

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2012-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS VIII AND XIII OF THE  
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE BUILDING AND HOUSING  
AND ZONING CHAPTERS, REGARDING SIGN REGULATIONS

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter XIII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Zoning Chapter, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** §8-1.3(a)(4) shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

4. Sign Permit. The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be one (\$1.00) dollar per square foot of the surface area of each sign, computed on one (1) side only for double-faced signs, provided that the minimum fee for each sign shall be thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars. The fee for a permit for a temporary sign shall be thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars, which shall be valid for a maximum of six (6) months.

**Section 2.** §13-17.2.j. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

j. *Window Signs.* Window signs designed to promote the sale of any merchandise or business activity shall not exceed twenty (20%) percent of any total window area. "Open" signs shall not be counted as part of the twenty (20%) percent total.

**Section 3.** §13-17.8.k. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

k. *Neon signs,* with the exception of one sign designating the business as "open", as provided for in Ordinance 13-17.13(h).

**Section 4.** §13-17.8.m. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

m. *LED signs,* with the exception of one sign designating the business as "open" as provided for in Ordinance 13-17.13(h).

**Section 5.** §13-17.10.b.2. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. Special promotion and event signs may be displayed not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in any 3-month period, and not more than fifty-six (56) days in any calendar year. Special promotion and event signs shall be erected no more than fourteen (14) days prior to the event, and shall be removed not more than two (2) days after the event. Grand opening signs may be displayed not more than forty-four (44) consecutive days. Grand opening signs shall be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to the grand opening, and shall be removed not more than fourteen (14) days after the grand opening.

**Section 6.** §13-17.11 shall be and is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph:

The **sign height** of freestanding signs shall be limited to ten (10) feet.

**Section 7.** §13-17.13.g. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

g. One (1) freestanding sign may be permitted on each lot, not exceeding thirty (30) square feet in area. Shopping centers and multi-tenanted **light industrial use** shall be permitted to have one (1) additional freestanding sign for the shopping center or multi-tenanted **light industrial use**, and the additional freestanding sign shall only list the shopping center or industrial park name and/or list the tenants, and shall be limited to four (4) square feet per tenant or a maximum of thirty (30) square feet, whichever is less.

**Section 8.** A new section §13-17.13.h. shall be added and shall read as follows:

h. One (1) internally illuminated sign designating the business as “open”, provided the sign is an interior window sign, is no larger than four (4) square feet, and provided the said sign is continuously lit and is not blinking, flashing, flickering, and/or using sequential lighting.

**Section 9.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 10.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 11.** The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. The Township Clerk is further directed to refer this Ordinance to the Township Land Use Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

**Section 12.** This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

#### NOTICE

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on September 18, 2012 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on October 2, 2012.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk: