

**DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP
WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2 - 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO UPDATE SECTION 408, SIGN REGULATIONS

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Damascus Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, by the authority of and pursuant to Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No 247 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 31, 1968, as reenacted and amended, known and cited as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," the Damascus Township Zoning Ordinance of August 4, 1997, as follows:

AMEND the Zoning Ordinance of Damascus Township by repealing Section 408 and replacing said Section 408 with the following:

408 Sign Regulations

408.1 Definitions

Abandoned Sign: A sign which has not identified or advertised a current business, service, owner, product, or activity for a period of at least 180 days, in the case of off-premises signs, or at least 360 days in the case of on-premises signs.

Address Sign: A sign that designates the street number and/or street name for identification purposes, as assigned and designated by the Wayne County GIS Department. (Also known as nameplate sign)

Animated Sign: A sign depicting action, motion, or light or color changes through electrical or mechanical means.

Awning: A cloth, plastic, or other nonstructural covering that projects from a wall for the purpose of shielding a doorway or window. An awning is either permanently attached to a building or can be raised or retracted to a position against the building when not in use.

Awning Sign: Any sign painted on, or applied to, an awning.

Balloon Sign: A lighter-than-air, gas-filled balloon, tethered in a fixed location, which contains an advertisement message on its surface or attached to the balloon in any manner.

Banner: Any cloth, bunting, plastic, paper, or similar non-rigid material attached to any structure, staff, pole, rope, wire, or framing which is anchored on two or more edges or at all four corners. Banners are temporary in nature and do not include flags.

Beacon Lighting: Any source of electric light, whether portable or fixed, the primary purpose of which is to cast a concentrated beam of light generally skyward as a means of attracting attention to its location rather than to illuminate any particular sign, structure, or other object.

Billboard: A sign separate from a premises erected for the purpose of advertising a product, event, person, or subject not related to the premises on which the sign is located. For the purposes of this ordinance, a billboard shall mean a sign not attached to part of a building and over thirty-two (32) square feet in size and over eight (8) feet in height.

Building Frontage: The maximum linear width of a building measured in a single straight line parallel, or essentially parallel, with the abutting public street or parking lot.

Canopy: A structure other than an awning made of fabric, metal, or other material that is supported by columns or posts affixed to the ground and may also be connected to a building. This definition includes the canopy cover over fuel station pump areas.

Canopy Sign: Any sign that is part of, or attached to a canopy.

Changeable Copy Sign: A sign or portion thereof on which the copy or symbols change either automatically through electrical or electronic means, or manually through placement of letters or symbols on a panel mounted in or on a track system. The two types of changeable-copy signs are manual changeable copy signs and electronic changeable copy signs, which include: message center signs, digital displays, and Tri-Vision Boards.

Channel Letter Sign: A sign consisting of fabricated or formed three-dimensional letters, individually applied to a wall, which may accommodate a light source.

Clearance: The distance above the walkway, or other surface if specified, to the bottom edge of a sign. This term can also refer to a horizontal distance between two objects.

Digital Display: The portion of a sign message made up of internally illuminated components capable of changing the message periodically. Digital displays may include but are not limited to LCD, LED, or plasma displays.

Directional Sign: Signs designed to provide direction to pedestrian and vehicular traffic into and out of, or within a site.

Festoon Lighting: A type of illumination comprised of either: (a) a group of LED or incandescent light bulbs hung or strung overhead or on a building or other structure, or

(b) light bulbs not shaded or hooded or otherwise screened to prevent direct rays of light from shining on adjacent properties or rights-of-way.

Flag: Any sign printed or painted on cloth, plastic, canvas, or other like material with distinctive colors, patterns, or symbols attached to a pole or staff and anchored along only one edge or supported or anchored at only two corners. American Flags, State Flags, Military Flags and Armed Forces Flags shall not be regulated by this ordinance, with the exception of those flags creating a hazard for the driving public or for pedestrians.

