

## SCAMBLER TOWNSHIP SIGN ORDINANCE #01-2023

### 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 may be erected within 300 feet of the intersection of any public road and a trunk highway, if deemed a safety hazard by the Scambler Town Board.
- 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.

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

## **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 may be subject to legal action.

Nancy Albert Date 7/19/2023  
Scambler Board Chairperson

Attest Sandra Tingelstad Date 7/19/2023  
Scambler Township Clerk

