (Also known as monument sign)

**Pole Sign.** A freestanding sign that is permanently supported in a fixed location by a structure of one or more poles, posts, uprights, or braces from the ground and not supported by a building or a base structure.

**Gas Station Canopy Sign.** Any sign that is part of, or attached to, the vertical sides of the gas station canopy roof structure. For the purposes of this ordinance, gas station canopy signs shall be considered wall signs.

**Government/Regulatory Sign.** Any sign for the control of traffic or for identification purposes, street signs, warning signs, railroad crossing signs, and signs of public service companies indicating danger or construction, which are erected by or at the order of a public officer, employee or agent thereof, in the discharge of official duties.

**Gross Surface Area.** The entire area within a single continuous perimeter composed of a single face enclosing the extreme limits of characters, lettering, illustrations, ornamentation or other figures, together with any other material, design or color forming an integral part of the display including the frame.

**Illegal Sign.** A sign which does not meet the requirements of this ordinance or which is not a registered nonconforming sign. This specifically includes a sign that remains standing when the time limits set by the permit are exceeded and any sign not removed after notification from the Administrator to remove the sign.

**Illuminated Sign.** A sign with electrical equipment installed for illumination, either internally illuminated through its sign face by a light source contained inside the sign or externally illuminated by a light source aimed at its surface.

**Illumination.** A source of any artificial or reflected light, either directly from a source of light incorporated in, or indirectly from an artificial source.

**External Illumination.** Artificial light, located away from the sign, which lights the sign, the source of which may or may not be visible to persons viewing the sign from any street, sidewalk, or adjacent property.

**Internal Illumination.** A light source that is concealed or contained within the sign and becomes visible in darkness through a translucent surface. Message center signs, digital displays, and signs incorporating neon lighting shall not be considered internal illumination for the purposes of this ordinance.

**Halo Illumination.** A sign using a 3-dimensional message, logo, etc.,

**Informational Sign.** A public or private sign which provides direction or information to guide persons to facilities intended to serve the public (e.g., restrooms, public telephones, public walkways, parking areas, maps, address numbers, names of buildings, housing units, or transportation schedules).

**Sign.** Any device, structure, fixture, painting, emblem, or visual that uses words, graphics, colors, illumination, symbols, numbers, or letters for the purpose of communicating a message. Sign includes the sign faces as well as any sign supporting structure.

**Off-Premises Sign.** A sign including graphics or a display for commercial, industrial, institutional, service or entertainment purposes, promoting products, or services conducted, sold or offered somewhere other than upon the same property or parcel of land where the sign is located, and whose purpose is to sell or identify a product, service or activity. See also; Billboard

**On-Premises Sign.** Sign including graphics or a display for commercial, industrial, institutional, service or entertainment purposes, promoting products, uses or services conducted, sold or offered upon the same property or parcel of land where the sign is located, and whose purpose is to sell or identify a product, service or activity.

**Signage Plan.** A plan submitted to the Administrator as part of the signage permit application for the purpose of allowing the efficient use of multiple signs for the benefit of the property, while determining for the benefit of the public, that all signs within the Township provide for the health, safety, welfare and standards of the citizens and visitors of the Township and meet the requirements of this Ordinance.

**Temporary Sign.** A sign displayed for a fixed, limited length of time. Temporary signs are intended to be removed after temporary purpose has been served. Included are for sale, lease or rent signs, political signs, service signs, special-event signs, construction signs, directional signs to special or temporary events and signs of a similar nature.

**Tri-Vision Boards.** An outdoor unit with a slatted face that allows three different copy messages to revolve at intermittent intervals. Generally an off-premises type of billboard sign.

**Wall Sign.** A sign painted on, or attached to, a wall or window of a building or other structure and which is mounted parallel to the surface so that only one side is visible to the public.

**Warning Sign.** An official sign containing no advertising material but which warns the public of the existence of danger.

**301.5:** Strings of Light – Any devices including lights that outline property lines, sales areas or any portion of a structure and are intended to advertise or draw attention to a business or commercial activity, except where temporarily allowed as follows:

A. Lights used temporarily as holiday decorations.

B. Lights or other devices used on a temporary basis on parcels on which carnivals, fairs or other similar temporary activities are held.

**301.6:** Vehicle Signs – No sign may be displayed on a parked trailer or other vehicle where the primary purpose of the vehicle is to advertise a product, service business, or other activity. This regulation excludes the use of business logos, identification or advertising on vehicles primarily and actively used for business purposes and transported off site regularly.

**301.7:** No banner or sign of any type may be suspended across a public street.

**301.8:** No signs may be erected without the permission of the property owner, with the exception of those authorized or required by local, state, or federal government.