Flashing Sign: A sign whose artificial illumination is not kept constant in intensity at all times when in use and which exhibits changes in light, color, direction, or animation. This definition does not include electronic message centers signs or digital displays that meet the requirements set forth herein.

Freestanding Sign: A sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, or anchored in, the ground; and that is independent and detached from any building or other structure. The following are subtypes of freestanding signs:

- A. Ground Sign:** A sign permanently affixed to the ground at its base, supported entirely by a base structure, and not mounted on a pole or attached to any part of a building. (Also known as monument sign)
- B. Pole Sign:** A freestanding sign that is permanently supported in a fixed location by a structure of one or more poles, posts, uprights, or braces from the ground and not supported by a building or a base structure.
- C. Gas Station Canopy:** A freestanding, open-air structure constructed for the purpose of shielding service station islands from the elements.
- D. Gas Station Canopy Sign:** Any sign that is part of, or attached to, the vertical sides of the gas station canopy roof structure. For the purposes of this ordinance, gas station canopy signs shall be considered wall signs.

Government/Regulatory Sign: Any sign for the control of traffic or for identification purposes, street signs, warning signs, railroad crossing signs, and signs of public service companies indicating danger or illumination, either internally illuminated through its sign face by a light source contained inside the sign or externally illuminated by a light source aimed at its surface.

Incidental Sign: A sign that displays general site information, instructions, directives, or restrictions that are primarily oriented to pedestrians and motor vehicle operators who have entered a property from a public street. These signs shall not contain any commercial advertising.

Incidental Window Sign: Signs displayed in the window displaying information such as the business' hours of operation, credit institutions accepted, commercial and civic affiliations, and similar information. These signs shall be informational only and shall not contain a commercial message.

Inflatable Sign: A sign that is an air-inflated object, which may be of various shapes, made of flexible fabric, resting on the ground or structure and equipped with a portable blower motor that provides a constant flow of air into the device.

Interactive Sign: An electronic or animated sign that reacts to the behavior or electronic signals of motor vehicle drivers.

Legibility: The physical attributes of a sign that allow for an observer's differentiation of its letters, words, numbers, or graphics.

Light Trespass: Light emitted by a lighting installation, which extends beyond the boundaries of the property on which the installation is sited.

Limited Duration Sign: A non-permanent sign that is displayed on private property for more than 30 days, but not intended to be displayed for an indefinite period.

Manual Changeable Copy Sign: A sign or portion thereof on which the copy or symbols are changed manually through placement or drawing of letters or symbols on a sign face.

Marquee: A permanent structure, other than a roof or canopy, attached to, supported by, and projecting from a building and providing protection from the elements.

Marquee Sign: Any sign attached to a marquee for the purpose of identifying a use or product. If attached to a theater, performing arts center, cinema, or other similar use, it may also advertise films or productions.

Mechanical Movement Sign: A sign having parts that physically move rather than merely appear to move as might be found in a digital display. The physical movement may be activated electronically or by another means, but shall not include wind-activated movement such as used for banners or flags. Mechanical movement signs do not include digital signs that have changeable, programmable displays.

Memorial Sign: A memorial plaque or tablet, including grave markers or other remembrances of persons or events, which is not used for a commercial message.

Menu Sign: A permanent sign for displaying the bill of fare available at a restaurant, or other use serving food, or beverages.

Message Center Sign: A type of illuminated, changeable copy sign that consists of electronically changing alphanumeric text often used for gas price display signs and athletic scoreboards.

Message Sequencing: The spreading of one message across more than one sign structure.

Multi-Tenant Sign: A freestanding sign used to advertise businesses that occupy a shopping center or complex with multiple tenants. This marquee sign incorporates manual changeable copy to advertise upcoming shows.

Mural (or mural sign): A large picture/image (including but not limited to painted art) which is painted, constructed, or affixed directly onto a vertical building wall, which may or may not contain text, logos, and/ or symbols.

