

BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 908

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 19-101, ET SEQ. OF THE BOROUGH'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH UPDATED REGULATIONS GOVERNING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON BOROUGH PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Jefferson Hills adopted Ordinance No. 500 on October 18, 1983 (as amended) to establish regulations and create permit requirements for temporary signs to be placed on Borough property and public rights-of-way;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the public safety concerns and to preserve the order and cleanliness of the Borough rights-of-way and public property; and to avoid the appearance of clutter; to avoid litter and growth of weeds around signs; to reduce traffic hazards caused by distraction to motorists and the impairment of sight lines; to ensure that the Borough remains an attractive place to live and work; to reduce administrative burden and to reduce the necessity of expending public funds to remove temporary signs and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, Borough Council deems it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to update the current regulations related to temporary signs and prevent them from being placed on public property and rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to repeal Ordinance No. 500 of 1984 and all ordinances amending and supplementing it as codified as Chapter 19-101, et seq. in the Borough's Code of Ordinances and replace those as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jefferson Hills as follows:

SECTION 1. "Temporary Poster or Sign" Defined.

As used in this Part, the term "temporary poster or sign" shall mean any paper, cardboard, wood or other type of surface with printed, pictorial or illustrative material thereon, prepared for the purpose of transmitting to the reader or observer any information or message.

SECTION 2. Temporary Signs Prohibited on Borough Property and Public Right-of-Ways.

Except as required by state or federal law or otherwise permitted by this Ordinance, any temporary sign installed or placed on public property or public rights-of-way within the Borough of Jefferson Hills shall be deemed illegal and shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation. In addition to other remedies hereunder, the Borough shall have the right to recover from the owner or person placing such temporary sign the cost of removal and disposal of such sign. All other temporary signs (i.e. signs not proposed to be placed on Borough property) shall be in compliance with the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

- A. The only temporary signs permitted on Borough Property are those posted by the Borough for the benefit of the community.

SECTION 3. Unlawful to Litter or Place Signs on Borough Property.

No paper, trash, rubbish, ashes, junk, waste, grass clippings, tree and shrubbery branches, signs, or discarded materials of any kind shall be thrown, deposited, dumped in any ravine, ditch or gutter or on any road, street or highway, sidewalk, catch basin or any public place within the limits of Jefferson Hills Borough. Prohibited conduct under this Section shall include the placement or erection of temporary signs on Borough property and public rights-of-way.

SECTION 4. Nonpayment for Removal.

If after seven (7) days' notice, said person, firm, corporation, employee, association, committee or company does not reimburse the Borough for the expenses of the removal of said temporary signs after demand for payment by the Borough, then the authorized representative of the Borough of Jefferson Hills is hereby authorized to initiate suit in the name of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to collect said costs in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. Penalties.

Any person, firm, corporation, employee, association, committee or company who shall violate or shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$600.00), plus costs and, in default or payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. Provided, however, that each sign and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. Severability Clause

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, non-enforceable or unconstitutional, the Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, non-enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Repealer.

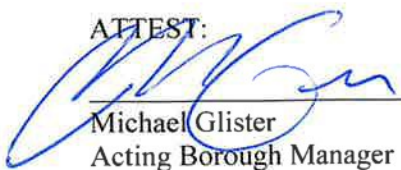
Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinance in violation or in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

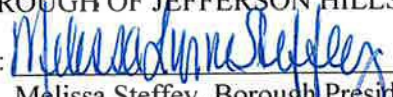
SECTION 8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

NOW, be it ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, by the Borough Council this 8th day of July, 2024.

ATTEST:


Michael Glistner
Acting Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS
By: 
Melissa Steffey, Borough President
Jefferson Hills Borough Council