TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 245

AN ORDINANCE

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
 PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING CHAPTER
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington deems it to be in the interest and welfare of the residents of the Township to amend the Zoning Chapter of the Code of the Township of Washington as described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of Article V of Act No. 247, as amended, of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 31, 1968, known as, and cited as the “Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code”; and any amendments and supplements thereby, and also by the authority of the second class township code “act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69) as amended, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, that the zoning chapter (chapter 360) of the Code of the Township of Washington is revised and amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 360-21.B shall be amended to read as follows:

B. Evidence of use: does not display or create outside the building any evidence of the home occupation except one non-lighted sign which must be either a maximum of six square feet and mounted on the face of the building or four square feet and located at the mailbox or end of driveway.

SECTION 2. Chapter 360-36.D shall be amended to read as follows:

D. Nuisance signs. No signs with moving parts, animated features, or audible features that could cause a distraction to drivers shall be allowed.

SECTION 3. Chapter 360-37.A.(2), 360-37.A.(3), 360-37.A(4), and 360-37.A(5) shall be amended to read as follows:

(2) Only one property lot pole sign or ground sign is permitted. On lots with multiple buildings and/or tenants, an additional eighteen square feet of the total sign size as set forth in section 360-37.A.(3) per tenant is permitted.
(3) Sign size shall be no more than 40 square feet with an additional 24 square feet maximum for a message board.

(a) A message board may be part of or separate from the main sign but must be on the same pole or ground sign

(b) Electronic message boards shall be permitted in the Commercial and Industrial Districts only.

(c) Nonelectric message boards shall be designed and constructed in a manner capable of changing messages through a system of removable characters or panels attached to the face of the sign and are permitted in the Commercial, Commercial Neighborhood, or Industrial Districts

(4) Wall signs shall cover no more than 10% of the building façade upon which they are installed. A single electric or nonelectric message board may be incorporated as part of the allotted 10% façade space.

(5) One roof sign per building shall be permitted. Roof signs shall be no more than 40 square feet and shall not exceed the highest peak of the existing roofline and shall be no more than four feet higher than the highest eave of the roof.


SECTION 6. The renumbered Chapter 360-37.A.(7)(a) and 360-37.A(7)(b) shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Sign size shall be no more than 16 square feet

(b) Sign height shall be no greater than ten feet from ground level.

SECTION 7. Chapter 360-37.B.(3) shall be amended to read as follows:

(3) Aggregate size of permanent signs shall be no more than 40 square feet

SECTION 8. Chapter 360-37.C.(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

(1) One residence identification sign is permitted per single-family dwelling to identify family name, property name, and/or street address. Signs shall be located at the end of the driveway or at the mailbox not to exceed four square feet and shall not be illuminated.
SECTION 9. Chapter 360-38 shall be removed and reserved for future use.

SECTION 10. Chapter 360-40.D.(1)(a) shall be amended to read as follows:

(a) Installed not more than thirty days before event.

SECTION 11. Chapter 360-40.D.(1)(c) shall be amended to read as follows:

(c) Shall be removed within 48 hours after the event.

SECTION 12. Chapter 360-40.E. shall be added and shall read as follows:

E. Portable Signs

(1) Signs shall only be permitted in the Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts

(2) Signs shall not exceed 32 square feet

(3) Signs shall not be used more than four times per year for a period in excess of 14 days per use, and shall not be used for a minimum of 30 days between uses

SECTION 13. Chapter 360-41.A. shall be removed.

SECTION 14. Chapter 360-41.B shall be renumbered as Chapter 360-41.A

SECTION 15. Chapter 360-41.C shall be removed.

SECTION 16. Chapter 360-41.D shall be renumbered as Chapter 360-41.C

SECTION 17. In all other respects, the provisions of the Code of the Township of Washington, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. If any article, section or provision of this ordinance should be decided by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 19. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its enactment.
DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 20th day of January, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ATTEST:

BY: Karen S. Hargrave, Secretary

BY: Jeffrey B. Geesaman, Chairman