Neon Sign: A sign illuminated by a neon tube, or other visible light-emanating gas tube, that is bent to form letters, symbols, or other graphics.

Nonconforming Sign: A sign that was legally erected and maintained at the effective date of this Ordinance, or amendment thereto, that does not currently comply with sign regulations of the district in which it is located. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code classifies a “nonconforming sign” as a type of “nonconforming structure,” defined as “a structure or part of a structure manifestly not designed to comply with the applicable use or extent of use provisions in a zoning ordinance or amendment heretofore or hereafter enacted, where such structure lawfully existed prior to the enactment of such ordinance or amendment or prior to the application of such ordinance or amendment to its location by reason of annexation. Such nonconforming structures include, but are not limited to nonconforming signs.”

Off-Premises Sign: An outdoor sign whose message directs attention to a specific business, product, service, event or activity, or other commercial or noncommercial activity, or contains a non-commercial message about something that is not sold, produced, manufactured, furnished, or conducted on the premises upon which the sign is located. (Also known as a third-party sign, billboard, or outdoor advertising)

Official Traffic Sign: Official highway route number signs, street name signs, directional signs and other traffic signs erected and maintained on public highways and roads in the interest of public safety or for the regulation of traffic.

On-Premises Sign: A sign whose message and design relate to an individual business, profession, product, service, event, point of view, or other commercial or non-commercial activity sold, offered, or conducted on the same property where the sign is located.

Pennant: A triangular or irregular piece of fabric or other material, commonly attached in strings or strands, or supported on small poles intended to flap in the wind.

Permanent Sign: A sign attached or affixed to a building, window, or structure, or to the ground in a manner that enables the sign to resist environmental loads, such as wind, and that precludes ready removal or movement of the sign and whose intended use appears to be indefinite.

Personal Expression Sign: An on-premises sign that expresses an opinion, interest, position, or other non-commercial message. Personal expression signs, including flags, are exempt from permit requirements provided they are less than 3 square feet, nonilluminated, and contain non-commercial messaging. There is no restriction on the number of personal expression signs permitted per property, however, placement of personal expression signs shall otherwise comply with the same regulations applicable to other signs.

Political Sign or Campaign Sign: For the purposes of this ordinance, political and campaign signs shall be deemed to be and shall be treated as personal expression signs.

Portable Sign: A sign designed to be transported or moved and not permanently attached to the ground, a building, or other structure.

- A. **Sandwich Board Sign:** A type of freestanding, portable, temporary sign consisting of two faces connected and hinged at the top and whose message is targeted to pedestrians (Also known as A-frame sign)
- B. **Vehicular Sign:** A sign affixed to a vehicle in such a manner that the sign is used primarily as a stationary advertisement for the business on which the vehicle sits or is otherwise not incidental to the vehicle's primary purpose.

Private Drive Sign: A sign indicating a street or drive which is not publicly owned and maintained and used only for access by the occupants of the development and their guests.

Projecting Sign: A building-mounted, double-sided sign with the two faces generally perpendicular to the building wall, not to include signs located on a canopy, awning, or marquee. (Also known as blade sign)

Public Sign: A sign erected or required by government agencies or utilities, including traffic, utility, safety, railroad crossing, and identification signs for public facilities.

Reflective Sign: A sign containing any material or device which has the effect of intensifying reflected light.

Revolving Sign: A sign which revolves in a circular motion; rather than remaining stationary on its supporting structure.

Roof Sign: A building-mounted sign erected upon, against, or over the roof of a building.

Scoreboard: A sign contained within an athletic venue and intended solely to provide information to the attendees of an athletic event.

Security Sign: An on-premises sign regulating the use of the premises, such as a "no trespassing," "no hunting," or "no soliciting" sign. (Also known as warning sign)

Shielded: The description of a luminaire from which no direct glare is visible at normal viewing angles, by virtue of its being properly aimed, oriented, and located and properly fitted with such devices as shields, barn doors, baffles, louvers, skirts, or visors.

