

SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP SIGN ORDINANCE

Subdivision 1 Superseding Effect

This Sign Ordinance is to supersede all regulations regarding signs that were previously part of the Scambler Township zoning ordinance prior to adoption of this Ordinance. The jurisdiction of this Ordinance shall apply to all areas of Scambler Township. Upon adoption of this ordinance, any existing sign that does not conform to this ordinance shall be allowed to remain in its current location as long as ownership of the sign and/or ownership of the business to which the sign directs attention does not change.

100.000 SIGNS

100.010 The purpose of this section is to protect, insure, maintain and regain the natural and scenic beauty and attractiveness of the roadside throughout Scambler Township. By the construction of public roads, the public has created views to which the public retains a right-of-view and it is the intent of these standards to prevent the taking of that right. Signs are recognized as accessory uses and are permitted in all districts subject to the regulations of this Ordinance.

100.020 Definitions:

Administrator - The Ordinance Administrator or a designated representative.

Advertising Sign - A sign, which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, activity, or entertainment, conducted, sold, or offered off the premises where such sign is located.

Agricultural Preservation District – As defined in the Scambler Township Zoning Ordinance.

Business Sign – A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, or to a commodity service or entertainment sold or offered upon the premises where such a sign is located.

Commercial/Industrial District – As defined in the Scambler Township Zoning Ordinance.

Construction Sign - A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located

Cross Surface Area- The entire area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the surface of such sign. The perimeter shall not include any structural elements lying outside the display surface limits of such sign.

Government Sign - Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the city, county, state, or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property, or facility.

Height (of a sign) - The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent road or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less.

Lot - a parcel of land defined by a legal record or survey map.

Lot front footage - The length of that boundary of a lot, which abuts an existing or dedicated public street.

Maintenance - For the purposes of this Ordinance, the cleaning, painting, repair, or replacement of defective parts of a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic copy, design, or structure of the sign.

Person - Any individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, or similarly defined interest

Political Sign - A temporary sign used in connection with local, state, or national election or referendum

Portable Sign - Any sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building

Real Estate Sign - A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease, or sale.

Resident Business – A person or business that has its primary physical location within the

boundaries of Scambler Township

Residential District - As defined in the Scambler Township Zoning Ordinance.

Sign - Any device, structure, fixture, or placard using graphics, symbols, and/or written copy for the primary purpose of identifying, providing directions, or advertising any establishment, product, goods, or services.

Sign – Yard – A sign which directs attention to a particular activity or event at a given location such as but not limited to real estate signs, construction or contractor signs, garage sale signs, etc.

Shoreland Management District – As defined in the Scambler Township Zoning Ordinance.

Temporary Sign - A sign not constructed or intended for long term use.

- 100.030 No sign shall be allowed that is a hazard to the public health, safety, convenience, welfare, or that prevents ingress or egress, from any door, window or fire escape; that tends to accumulate debris as a fire hazard or that is attached to a standpipe or fire escape.
- 100.040 No signs shall be permitted which would interfere with traffic control or create a traffic hazard.
- 100.050 Locations and positioning of signs
- 1) Except for government signs, all signs are prohibited within the public right-of-way.
 - 2) No sign shall be within fifty feet of, or 25% of the lot front footage of the lot (whichever is less) of an adjoining property line.
 - 3) No sign may be attached to a tree.
 - 4) No sign may be attached to an existing fence, pole, or structure not owned by the person displaying the sign.
 - 5) No sign along a trunk highway may be within 300 feet of any other sign.
 - 6) No sign may be erected within 300 feet of the intersection of any public road and a trunk highway.

100.060 Illuminated signs may be permitted. Flashing signs, except ones giving time, date, temperature, weather or similar public service information shall be prohibited. No illuminated signs shall be permitted within 500 feet of any dwelling. Illuminate signs shall be diffused or indirect so as not to direct rays of light into adjacent property or onto any public right of way.

100.070 Signs giving off an intermittent or rotating beam or ray of light shall be prohibited.

100.080 No sign shall contain any indecent or offensive picture or written matter.

100.090 Portable signs shall comply with all sections of this ordinance.

100.100 It is the landowner's responsibility to comply with all sections of this ordinance.

100.110 Sign Maintenance

- 1) Painting. The owner of any sign shall be required to have such sign properly painted at least once every two years, if needed, including all parts and supports of the sign, unless such parts or supports are galvanized or otherwise treated to prevent rust.
- 2) Area around sign. The owner or lessee of any sign or the owner of the land on which the sign is located shall keep the grass, weeds or other growth cut and the area free from refuse between the sign and the street and also for a distance of six feet behind and at the end of said sign.
- 3) Any sign, which no longer advertises a bona fide business, conducted or a product sold shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the beneficial use of the building, or land upon which the sign may be found.
- 4) Any sign which becomes structurally unsafe or endangers the safety of a building or premises or endangers the public safety shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure, or land upon which the sign is located.