**301.9:** No signs may contain information which states or implies that a property may be used for any purpose not permitted under the provisions of the Findley Township Zoning Ordinance.

**301.10:** No signs may exhibit statements, words, or pictures of obscene or pornographic subjects as determined by Findley Township Zoning Ordinance.

**301.11:** All signs that promote illegal activity are prohibited.

### **SECTION 403: SIGNAGE AREA**

**403.1:** Determination of Gross Sign Area – The area of a sign shall 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 are incidental to the display.

A. Where the sign consists of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building wall or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the single smallest rectangle or other regular geometric shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols, including the sign background and frame.

**403.2:** Signs may be double-sided provided that the faces are equal in size.

A. Only one (1) side shall be considered when determining the sign area when the interior angle formed by the faces is less than 45 degrees, and the two faces are not more than 18 inches apart.

B. When the interior angle formed by the faces is greater than 45 degrees, or the faces are greater than 18 inches apart, all sides of such sign shall be considered in calculating the sign area.

C. Off-premises signs may have two sign faces provided they are not more than five (5) feet apart.

### **SECTION 404: DETERMINATION OF SIGN HEIGHT**

**404.1:** The height of a sign erected within ten (10) feet of a road right-of-way line shall be measured from the grade level of the nearest edge of the cartway of the adjacent road to the top of the sign or sign structure.

**404.2:** The height of all signs erected beyond the standard minimum building setback for the zoning district shall be measured from the natural grade level, immediately adjacent to where the sign is erected to the top of the sign or sign structure.

### **SECTION 405: ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS**

**405.1:** Illuminated signs or sign lighting devices shall employ only lights emitting a light of constant intensity or that may dim at night to prevent glare.

**405.2:** No sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent rotating or moving light or lights.

**405.3:** No sign or lighting device shall be placed or directed to permit the beams and illumination to be directed or project glare on to a public road, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises so as to cause a traffic hazard or nuisance.

## **SECTION 408: CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF SIGNS**

**408.1:** Every sign shall be constructed of durable materials, using noncorrosive fastenings; shall be structurally safe and erected or installed in strict accordance with the PA Uniform Construction Code; and shall be maintained in safe condition and good repair at all times so that all sign information is clearly legible.

A. Sign Materials and Construction – all signs shall be constructed in a workmanlike fashion using durable materials, designed to withstand expected wind pressures and erected so as not to sustain damage and deterioration from the elements. Any applicable codes must be met.

B. Structural Signs – Roof, awning, canopy or projecting signs must provide construction specifications showing the structures meet building code requirements.

**408.2:** Maintenance – every sign, including those specifically exempt from permit and permit fees, shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe, clean and attractive condition.

A. The permit requires all signs shall be in safe and good repair.

B. Signs which become deteriorated or otherwise present a public hazard shall be removed or repaired by the sign owner or property owner as designated on the permit or it will be considered an Abandoned Sign.

C. Abandoned Sign – (per definition in Section 201) is a sign which has not identified or advertised a current business, service, owner, product, or activity for a period of at least 180 days, in the case of off-premises signs, or at least 360 days in the case of on-premises signs. Such abandoned or deteriorated signs shall be removed within 180 days of official notification by the Code Enforcement Officer or other appointed Administrator.

C. If the owner of a sign cannot be located, the owner of the property whereon the sign is located shall be responsible for its repair or removal.

## **SECTION 409: DESIGN STANDARDS OF SIGNS**

**409.1:** No sign or part of a sign shall contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or other similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices. None of these devices, nor any strings of lights, shall be used for the purpose of advertising or getting attention when not part of a sign, except as follows.

A. In the case of a grand opening or similar event, banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or other similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices may be used for a period of seven (7) consecutive days upon application for a sign permit.

**409.2:** All temporary signs shall be affixed at all four corners or attached to a stable, flat, surface. Temporary signs affixed to buildings shall be considered temporary wall signs.

**409.3:** Banners spanning municipal roadways require permit from the Township. Banners spanning state roadways require approval of a highway occupancy permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

**SECTION 501: TEMPORARY SIGNS**

The following temporary signs may be placed in any districts without permit provided they do not exceed 30 days and meet other limitations as noted.