Sign: Any device, structure, fixture, painting, emblem, or visual that uses words, graphics, colors, illumination, symbols, numbers, or letters for the purpose of communicating a message. Sign includes the sign faces as well as any sign supporting structure. The word or term "sign" shall mean any outdoor display, painting, drawing, message, plaque, billboard or other thing which is designed, intended or used to advertise or inform. As used herein it shall also include a publicly displayed notice to advertise the business where transacted or profession practiced and the name of the person or firm conducting such profession. It also shall include signs attached to structures or roadside signs, wherever visible from the road or navigable river

Sign Area: The total dimensions of a sign surface used to display information, messages, advertising, logos, or symbols. "Sign Area" or "Surface Area" is the size of any sign computed by multiplying its greatest length by its greatest height. Structural members not bearing advertising material or not in the form of a symbol shall not be included in the computation of surface area nor shall the reverse side of the sign. A double-faced sign is to be counted as one sign. In the case of signs with no definable edges (e.g. raised letters attached to a facade), the surface area shall be the area within the perimeter of a single line enclosing the extreme limits of the advertising material.

Sign Face: The part of the sign that is or can be used for the sign area. The sign area could be smaller than the sign face.

Sign Height: The vertical dimension of a sign. Sign height is measured as the vertical distance from the top of the sign to the mean finished grade of the ground directly beneath the sign. The height of a sign situated on an elevated platform or structure shall also be measured from the mean finished grade immediately adjacent to the sign, and shall not be measured from the top of the platform or structure. Exception: signs affixed to a part of a building or canopy. The vertical space of a canopy is considered a wall for this purpose.

Sign Supporting Structure: Poles, posts, walls, frames, brackets, or other supports holding a sign in place.

Snipe Sign: A sign tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued, or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, fences, public benches, streetlights, or other objects, or placed on any public property or in the public right-of-way or on any private property without the permission of the property owner. (Also known as bandit sign)

Storefront: The exterior facade of a building housing a commercial use visible from a street, sidewalk, or other pedestrian way accessible to the public and containing the primary entrance to the commercial establishment.

Streamers: A display made of lightweight, flexible materials, consisting of long, narrow, wavy strips hung individually or in a series, with or without a logo or advertising message printed or painted on them and typically designed to move in the wind.

Street Frontage: The side or sides of a lot abutting on a public street or right-of-way.

Street Pole Banner: A banner suspended above a public sidewalk and attached to a single street pole. These signs shall not contain any commercial advertising.

Temporary Sign: A type of non-permanent, sign that is located on private property that can be displayed for no more than 30 consecutive days at one time.

Tri-Vision Boards: An outdoor unit with a slatted face that allows three different copy messages to revolve at intermittent intervals.

Vending Machine Sign: A sign displayed on a vending machine indicating the name of the product being sold and/or the price of such product.

Wall Sign: A building-mounted sign which is either attached to, displayed on, or painted on an exterior wall in a manner parallel with the wall surface. A sign installed on a false or mansard roof is also considered a wall sign. (Also known as: fascia sign, parallel wall sign, or band sign)

Window Sign: Any sign that is applied, painted, or affixed to a window, or placed inside a window, within three (3) feet of the glass, facing the outside of the building, and easily seen from the outside. Customary displays of merchandise or objects and material without lettering behind a store window are not considered signs.

408.2 Business and Advertising Signs

- A. The owner, lessee or occupant of any parcel of land in Damascus Township, may erect and maintain on such land not more than three (3) signs identifying the business, name or profession of such owner, lessee or occupant of the property and advertising the products or services offered thereon. Such signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet each in surface area. Name plates and home occupation signs, however, shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in surface area or two (2) in number.
- B. The signs actually physically attached to a business structure shall not be counted in the number of signs permitted hereunder.
- C. Nothing herein contained shall prevent:
 1. The owner, occupant or lessee of property in a RR and ND districts from erecting as many as two (2) signs for any advertising purpose regardless of whether the same is connected to any activity on-site or not. Such signs shall not have a surface area of more than thirty-two (32) square feet in size and shall be set back from the edge of the road right-of-way a distance in lineal feet equal to the square feet of sign surface area.

