

**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE XVIII  
SIGNS**

**SECTION 1801 GENERAL**

- A. No sign shall be erected within the lines of a street right-of-way except traffic signs and similar regulatory notices of a duly constituted governmental body.
- B. No moving or flashing signs which may have the effect of distracting motorists on adjacent highways shall be permitted.
- C. No sign which emits smoke, visible vapors or particles, sound, or odor shall be permitted.
- D. No artificial devices shall be used as part of a sign where such light or devices interferes with, competes for attention with, or may be mistaken for a traffic signal.
- E. Flood lighting shall be arranged so that the source of light is not visible from any point off the lot and that only the sign is directly illuminated thereby.
- F. No sign shall be erected containing information on it which states or implies that a property may be used for any purpose not permitted under the provisions of this ordinance in the zoning district in which the property to which the sign relates is located.
- G. Every sign permitted shall be constructed of durable material and kept in good condition, repair, and safe from collapse. Any sign which is allowed to become dilapidated shall be removed by the Township at the expense of the owner or lessee of the property on which it is located.
- H. All distances provided for in this article shall be measured along straight lines between signs and from the near edge to near edge of sign or sign structure. Such measurement shall apply in all cases, including locating new signs in relationship to currently existing nonconforming signs.
- I. A permit shall be obtained before erecting any sign under these regulations, except as hereinafter provided.
- J. No sign, other than official street signs, shall be erected or maintained nearer to a street line than a distance equaling the height of the sign, unless attached to the building.

**SECTION 1802 EXEMPT SIGNS**

No permit shall be required before erecting any of the following signs. These signs, however, shall conform to all other regulations set forth in Section 1801.

- A. Directional, information, or public service signs such as those advertising availability of rest rooms, telephone or similar public conveniences, and signs advertising meeting times and places of nonprofit service or charitable clubs and

organizations may be erected or maintained, provided that such signs do not advertise any commercial establishment, activity, organization, product, goods, or services except those of public utilities. Directional and information signs provided for the guidance and convenience of the public within commercial establishments may also be erected. Such signs shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area.

- B. Trespassing signs, or signs indicating the private nature of a road, driveway, or premises, and signs prohibiting or otherwise controlling hunting or fishing upon particular premises, may be erected and maintained provided sign area does not exceed two (2) square feet in area.
- C. Signs offering individual properties for sale or rent, or indicating that a property has been sold, provided that such signs shall be located entirely within the lot lines of the particular property to which they refer and shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area.
- D. Signs placed on premises owned by or leased to non-profit corporations but used for advertising off-premises businesses or activities.

### **SECTION 1803 TEMPORARY SIGN REGULATIONS**

Temporary signs, including signs larger than six (6) square feet in area advertising land or premises available for purchase, development, or occupancy; signs announcing special events; or signs advertising the temporary sale of products and goods, such as Christmas trees, shall be permitted, provided that:

- A. Signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- B. Any freestanding sign shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any lot line.
- C. Signs shall be removed immediately upon expiration of permit.
- D. The site or building on which the sign was erected shall be restored to its original condition upon removal of a sign.
- E. A permit must be obtained before erecting any temporary sign. Permits shall run for a maximum period of six (6) months, or less as the applicant chooses. Permits may be reissued for one successive six (6) month period.

### **SECTION 1804 BUSINESS SIGNS**

Business signs, accessory to permitted commercial uses, shall be permitted provided that:

- A. Signs mounted on the front of a building shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in area for each five (5) linear feet of front building wall, and in no case shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width or eight (8) feet in height at the minimum allowable building setback. For each additional two (2) feet of setback, the maximum height of the sign may be increased by one (1) foot, provided that no sign shall exceed twenty (20) feet in height and no sign area shall exceed twenty (20%) per cent of the area of the front building wall.

- B. Signs mounted on a side wall exposed to public view from either a street or parking area shall not exceed ten (10) square feet of area for each linear foot of such side building wall, and in no case shall exceed thirty (30) feet in width.
- C. Mounted signs shall be installed parallel to the supporting wall and project not more than ten (10) inches from the face of such wall.
- D. Freestanding signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
- E. Signs shall not be spaced closer to each other than a distance equal to ten times the largest dimension (height or width) of the sign having the largest dimension.

## **SECTION 1805 BILLBOARDS**

Where permitted as a conditional use under the terms of this ordinance, a billboard may be erected only in compliance with the standards for billboards contained in Section 1604 of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 1806 SIGN PERMITS**

- A. Applications for sign permits shall be filed in duplicate on forms furnished by the Township, and shall be accompanied by detailed plans and specifications and such other information deemed necessary by the Zoning Officer to determine the location and details of construction of such sign.
- B. Application fees for sign permits shall be paid in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.