- 501.1: Portable sign** – a single moveable sign of 4 square feet or less, displayed only during standard business hours and shall be removed each day during hours of non-operation of the business being advertised.
- A. All portable signs must be taken in during inclement weather.
  - B. Illumination of any portable sign is prohibited.
- 501.2:** Temporary signs advertising a yard sale, garage sale, or similar event of less than forty-eight (48) hours duration, provided such signs are removed upon cessation of the event.
- 501.3:** Temporary signs announcing the birth of a child, birthday commemoration, marriage, graduation, or similar event in the life of a householder shall be permitted provided such signs do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.
- 501.4: Seasonal Farm Products Signs** – Seasonal on-premises signs announcing the availability of seasonal farm products.
- A. The number of signs shall not exceed two (2) and the total area of all signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet per side, nor shall any sign exceed six (6) feet in height.
  - B. Seasonal farm product signs shall not be erected more than thirty (30) days in advance of the harvest of the produce in question, and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days from the end of harvest.
  - C. Signs advertising the variety of crop growing in a field. Such signs shall be removed after the growing season.
- 501.5: Real Estate Signs** – Temporary signs offering the sale or rental of the premises upon which the sign is erected, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in Residential Zoning Districts, or thirty-two (32) square feet for all other zoning districts.
- A. Temporary Real Estate signs shall be in place not longer than thirty (30) days after the end of the sale or rental of the premises, or commencement of real estate contract.
- 501.6: Special-Event Signs** – On-premises signs announcing special events including, but not limited to, grand openings, new management, going-out-of-business sales and events by religious, charitable or public service groups.
- A. Any business, individual or organization may display a special-event sign. A maximum of two (2) special-event signs may be displayed for up to thirty (30) days prior to a special event.
  - B. Signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area each and shall be removed immediately following the event.
  - C. A special-event sign shall not be used to continuously advertise the same event.

## ARTICLE 6: ON-PREMISES SIGN REGULATIONS

On-premises signs include signs, graphics and displays for commercial, industrial, institutional, service or entertainment purposes, products, uses or services conducted, sold or offered on the same premises where the sign is located.

### SECTION 600: FREESTANDING SIGNS

Any freestanding sign shall be a minimum of ten (10') from the street right-of-way and meet size requirements as listed.

**600.1: Pole Signs** – Pole signs shall be allowed as freestanding signs the base of the sign face shall be at least eight (8') feet above the ground and sign shall be a maximum of fifty (50') square feet per side.

**600.2: Monument Signs** – Monument signs shall be allowed as freestanding signs provided the permitted area of a monument sign shall be a maximum of one hundred (100') square feet per side and less than ten feet (10') in height.

### SECTION 601: STRUCTURAL OR ATTACHED SIGNAGE

The following attached signs shall be allowed in addition to the permitted freestanding signs as permitted in Section 408:

**601.1: Wall/Window or Marquee Signs** – Wall/window or marquee signs are subject to the following:

A. The permitted area of wall/window or marquee signs shall be less than 25% of building face or unit front facade to which it is attached.

B. The top of all wall/window or marquee signs shall be below the roof line.

C. All wall signs shall be installed flat against the wall of a building and shall not extend from the wall more than twelve (12) inches.

D. Theaters may erect one (1) of the permitted wall or marquee signs with changeable copy board to display the name(s) and time(s) of each of the current motion picture(s) or theatrical production(s).

**601.2: Projecting Signs** – Projecting signs and displays attached to individual buildings or units, subject to the following:

A. The base of all projecting signs shall be no less than eight (8) feet above the ground.

B. Projecting signs shall not project from the exterior wall of a building more than four (4) feet.

**601.3: Awning or Canopy or Roof Signs** – Awning or canopy signs and displays provided they are securely attached to buildings or structures.

### SECTION 602: COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE

**602.1: Multi-Tenant Facility** – Residential Housing or Community Developments, Office or Industrial Center, Commercial Plazas with an approved site or land development plan may provide shared signage as follows;

A. One shared freestanding sign with a maximum area of one hundred (100') square feet, and

## ARTICLE 7: OFF-PREMISES SIGN REGULATIONS

Off-premises signs include signs, graphics and other displays for commercial, industrial, institutional, service or entertainment purposes, products, uses, or services conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than upon the same premises where the sign is located.

Billboards may be considered an off-premises sign.

### SECTION 700: CONDITIONAL USE OF OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

**700.1:** Conditional Use – Any Off-premises signs are permitted only upon the review as a conditional use by the Supervisors in compliance with the size standards for Zoning Districts listed in this ordinance.

### SECTION 701: DESIGN STANDARDS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS

**701.1:** Engineering Certification – An engineering certification shall accompany the application for an off-premises sign permit. The engineering certification shall indicate, under the seal of a professional engineer, that the existence of the proposed off-premises sign shall not present a safety hazard.