2. Signs bearing the words "sold" or "rented" or similar phrases, together with the name of the person effecting sale or rental. Such signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after the sale, rental or lease.
 3. Signs advertising the sale or development of the premises upon which they are erected, when erected in connection with the development of the premises by a builder, contractor, developer or other person interested in such sale or development, provided:
 - a. The size of such sign is not in excess of sixteen (16) square feet;
 - b. Not more than two (2) signs are placed upon any property unless such property fronts upon more than one (1) road, in which event two (2) such signs may be erected on each frontage;
 - c. Such sign is not illuminated.
- D. River District (RD) signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet and shall be constructed of wood and shall conform in appearance to those found in National Park areas.
- E. Signs to provide for the normal and safe flow of traffic into and out of the place of business such as entrance, exit and parking signs. Such signs shall not be of a size greater than necessary for persons of normal visual acuity to observe.

408.3 Multi-family Project Signs

One (1) sign identifying a multi-family project is permitted on the premises of such project providing the sign does not exceed twenty (20) square feet in surface area. Signs identifying each structure shall also be permitted. Such signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet and are attached to the structure facade.

408.4 Cluster Commercial Signs

- A. One (1) free-standing sign identifying a cluster commercial project is permitted on the premises of such project provided the sign does not exceed ninety-six (96) square feet in surface area.
- B. One (1) sign identifying each business or profession located in the cluster project is permitted provided the sign does not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in surface area. Such signs shall be attached to the same frame as the cluster commercial project sign provided for in Section 408.4-(A).
- C. One (1) additional sign identifying each business or profession in the cluster project is permitted provided the sign does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in surface area and the sign is attached directly to the facade of the structure housing the business or profession.

408.5 Location of Signs

- A. No signs shall be erected, installed or maintained in a location which will constitute an obstruction to vision or endanger the safety of the traveling public, or the safety of the public in general.
- B. No signs or sign support structures shall be erected, installed or maintained in any public road right-of-way. No signs or sign support structures shall be erected, installed or maintained within a sideline setback area for principal permitted

structures. At street and/or road intersections, no sign over thirty (30) inches in height shall be in a clear sight triangle.

- C. No sign shall be placed or erected in any Floodway as depicted by the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Signs in a floodway pre-existing to this amendment shall be removed within thirty (30) days of enactment of this Ordinance.
- D. Existing signs that are located within a road right-of-way and/or in a sideline setback shall be brought into compliance (moved or removed) within thirty (30) days of enactment of this Ordinance.
- E. Any sign in any public road right-of-way shall be deemed a nuisance and hazard to the general public and to road maintenance and may be removed by the Township, to be stored at Municipal Building for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, after which time such signs may be destroyed. Sign owners may recover the lawfully removed signs for a fee of \$5.00 each, payable to the Township.

408.6 Temporary Signs

The following temporary signs shall be permitted in all Districts: Special advertising or business identification signs or banners not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in total surface area; including, but not limited to, signs announcing to the general public any special events such as commercial sales days, cultural or entertainment attractions, or charitable activities. These shall be permitted for the length of the activity, but in no case exceeding seven (7) days after the event.

