

ARTICLE VII

SIGNS

Section 700

Definition

Any sign hereafter erected or maintained shall conform with the provisions of this Article and any other ordinances or regulations of Langhorne Manor Borough. A sign is hereby defined as any signboard or other advertising device with the purpose in mind of drawing attention to the product, service, or premises described thereon.

Section 701

Sign Regulations

The following types of signs and no other shall be permitted:

- (a) Official traffic signs.
- (b) Professional, home occupation, or name signs indicating the profession, activity, or name of the occupant of a dwelling, provided that:
 - (1) The size of such signs shall not exceed two hundred (200) square inches in overall area on one face.
 - (2) Not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected for each permitted use.
- (c) Identification signs for institutions, estates, schools, churches, hospitals, and buildings and uses other than dwellings, provided that:
 - (1) The size of any such sign shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet in total area on one face, and
 - (2) Not more than one such sign shall be placed on property held in single and separate ownership unless such property fronts on more than one street, in which case one (1) such sign may be erected on each street frontage.
- (d) Trespassing sign or signs indicating the private nature of a driveway or property, provided the size of any such sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet.
- (e) Temporary signs of builders, contractors, painters, and other artisans, provided that:
 - (1) Such signs shall be erected only on the property where such work is being performed.
 - (2) The size of such signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet.
 - (3) Such sign shall be removed promptly upon completion of the work.

(f) Real estate signs, including:

- (1) Signs advertising the sale or rental of property, provided that the size of any such sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet; and not more than one such sign shall be erected on any property held in single and separate ownership, unless such property fronts on more than one street, in which event not more than one sign may be erected on each street frontage.
- (2) Signs advertising the sale or the development of the premises when erected in connection with the development of the premises by a builder, developer, contractor, or other person interested in such sale or development, provided that the size of such sign is not in excess of fifteen (15) square feet. Not more than one such sign shall be placed on any property held in single and separate ownership, unless the property fronts on more than one street, in which event not more than one sign may be erected on each street frontage.

Section 702

General Restrictions

The following restrictions shall apply to all permitted signs and sign uses:

- (a) No sign shall be placed in such a position that it will cause danger on a street by obscuring the view; and in no case, except official traffic signs, closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any intersection (refer to Section 505).
- (b) No sign other than signs authorized in Section 701, paragraph (a) shall be erected within the lines of any street unless specifically authorized by other ordinances or regulations of Langhorne Manor Borough.
- (c) The following types of illumination are not permitted:
 - (1) Flashing Sign: An illuminated sign on which the artificial light is not maintained stationary and constant in intensity and color at all times when in use.
 - (2) Festoon Lighting: Festoon lighting is a directly illuminated sign comprised of either:
 - <a> A group of incandescent light bulbs hung or strung overhead or on a building or structure; or
 - Light bulbs not shaded or hooded or otherwise screened to prevent the direct rays of the light from shining on an adjacent property or right-of-way.
- (d) No red, green, or yellow illuminated sign shall be permitted within three hundred (300) feet of any traffic light.
- (e) No sign shall project over a public sidewalk or roadway; and no part of any sign shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet to the edge of the right-of-way of any street, road, or way.

- (f) All signs must be constructed of durable materials and must be kept in good condition and repair at all times.

Section 703

Non-conforming Signs

Any sign existing and lawful at the time of the passage of this Ordinance which does not conform in use, location, height or size with the regulations of the District in which such sign is located, shall be considered a non-conforming use and may continue in such use in its present location until replacement or rebuilding becomes necessary, at which time a Zoning Permit will be required and the sign brought into conformity with this Ordinance.

Section 704

Permit Requirements for Signs

All signs as defined in Section 700, over two (2) square feet in total area, except temporary signs not exceeding four (4) square feet shall require the issuance of a sign permit by the Building Inspector of the Borough prior to erection or replacement.

Chapter 128

SIGNS

ARTICLE I Political Signs

§ 128-2. Applicability of Zoning Ordinance.

§ 128-3. Violations and penalties.

§ 128-1. Restrictions on use.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Langhorne Manor: Art. I, 7-5-1977 as Ord. No. 119. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Garage sale signs — See Ch. 84.

Zoning — See Ch. 170.

ARTICLE I Political Signs

[Adopted 7-5-1977 as Ord. No. 119]

§ 128-1. Restrictions on use.

Signs, without limitation as to number, of political parties, political groups or candidates for public office shall be permitted within the Borough of Langhorne Manor subject to the following rules and regulations:

- A. The size of such signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in total area on one (1) face.
- B. Such signs shall not be erected, installed or displayed other than during the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the dates of the primary and general elections.
- C. Such signs shall be removed by the political party, political group or candidate erecting, installing or displaying the same within five (5) days after a primary or general election day.
- D. The political party, political group or candidate erecting, installing or displaying such signs shall secure a sign permit in accordance with Section 704 of the Zoning Ordinance of 1975.¹
- E. The political party, political group or candidate erecting, installing or displaying such signs shall post twenty-five dollars (\$25.) with the Secretary of the borough as security for removal of such signs within five (5) days after the primary or general election day. In the event that all signs of the respective political parties, political groups or candidates are not removed as provided for in Subsection C hereof, the security posted shall be forfeited and the borough will thereupon have the right, without further notice, to remove such signs and discard the same.

¹ Editor's Note: See Ch. 170, Zoning.

§ 128-2. Applicability of Zoning Ordinance.

The provisions of Article 7 of Langhorne Manor Borough Zoning Ordinance of 1975, which are not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to signs erected, installed or displayed in accordance with this Article.²

§ 128-3. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.) or to imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Continuation of violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

² Editor's Note: See Ch. 170, Zoning.