**701.2:** Sign Separation Distance –

A. The minimum distance required between all off-premises signs shall be 500 feet as measured along the centerline of the abutting roadway. Signs located on the opposite sides of the road or in an adjacent Township are subject to this distance requirement.

B. No off-premises sign shall be erected within two-hundred and fifty (250) feet of any existing freestanding on-premises sign.

1. Sign Setbacks – Off-premises signs shall be located in accordance with the building setbacks for structures located in the zoning district.

2. Sign Area – The maximum area for any off-premises sign shall be fifty (50) square feet per side.

**701.3:** Off-Premises signs may be double-sided provided that the faces are equal in size and meet the following standards;

A. Only one (1) side shall be considered when determining the sign area when the interior angle formed by the faces is less than 45 degrees, and the two faces are not more than 18 inches apart.

B. When the interior angle formed by the faces is greater than 45 degrees, or the faces are greater than 18 inches apart, all sides of such sign shall be considered in calculating the sign area.

### SECTION 702: BILLBOARDS STANDARDS

**702.1:** Billboards – Billboards may be permitted as off-premises signs as a **Conditional Use**, provided each meets the following:

A. Size – Such signs shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) square feet per side.

B. Sign Height – No portion of any off-premise sign shall be more than thirty (35) feet above the highest elevation of the surrounding natural grade.

## ARTICLE 8: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

### SECTION 800: CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR SIGN REGULATIONS

- 800.1:** Appointment – The Code Enforcement Officer or other appointed Administrator shall be appointed by the Township as prescribed by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 of 1968, as amended) for the administration and enforcement of this Sign Ordinance as designated by the Township Board of Supervisors; such Administrator shall have the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce all provisions of this Ordinance, other than those provisions with powers specifically reserved to the Township Supervisors or the Zoning Hearing Board. The Township shall establish qualifications for the position of Code Enforcement Officer which require candidates to demonstrate a working knowledge of municipal signage, building and zoning standards to the satisfaction of the Township.
- 800.2:** Official Records – An official record shall be kept of all business of the Code Enforcement Officer as pertaining to administration and enforcement of Sign Regulations and shall be open to public inspection at all appropriate times.
- 800.3:** Compensation of the Code Enforcement Officer – The compensation of the Code Enforcement Officer to administer and enforce this Sign Ordinance shall be as determined by the Supervisors.
- 800.4:** Annual Report – The Code Enforcement Officer shall submit monthly plus an annual summary to the Township Supervisors a report of all sign permits, notices issued, and orders.
- 800.5:** Right of Entry – The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to examine or cause to be examined all structures and/or land for which an active or pending application for a sign permit has been filed for purposes of enforcing this Sign Ordinance.
- A. Visual inspections may be legally made from any public right-of-way, sidewalk, or public place.
  - B. The right of inspection conferred herein shall be written out on every sign permit application and an acknowledgement that it has been read and accepted shall be signed by the applicant before a sign permit may be issued.
  - C. The Code Enforcement Officer may enter upon property of a private home or business from time to time during construction only after obtaining permission from a responsible adult upon presentation of proper identification and only during daylight hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

### SECTION 801: REGISTRATION OF SIGNS

- 801.1:** Registration of Signs – All existing signs must be registered with Findley Township. Signs that are certified as nonconforming and are registered under this Ordinance may continue to be displayed or altered to conform to this Ordinance. All signs erected after the effective date of this Ordinance must comply with all standards within this Ordinance.

C. It shall be demonstrated that the sign meets any structural or electrical code requirements as necessary for safety.

D. Drawing(s) of the proposed sign containing specifications indicating height, perimeter, area, dimensions, type of lettering proposed, means of support, method of illumination, and any other significant characteristics.

E. A site-plan shall accompany an application for a sign-plaza permit depicting size, shape, color, lighting, landscaping and manner of display.

F. Any other information requested by the Administrator in order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

**803.2: Permit Fee** – Permit fees will cover the cost for administering this Ordinance for compliance with its purpose. Such fee shall be established by resolution of Findley Township Board of Supervisors. The fee shall accompany the sign permit application.

**803.3: Permit Review and Action** – The Code Enforcement Officer or other appointed Administrator shall review the sign permit application and issue or deny the permit, in conformance with the following standards. No sign permit shall be issued except in conformity with the regulations of this Ordinance, except after written order from the Zoning Hearing Board or the courts.

A. Official Date – The official date of submission shall be the day the Administrator determines that the completed application, with all required or necessary data, has been properly prepared and submitted, together with the application fee.