408.7 General Regulations

The following regulations shall apply to all permitted signs:

- A. All signs shall be only in connection with a permitted and lawful or legal use.
- B. All signs shall be removed when the reasons for their erection no longer apply.
- C. Signs shall not be permitted on the roof or above the roof line of the structure to which they are attached.
- D. No part of any sign shall project above the top or beyond the ends of the wall surface upon which it is located.
- E. Signs other than official traffic signs shall comply with side yard setbacks as established for principal structures in the District where the sign is located.
- F. No sign, except a public sign, visible from a public road, shall use the words "stop," "danger" or any other word, phrase, symbol or character which could be interpreted by a motorist as being a public safety warning or traffic sign.
- G. No light shall be permitted that by reason of intensity, color, location, movement or direction of its beam causes any interference with public safety.
- H. No sign shall be attached to any tree, fence, utility pole or other object not intended for such use.
- I. Portable signs shall be considered as any other sign and shall be subject to all regulations contained in this Ordinance.
- J. Signs exceeding a height of eight (8) feet from the ground surface shall be considered Special Exceptions, except on buildings, awnings, or canopies
- K. Off-premises sign – Shall be deemed a primary use on a property. In the case of the sign is a second use on a property (Example: residential dwelling as a

- primary use), a land development plan is required. A permit is required for Off-premises signs regardless of sign size.
- L. Permits shall not be required for signs 16 square feet or less, except for off-premises signs which shall require permits
 - M. Permits shall be required for all signs over 16 square feet in size.

Section 408.8 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are unlawful and prohibited:

- A. Abandoned signs.
- B. Snipe signs.
- C. Vehicular signs. This regulation does not include the use of business logos, identification or advertising on vehicles primarily and actively used for business purposes and/or personal transportation.
- D. Mechanical movement signs, including revolving signs, with the exception of rotating barber pole-type signs.
- E. Pennant strings and streamers.
- F. Animated signs, flashing signs, or signs that scroll or flash text or graphics.
- G. Inflatable devices or balloon signs, with the exception of balloons used in temporary, non-commercial situations.
- H. Any signs that imitate, resemble, interfere with, or obstruct official traffic lights, signs, or signals.
- I. Signs which prevent free ingress or egress from any door, window, fire escape, or that prevent free access from one part of a roof to any other part. No sign other than a safety sign shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.
- J. Signs which emit smoke, visible vapors, particulate matter, sound, odor or contain open flames.
- K. Reflective signs or signs containing mirrors. Exception: Street and road name signs, and address number signs may be reflective.
- L. Interactive signs.
- M. Signs incorporating beacon or festoon lighting.
- N. Any banner or sign of any type suspended across a public street.
- O. Roof signs.
- P. Signs erected without the permission of the property owner, with the exception of those authorized or required by local, state, or federal government.
- Q. Any sign containing information which states or implies that a property may be used for any purpose not permitted under the provisions of the Damascus Township Zoning Ordinance.
- R. Signs that exhibit statements, words, or pictures of obscene or pornographic subjects as determined by the Damascus Township Zoning Hearing Board.
- S. Any sign that promotes illegal activity.

Section 408.9 Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

The following signs shall be allowed without a sign permit and shall not be included in the determination of the type, number, or area of permanent signs allowed within a zoning district, provided such signs comply with the regulations in this section, if any.

