

**BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1376

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 142, ARTICLE I – POLITICAL SIGNS, OF THE BOROUGH’S CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHEREAS, Council for the Borough of Canonsburg has established Chapter 142 Article I of its Code of Ordinances regulation the placement of political signs; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that Article I of Chapter 142 need updating and to accomplish this, must be repealed and replaced in its entirety to comply with existing laws.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section 1. Repeal of Article I of Chapter 142

Article I of Chapter 142 of the Borough of Canonsburg Code of Ordinances and any ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed and replaced by the contents contained herein. Further, the remainder of Chapter 142 outside of Article I, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. Definitions

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.

TEMPORARY SIGN – a type of non-permanent, sign that is located on private property that can be displayed for no more than 30 consecutive days at one time.

Section 3. Restrictions

- A. Posting a sign or temporary sign within the public right-of-way is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to post a temporary sign on or over any public right-of-way or public property owned by the Borough of Canonsburg.
- B. Posting a sign or temporary sign on utility poles is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to post a temporary sign on any public utility pole or other public utility structure or to pose paint or otherwise affix signs to trees, rocks or other natural features.

Section 4. Posting Time Limits

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to post a temporary sign for more than 30 consecutive days, two (2) times per year.

Section 5. Notice of Violation

- A. When the Borough Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer finds a temporary sign has been posted in violation of this article, he or she shall attempt to contact the individual, organization, or company responsible for the posting of such sign. If successful, the Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer is successful in identifying the party responsible for posting the temporary sign, he or she shall provide twenty-four (24) hours advance notice that that the temporary sign is in violation of this ordinance, including the nature of the violation and location of the temporary sign.
- B. If the Zoning or Code Enforcement Officer, after reasonable diligence, is unable to make contact with the person responsible for posting the temporary sign, he or she shall

may dispense with the notice requirement and proceed to removing the sign, in accordance with this Ordinance.

Section 6. Notice of Removal; Storage; Recovery

If the Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer removes any temporary sign, he or she shall keep a record of the location from which the temporary sign was removed. The Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer shall store the temporary sign in a safe location for at least thirty (30) days and shall immediately notify the entity or individual responsible for posting of the sign, in writing, indicating the fact of removal, the location where it may be retrieved and the date by which it must be retrieved or will be subject to disposal.

Section 7. Enforcement, Violations and Penalties

Any person who shall be convicted of violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance before a Magisterial District Judge shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, plus costs of prosecution.

The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

The Borough Police Department and/or Code Enforcement Officer are authorized to carry out the duties and obligations of enforcing this Ordinance.

Section 8. Severability

Should any part of this Ordinance be held legally invalid, the remainder shall be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealer


Any part of any Ordinance, specifically Chapter 90 of the Borough of Canonsburg Code of Ordinances, or resolution or ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be repealed and replaced by the contents contained herein.

Section 10. Effective Date

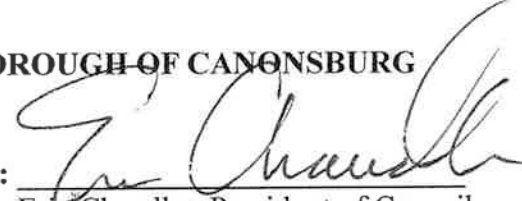
This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Borough Council.

WHEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1376 into law this 11th day of September, 2023.

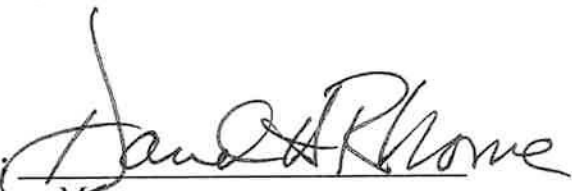
ATTEST:


Denise Lesnock, Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF CANONSBURG

By: 
Eric Chandler, President of Council

Examined and approved by me, the Mayor of the Borough of Canonsburg, this 11 day of September, 2023.

By: 
Mayor