B. Time to Decide – The Administrator shall determine whether the proposed sign is or is not in compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, including confirmation of building code approval, and within thirty (30) days of the official date of submission, shall issue or deny the sign permit.

C. Permit – All signs erected after the effective date of this section shall have the following information filed with the permit.

1. Date of the Approval on the permit with the application.

2. The sign permit number.

3. The voltage of any electrical apparatus used in connection with the sign.

4. Photograph – When the sign has been completed, the Applicant shall photograph the completed sign and forward the photograph to the Zoning Officer.

D. Revocation of Permit – All rights and privileges acquired under the provisions of this Ordinance are mere licenses and, as such, are revocable for cause by Findley Township. All permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance are hereby subject to this provision.

E. Violations – Any sign which is be deemed to be in violation of these regulations and which is not resolved within the allotted time limits shall be ordered removed by the Administrator with the costs of removal to be at the expense of the sign owner or the land owner.

1. Illegal Sign – A sign which does not meet the requirements of this ordinance or which is not a registered nonconforming sign.
2. Any directional or off-premises sign which refers or pertains to a business or facility, the affairs of which are discontinued for a period of six (6) months or more.
3. Any sign which pertains to a time, event or purpose which no longer exists or applies.
4. On premises signs for any businesses or facilities which have been vacant, unoccupied or not actively being offered for sale for a period of six (6) months or more.

#### **SECTION 804: NON-CONFORMING SIGNS**

Any sign lawfully existing or under construction before the date of enactment of these sign regulations or upon any date on which these regulations are amended, and any sign which is accessory to a non-conforming use, shall be deemed a non-conforming sign.

##### **804.1: Signs on the Premises of Legally Non-conforming Uses –**

- A. Signs on the premises of legally non-conforming uses (such as an office in a residential area) may remain until the existing use of the premises is discontinued.
- B. If a sign wears out or is damaged (including rust, faded colors, discoloration, holes, or missing parts or informational items), or is changed for any other reason, the number, size, and area of all signs relating to the premises shall not be increased beyond the characteristics of the sign or signs that existed on that property at the time this Ordinance was adopted.

**804.2: Illegal Sign** – A sign which does not meet the requirements of this ordinance or which is not a registered non-conforming sign. This specifically includes a sign that remains standing when the time limits set by the permit are exceeded and any sign not removed after notification from the Administrator to remove the sign.

**804.3:** Any sign, display or device allowed in this Ordinance may contain (in lieu of any other copy) lawful noncommercial messages that do not direct attention to a business operated for profit or to a commodity or service for sale. The sign, display or device must comply with all other requirements of this Ordinance.

**804.4:** Non-conforming signs may be repainted or repaired, providing such repainting or repairing does not change the dimensions of the existing sign.

- A. Non-conforming signs, once removed, shall be replaced only with conforming signs.
- B. Removal – A non-conforming sign or the structure supporting the sign shall be removed according to the provisions of this section. Nonconforming signs may remain, provided they are maintained in good repair, except for the following;
  1. Removal is required if 50% or more of the non-conforming sign or the structure supporting the sign is damaged or destroyed, it shall not be altered, replaced or reinstalled unless it is in conformance with these regulations.

**ARTICLE 11: EFFECTIVE DATE & ADOPTION**

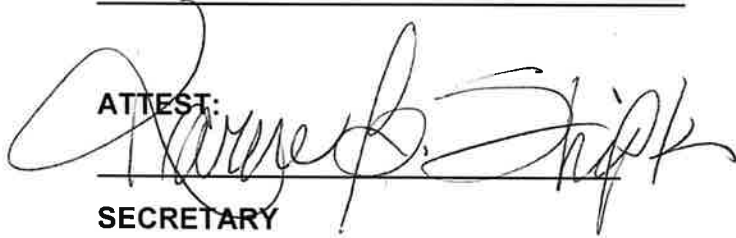
The Sign Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of adoption by Findley Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

**ARTICLE 12: ADOPTION**

We hereby certify that the Sign Ordinance was adopted by Findley Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania this 5 day of June, A.D., 2024

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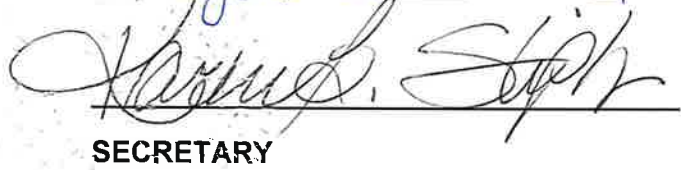
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**ARTICLE 13: CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance # 2024-02, adopted by the Board of Supervisors for Findley Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania on June 5, A.D., 2024

  
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