- A. Official traffic signs.
- B. Government/regulatory signs.
- C. Signs inside a building, or other enclosed facility, which are not meant to be viewed from the outside, and are located greater than three (3) feet from the window.
- D. Holiday and seasonal decorations.
- E. Personal expression signs of any sign type, including flags, provided that they do not exceed three (3) sq. ft. in area per side, are non-commercial in nature, and not illuminated.
- F. Address signs - Up to two (2) signs stating address, number and/or name of occupants of the premises and do not include any commercial advertising or other identification.
- G. Public signs - Signs erected or required by government agencies or utilities, including traffic, utility, safety, railroad crossing, and identification or directional signs for public facilities.
- H. Signs or emblems of a religious, civil, philanthropic, historical or educational organization that do not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area.
- I. Private drive signs - One (1) sign per driveway entrance, not to exceed two (2) sq. ft. in area, in accordance with the Damacus Township Building Numbering & Road Naming Ordinance
- J. Security and warning signs - These limitations shall not apply to the posting of conventional "no trespassing" signs in accordance with state law. Maximum of one (1) large sign per property, not to exceed five (5) sq. ft. in area. All other posted security and warning signs may not exceed two (2) sq. ft. in area.
- K. Flags:
 - 1. Location. Flags and flagpoles shall not be located within any right-of-way.
 - 2. Height. Flags shall have a maximum height of 30 ft.
 - 3. Number. No more than three (3) flags per lot.
 - 4. Size. Maximum flag size is 35 sq. ft.
 - 5. Flags containing commercial messages may be used as permitted freestanding or projecting signs, and, if so used, the area of the flag shall be included in, and limited by the computation of allowable area for signs on the property.
 - 6. Flags up to three (3) sq. ft. in area containing noncommercial messages shall be considered personal expression signs.
- L. Legal notices.
- M. Vending machine signs.
- N. Memorial signs, public monument or historical identification sign erected by or authorized by a governmental body, including plaque signs up to three (3) sq. ft. in area.

- O. Signs which are a permanent architectural feature of a building or structure, existing at the time of adoption of this ordinance.
- P. Signs advertising the variety of crop growing in a field. Such signs shall be removed after the growing season.
- Q. Incidental signs, including incidental window signs.
- R. Directional signs, provided they do not contain any commercial messaging.
 - 1. Area. No single directional sign shall exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area.
 - 2. Height. Directional signs shall have a maximum height of five (5) ft.
 - 3. Illumination. Directional signs shall be non-illuminated.
- S. Art and murals, provided such signs do not contain any commercial messaging.
- T. Temporary signs in accordance with §408.5 and §408.6 of this Ordinance

408.10 Illumination

Where permitted, signs shall be illuminated only by a steady, stationary (excepting for indicators of time and temperature), shielded light source directed solely at the sign, without causing glare for motorists, pedestrians or neighboring premises. The illumination shall not make the sign resemble traffic signals.

408.11 Application

An application for a permit to install or relocate a sign shall be made on a form obtained from the Township Zoning Officer and filed with the Township Secretary, together with the fee determined by the Board of Supervisors. Signs less than sixteen (16) square feet shall not require a permit. Township, County, State or Federal government signs shall be exempt from these regulations.

408.12 Non-conforming Signs

Existing non-conforming signs may be repaired or reconstructed on the same site, but shall not be relocated or increased in size or change the business name or message.

408.13 Penalties

- A. No owner of any sign or lessee or owner of any land upon which the sign is located shall permit such sign to become unsightly, faded, dilapidated, or in disrepair so as to endanger the public or to become a public nuisance.
- B. In the event such a sign is not repaired or properly restored or removed within thirty (30) days after written notice has been given to the owner of the sign or lessee of the land upon which the sign is located, the Board of Supervisors may institute appropriate actions to prevent the violation or abate the nuisance.

SEVERABILITY

All clauses and provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any clause or provision should be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect or impair the remaining clauses or provisions. It is hereby declared to be the intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted and such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid clauses or provisions been included herein and the clauses and provisions are declared to be severable.

REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

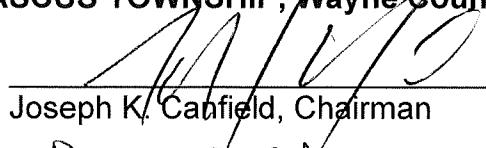
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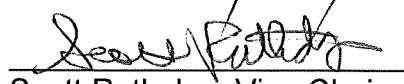
This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment hereof.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 19TH day of January, 2026, by the Supervisors of Damascus Township, County of Wayne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP, Wayne County, Pa.

BY:


Joseph K. Canfield, Chairman


Scott Rutledge, Vice-Chairman


Steven R. Adams, Supervisor

ATTEST:


Secretary *Melissa Haviland, Secretary*