

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDING SECTION 148-116-10 (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT) OF ARTICLE XII (SIGN REQUIREMENTS) OF CHAPTER 148 (LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO DELEGATE ENFORCEMENT POWER TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS

Ordinance #28-2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 23-2024, the Township Committee amended Chapter 148 of the municipal code of Readington Township to update the requirements and regulations related to sign placement and usage

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to amend the enforcement provisions found in Section 148-116.10 of the amended ordinance to clarify the responsibility therefore; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of Readington Township as follows:

Section I

Section 148-116-11 of Chapter 148 of the municipal code of the Township of Readington is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

- A. The Zoning Officer **or their designee** shall be the enforcing official of this article.
- B. Whenever a temporary sign is erected or maintained in violation of this article, the Zoning Officer **or their designee** may remove the same at any time without notice.
- C. Whenever a temporary sign is erected or posted on public property in violation of this article, the same shall be considered litter and may be removed at any time.
- D. Whenever a permanent sign is erected or maintained in violation of this article or any other provision of this chapter, or whenever in the opinion of the Zoning Officer **or their designee** any sign becomes unsafe or endangers the safety of a building or premises or the public safety, the Zoning Officer **or their designee** shall send a letter by certified mail to the owner of said sign and/or the owner of the premises on which the sign is located, ordering that such sign be brought into conformance or removed within 30 days of receipt of the letter. If the sign is not brought into conformity or removed by the end of the thirty-day period, the Zoning Officer **or their designee** may cause the same to be removed at the expense of the owner of the sign and the owner of the premises on which the sign is located.
- E. The Zoning Officer **or their designee** may cause any sign or sign structure to be removed summarily and without written notice at the expense of the owner of the sign and the owner of the premises on which the sign is located, if it is an immediate peril to persons or property by virtue of its construction or moorings.

Section II

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **SEPTEMBER 3, 2024** AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON **OCTOBER 7, 2024** AT 7:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

KARIN M PARKER, *RMC*
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