

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGHENY, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND UPDATING ITS REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors has noticed a proliferation of signs on public property and along public rights of way in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare to regulate signs on public property and public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that regulating such signs serves the substantial purpose of maintaining and enhancing the beauty, aesthetic environment, and quality of the Township, will help to assure that the benefits, derived from the expenditure of public funds for the improvement and beautification of streets, sidewalks, public parks, public rights-of-way, and other public places and spaces, are protected; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that regulating such signs serves the substantial purpose of reducing visual clutter which also assists in maintaining and improving traffic and pedestrian safety through so as to not interfere with, obstruct the vision of, or distract motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians; to allow for traffic control devices consistent with national standards and whose purpose is to promote street and roadway safety and efficiency by providing for the orderly movement of the traveling public on streets and roadways necessary for the safe, uniform and efficient operation of all elements of the traffic stream of the traveling public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allegheny, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION I. AMENDING CHAPTER 250. ZONING ARTICLE XVII §250-135 SIGNS AUTHORIZED IN ALL DISTRICTS.

Chapter 250. Zoning Article XVII. Signs, §250-135 is hereby amended as follows:

§250-135 G. is hereby amended to read as follows:

- G. Temporary political candidate signs. Nonilluminated temporary political signs, erected during a political campaign regarding candidates seeking political office shall be permitted, provided that they are not of a type restricted by § 250-134A of this chapter and provided that the area of the

signs shall not exceed 16 square feet.

§250-135 G. is hereby amended to add a subsection L. to read as follows:

- L. Temporary Real Estate Sign: Non illuminated temporary real estate signs, such as open house signs, estate sale signs and similar temporary real estate signs.

SECTION II. AMENDING CHAPTER 250. ZONING ARTICLE XVII. SIGNS TO ADD §250-139 REGULATION OF SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Chapter 250. Zoning Article XVII. Signs as set forth in the Allegheny Township Codified Ordinances is hereby amended to add §250-139 to read as follows:

§250-139 Regulation of signs on public property and public rights of way.

Notwithstanding any other provision regarding signs as set forth in Chapter 250, Article XVII, the following regulations shall apply to signs located on public property or in any public right of way:

- A. Unless otherwise expressly set forth in this Article, no temporary signs placed on public property or in a public right of way, shall have dimensions greater than 26 inches wide by 20 inches high (26" x 18").
- B. Temporary Political Candidate Signs shall only be permitted on public property or public rights of way 30 days prior to any primary or general election and must be removed no more than 14 days following the election.
- C. Temporary Real Estate signs shall only be permitted on public property or public rights of way one week prior to the event being advertised shall be removed within one hour following the event.
- D. Temporary Event Venue signs only be permitted on public property or public rights of way 30 days prior to the event being advertised and shall be removed within 48 hours following the event.
- E. No other temporary sign shall be placed only on public property or public rights of way for a period in excess of 7 days.
- F. The Township shall have the authority to remove any temporary sign in violation of these regulations.

SECTION II. Penalties. The Township may pursue civil remedies before the magisterial judge against any individual or entity in violation of this Article for damages not to exceed \$1000.00, together with reasonable attorney fees and costs incurred.

SECTION III. Severability. The provisions 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 Allegheny Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

SECTION IV. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

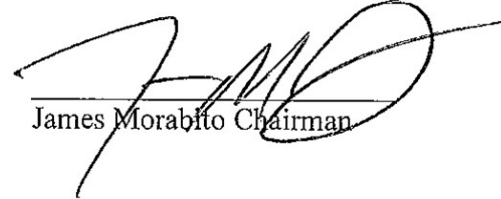
SECTION V. Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allegheny, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a full quorum being present, this 8th day of June, 2026.

ATTEST

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGHENY

Marci Bigley
Marci Bigley, Township Manager


James Morabito Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM: