

ORDINANCE NO. 43-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 166-141. ENTITLED, "REGULATIONS APPLICABLE IN ALL ZONES," BOTH IN ARTICLE XX ENTITLED, "SIGNS" AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION, PERTAINING TO SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

WHEREAS, various special events are a common occurrence in the Township of Hanover, as in most municipalities; and

WHEREAS, such special events are typically accompanied by signage identifying the location of the event or directing the traveling public to such location; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that reasonable accommodation can be made for the signage for such special events; and

WHEREAS, excess and inappropriately designed and/or located signs detract from the overall aesthetic character of the Township; and

WHEREAS, excess and inappropriately designed and/or located signs can also contribute to safety concerns as they may create a distraction to motorists and impair visibility to motorists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, for the above stated reasons, the Township Committee believes that it is in the public interest to regulate special event signage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Subsection O. in Section 166-141., *Regulations applicable in all zones*, in Article XX, *Signs*, is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

- O. Temporary special event signs on public property. Temporary special event signs shall be permitted in accordance with the following requirements:
- (1) For purposes of this subsection, "temporary special event sign" refers to a sign that announces a short term happening or special occurrence in the Township that is sponsored by a non-profit organization and of general interest to the community.
 - (2) Such signs shall be located only on the property where the special event is to occur or within the right-of-way of public streets, but not on other public property.
 - (3) Such signs shall be erected and displayed for up to seven consecutive days. No subsequent temporary special event sign announcing or identifying the same or equivalent special event shall be permitted to be erected or displayed within seven (7) days of the prior display of such sign.
 - (4) The area of such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet.

- (5) Signs shall be prohibited on the paved area of roadways or walkways, and shall not be permitted to encroach within the air space above such areas.
- (6) Such signs shall be separated from any signs pertaining to a different special event by a horizontal distance of at least 40 feet.
- (7) The following temporary special event signs and sign placement shall be prohibited:
 - (a) Inflatable devices (except balloons), streamers, flags and pennants.
 - (b) "Snipe signs," including any signs attached to trees, utility poles, light poles, fences, traffic signs or other structures that are not designed to function solely as a support for the sign.
 - (c) Signs painted or attached to any motor vehicle or other vehicle or equipment advertising a business, service, event or property, when such signs are except for such signs that are painted on or affixed to a motor vehicle registered as a commercial vehicle, when such sign is used to identify the business for which the vehicle is registered.
 - (d) Signs that move, rotate or use flashing lights, or that utilize mechanically changing displays.
- (8) Such signs shall comply with the requirements of §166-141.B.
- (9) Such signs shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit.

Section 2. All ordinances of the Township of Hanover which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: November 13, 2014

DATE OF ADOPTION: December 11, 2014

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the foregoing Ordinance was submitted in writing at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of November, 2014, introduced and ready by title and passed on first reading and the Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereof at a meeting to be held on the 11th day of December, 2014, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10 in Whippany, in said Township of Hanover, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

JOSEPH A. GIORGIO, TOWNSHIP CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: November 20, 2014