

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2216

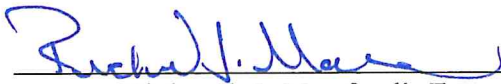
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CERTIFICATION

I, RICHARD J. MANFREDI, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT I AM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA AND THAT ATTACHED HERETO IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. \_2216\_\_.



Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager  
August 8, 2024

ENACTED: 8/8/2024

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**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township is duly empowered by the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 55101, *et seq.*, to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety welfare of the residents of Abington Township;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township has adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance, known as The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101, *et seq.*, which is intended to provide for the orderly development and redevelopment of Abington Township;

**WHEREAS**, the First Class Township Code and Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, *supra*, authorize the Board of Commissioners to make, amend and adopt amendments to The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, that are consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the proper management and control of the Township and the best interests of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township has determined that certain amendments to The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, are required for the orderly administration of the laws of Abington Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the Code of the Township of Abington should be amended to regulate the size of billboards for the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its residents.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township that the Township's Code is amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.**                    **Amendment to Chapter 162 [Zoning], Article XXII [Signs], Section 2208 [Signs Requiring a Permit] to regulate the size of billboards.**

The Code of the Township of Abington, Part II [General Legislation], Chapter 162 [Zoning], Article XXII [Signs], Section 2208 [Signs Requiring a Permit] is hereby restated and amended by adding the underlined language (example), as follows:

Section 2208.2. Permanent Signs

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D. BC Business Center District

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4. Billboards:

- a. Are permitted in the BC Business Center District only.  
No more than one (1) billboard is permitted in each of the five BC Business Center District areas (one in BC-Willow Grove Park, one in BC-Town Center, one in BC-Noble, one in BC-Foxcroft, and one in BC-Huntingdon Valley).
- b. Are permitted on properties at least 10 acres in size.
- c. Are permitted on properties having frontage of at least 200' on a street with a right-of-way of at least 80'.
- d. Not more than one billboard is permitted per property or development tract.
- e. No billboard shall have more than two sides.
- f. Shall be set back at least 40' from all property lines.
- g. The height of the billboard shall not exceed the setback of the billboard from the property line, up to a maximum height of 30'.
- h. Must be set back at least 200' from any property where zoning permits a residential use.
- i. The sign face of any billboard shall not exceed 200 sq. ft.

**SECTION 2.**        **Repeal and Ratification.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the Township's Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

**SECTION 3.**            **Severability.**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

**SECTION 4.**            **Effective Date.**

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

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**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 8th day of August 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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THOMAS HECKER  
*President*

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Attested by:



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Richard J. Manfredi  
*Township Manager & Secretary*