

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 216

“AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE”

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST COVENTRY, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 27 (ZONING), PART 13 (GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS AND DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 1314.6.D TO PERMIT CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 1314.6.L(1) TO ALLOW CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES WITH SCREENS NOT TO EXCEED 50% OF THE TOTAL SIGN AREA; AMENDING SECTION 1314.6.L(2) TO DELETE COLOR RESTRICTIONS FOR CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES; AMENDING SECTION 1314.6.L(3) TO ALLOW CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES A MINIMUM OF 50 FEET FROM ANY DWELLING; AMENDING SECTION 1314.6.L(4) BY DELETING THE SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY; AMENDING SECTION 1314.6.L(6) TO DELETE REQUIRED REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF LIGHTING FROM SUNSET TO 10:00 A.M. AND DELETING THE REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS TO BE EXTINGUISHED FROM 10:00 P.M. TO DAWN; AMENDING SECTION 1314.14.A(1) TO ALLOW FREESTANDING SIGNS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES TO HAVE A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 9 FEET 6 INCHES; AMENDING SECTION 1314.14.B(3) TO ALLOW PLACES OF WORSHIP AND FIREHOUSES TO HAVE A FREESTANDING SIGN NOT EXCEEDING 50 SQUARE FEET.

The Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN**:

SECTION I – Amendment to Code.

The Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards),

Section 1314.6 (Changeable Copy and Marquee Signs), is hereby amended by deleting the existing language and 1314.6 and replacing it with the following:

1314.6 Changeable Copy and Marquee Signs. Changeable copy and marquee signs shall be permitted subject to the following standards:

SECTION II – Amendment to Code.

The Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards), Section 1314.6.D is hereby amended by deleting the existing section in its entirety and replacing it with a new section as follows:

D. Changeable copy signs may not be located in any residential district, except that changeable copy signs for places of worship and firehouses shall be allowed in residential districts, subject to the provisions of this Part.

SECTION III – Amendment to Code.

The Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards),

Section 1314.6.L(1) through (6) are hereby amended by deleting the existing subsections in their entirety and replacing them with new subsections as follows:

- (1) The changeable copy electronically controlled portion of a sign shall comprise no more than 50 percent of the allowable sign area.
- (2) Changeable copy electronically controlled signs shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from any dwelling.

SECTION IV – Amendment to Code.

The Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards), Section 1314.14.A(1) is hereby amended by adding a new subsection A as follows:

- A. An identification sign and/or electronically controlled changeable copy sign for a place of worship or firehouse shall not exceed a height of 9 feet 6 inches.

SECTION V – Amendment to Code.

The Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards), Section 1314.14(signs in Residential Districts), Subsection 1314.14.B (Signs for Residential Uses) is hereby amended by deleting “Signs for Residential Use, Places of Worship and firehouses”, deleting the word “church” from Subsection (3)” and replacing it with “Signs in Residential Districts” and adding a new Subsection 4 as follows:

4. An identification sign and/or electronically controlled changeable copy sign for a place of worship or firehouse shall not exceed 50 square feet.

SECTION VI – Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent

jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION VII – Failure to Enforce not a Waiver.

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

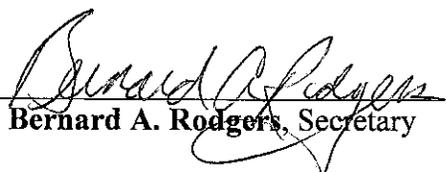
SECTION VIII – Effective Date.

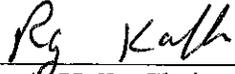
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the Second Class Township Code.

SECTION IX – Repealer.

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, this 11th day of September, 2017.

Attest: 
Bernard A. Rodgers, Secretary

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
By: 
Ray A. Kolb, Chairman

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Coventry, at its public meeting on September 11, 2017 in the Township Building, 855 Ellis Woods Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing on and could vote to adopt an Ordinance amending The Code Of Ordinances of the Township of East Coventry, Chester County, Pennsylvania, to amend Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 13 (General and Supplemental Regulations and Design Standards), Section 1314.6.D to Permit Changeable Copy Signs for Places of Worship and Firehouses in Residential Districts; Amending Section 1314.6.L(1) to Allow Changeable Copy Signs for Places of Worship and Firehouses with Screens not to exceed 50% of the Total Sign Area; amending Section 1314.6.L(2) to delete color restrictions for Changeable Copy Signs for Places of Worship and Firehouses; Amending Section 1314.6.L(3) to Allow Changeable Copy Signs for Places of Worship and Firehouses a Minimum of 50 feet from any dwelling; amending Section 1314.6.L(4) by Deleting the Section in its Entirety; amending Section 1314.6.L(6) to delete Required Reduction in the Level of Lighting from Sunset to 10:00 P.M. and deleting the requirement for Changeable Copy Signs to be Extinguished from 10:00 P.M. to Dawn; amending Section 1314.14.A(1) to Allow Freestanding Signs for Places of Worship and Firehouses to have a Maximum Height of 9 Feet 6 Inches; amending Section 1314.14.B(3) to Allow Places of Worship and Firehouses to have a Freestanding Sign not Exceeding 50 Square Feet.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance are available for examination during normal business hours without charge at the offices of *The Pottstown Mercury*, 24 North Hanover Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19464, the Chester County Law Library, 201 West Market Street, Suite 2400, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380-0989 and the East Coventry Township Building, 855 Ellis Woods Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania 19465, where a copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

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