200.000 SIGNAGE IN THE SHORELAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

- 200.010 Advertising signs are not allowed.
- 200.020 Construction signs
- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides
 - 2) May only be displayed during construction
- 200.030 Real Estate Signs
- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides
 - 2) Must be removed ten days after the sale of the property.
 - 3) Each lot may have only one real estate sign and one directional sign.
- 200.040 Temporary Event Signs such as lake association meeting, produce for sale, garage sale, family reunion, auction sale, church supper, etc.
- 1) Shall not have a cross section of more than 10 square feet.
 - 2) May not be displayed more than one week prior to an event.
 - 3) Must be removed after the event
 - 4) May not be displayed more than 30 days in any given year.
- 200.050 Business Signs
- 1) A business sign located entirely on a building may encompass 25% of the area of the wall or roof on which the sign is located.
 - 2) All other business signs may have a maximum cross surface area of 32 square feet.
 - 3) The total cross surface area of all signs shall not exceed 100 square feet (excluding signage located entirely on a building.)
- 200.060 Political signs must be taken down no later than 2 days after their respective election
- 300.000 SIGNAGE IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT
- 300.010 Advertising signs are not allowed.
- 300.020 Construction signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides
- 2) May only be displayed during construction

300.030 Real Estate Signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides
- 2) Must be removed ten days after the sale of the property.
- 3) Each lot may have only one real estate sign and one directional sign.

300.040 Temporary Event Signs such as lake association meeting, produce for sale, garage sale, family reunion, auction sale, church supper, etc.

- 1) Shall not have a cross section of more than 50 square feet.
- 2) May not be displayed more than one week prior to an event.
- 3) Must be removed after the event
- 4) May not be displayed more than 30 days in any given year.

300.050 Business Signs

- 1) A business sign located entirely on a building may encompass 25% of the area of the wall or roof on which the sign is located.
- 2) All other business signs may have a maximum cross surface area of 32 square feet.
- 3) The total cross surface area of all signs shall not exceed 100 square feet (excluding signage located entirely on a building.)

300.060 Political signs must be taken down no later than 2 days after their respective election.

400.000 SIGNAGE IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

400.010 Advertising signs for resident businesses are prohibited.

400.020 Construction signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides.

2) May only be displayed during construction.

400.030 Real Estate Signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than four square feet per side and have no more than two sides.
- 2) Must be removed no more than ten days after the sale of the property.
- 3) Each lot may have only one real estate sign and one directional sign.

400.040 Temporary Event Signs such as produce for sale, garage sale, family reunion, auction sale, church supper, etc.

- 1) Shall not have a cross section of more than four square feet.
- 2) May not be displayed more than one week prior to an event.
- 3) Must be removed after the event
- 4) May not be displayed more than 30 days in any given year.

400.050 Business Signs

- 1) One business sign is allowed with a maximum cross surface area of 4 square feet.

400.060 Political signs must be taken down no later than 2 days after their respective election

500.000 SIGNS IN THE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

500.010 Advertising signs for resident businesses.

- 1) Shall have no more than 32 square feet of cross surface area
- 2) Shall be no more than 10 feet in height
- 3) Each business may have only two such advertising signs in the township
- 4) No more than three such signs may be located within a 100 foot radius of any other sign.

500.020 Construction Signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than 32 square feet per side and have no more than two sides
- 2) May only be displayed during construction.

- 3) Each construction site or lot may only have two such signs displayed at any one time.

500.030 Real Estate Signs

- 1) Shall not have cross surface area greater than fifty square feet.
- 2) Must be removed no more than ten days after the sale of the property.

500.040 Temporary Event Signs such as produce for sale, garage sale, family reunion, auction sale, church supper, etc

- 1) Shall not have a cross section of more than 32 square feet
- 2) May not be displayed more than one week prior to an event
- 3) Must be removed after the event
- 4) May not be displayed more than 30 days in any given year.

500.050 Advertising signs for all other person's or businesses are prohibited

500.060 Business Signs

- 1) A business sign located entirely on a building may encompass 50% of the area of the wall or roof on which the sign is located.
- 2) The total cross surface area of all signs on a given lot shall not exceed 200 square feet (excluding signage located entirely on a building.)

500.070 Political signs must be taken down no later than 2 days after their respective election.

Subdivision 2 Duties of Township Officers

The Town Board shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Subdivision 3 Abatement

Whenever the Town Board determines that a sign is in violation of this ordinance the Town Board shall notify in writing the owner of such fact and order that the sign be brought in compliance with the ordinance. The notice shall be by certified or registered mail. The notice shall specify the steps to be taken to bring the sign into compliance, and the time, not exceeding 30 days, within which the sign be removed or brought into

compliance. If the notice of violation is not complied with within the time specified, the Town Board may, after notice to the owner, and an opportunity to be heard, determine that the condition identified in the notice of violation is not in compliance with the sign ordinance and further order that if the sign is not brought into compliance or removed within the time prescribed by the Town Board, the Town Board may seek injunctive relief by serving a copy of the Town Board order and notice of motion for summary enforcement.

Subdivision 4 Penalty

Any person convicted of violating any provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Adopted (date)