

**PERKASIE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. 1000**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PERKASIE,
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING
ORDINANCE AT §§186-75.D(6); 186-78.A(20); 186-79.D.; and 186-80 PERTAINING TO
SIGNAGE REGULATIONS FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE, TEMPORARY SIGNAGE
FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS, PARALLEL WALL SIGNS, AND PROJECTING SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Borough Code at 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 *et seq.*, authorizes the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasia (“Borough Council”) to make and adopt ordinances that are consistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth when necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Borough and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Borough and its citizens;

WHEREAS, after public hearing, the Borough Council deems it to be in the best interest and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Borough to amend its Zoning Ordinance to provide for the regulation of signs as specified herein;

WHEREAS, Perkasia Borough recognizes that an increase in businesses in the Borough necessitates providing further regulation and available options for certain commercial signs within the Borough;

WHEREAS, Borough Council, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised public hearing, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Perkasia Borough will be served by this Zoning Ordinance amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasia, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. The Perkasia Borough Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

1. Delete and replace §186-75.D(6) as follows:

(6) No more than two signs of any type shall be permitted per street frontage, except as permitted in Section 186.80.A and 186.80.E.
2. Add §186-78.A(20), relative to exempting directional signs:

(20) On-site directional and parking signs and warning signs are permitted in all zoning districts but are not considered in calculating sign area. No such signs shall exceed two square feet.
3. Amend § 186-79.D. to provide for directional signage for new residential developments:

D. One construction/development sign, provided that the area of any such sign shall not exceed 24-square feet and such sign shall be removed within 20-days after the final inspection by the Borough Building Inspector. In addition to the construction/development sign, the following temporary signage is permitted in association with a new residential development.

- (1) Temporary on-premises signs associated with the proposed development may be erected along the project frontage/right-of-way during the construction period, provided that the area of such signs shall not exceed 6-square feet per sign and that no more than one sign per 200-feet of frontage shall be permitted along the existing right-of-way.

4. Delete and replace § 186-80.A. to provide for parallel (wall) signs as follows:

§ 186-80 On-premises signs in commercial districts.

Except for residential signs as governed by § 186-79, supra, or home occupation signs as permitted in § 186-18H(4)(j), no sign shall be permitted except as hereinafter set forth:

A. Parallel signs for nonresidential uses, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No portion of the signs shall be less than 10-feet above the proposed finished grade. If not projecting more than three inches from a wall of a building, the sign need not conform to the ten-foot height limit.
- (2) The total area of all signs shall not exceed 15% of the area of the first floor of the building face, including window and door area and cornices, to which they are attached.
- (3) Permanent window signs shall be considered parallel signs and included in this computation; temporary window signs shall not be included in this computation but shall nevertheless not exceed 40% of the total window area on each street.
- (4) One parallel sign may be erected for each street-level use occupying a single structure on the same premises.
- (5) If a parallel sign is utilized at a premises, then the premises shall not also have a roof sign.

5. Delete and replace § 186-80.E. for on-premises projecting signs as follows:

E. Projecting signs for nonresidential use are permitted in the C-2 District, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No portion of a projecting sign shall be less than 10-feet nor more than 20-feet above the proposed finished grade, and no such sign shall be less than two feet from the plane of the face of the curb.

- (2) When a building is occupied by one use, the area of such signs shall not exceed 16-square feet or one square foot for each two feet of premises frontage, whichever is less.
- (3) When a building is occupied by more than one use, each business may have a projecting sign, the area of such signs shall not exceed 8-square feet.
- (4) In the event there are multiple uses occupying a single structure, one projecting sign may be erected for each use occupying a single structure on the same premises.
- (5) In the event that the premises fronts on more than one street, one projecting sign may be placed along each street frontage. Where multiple uses occupy a single structure, each projecting sign shall be located on the same street frontage as the entrance for the associated use.
- (6) If a projecting sign is utilized at a premises, then the premises shall not have a freestanding sign.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, it being understood and intended that all ordinances and the Borough Code, such as are not otherwise specifically in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect, the same being reaffirmed hereby. The Borough shall also proceed to amend its comprehensive plan to reflect this re-zoning and relevant ordinance changes.

SECTION 3. The Council of the Borough of Perkasio does hereby reserve the right, from time to time, to adopt modifications of, supplements to, or amendments of this Ordinance, including this provision.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be separate, distinct and independent, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The failure of the Borough of Perkasio to enforce any provisions of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Borough of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and be in force from and after its enactment as provided by law.

SECTION 7. Under the authority conferred by the Pennsylvania Borough Code at 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 *et seq.*, and other relevant statutory law, the Council of the Borough of Perkasio in the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby enact and ordain this Ordinance for the Borough of Perkasio.

Approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio, this 6th day of February, 2017.

Attest:

BOROUGH OF PERKASIE




Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary



James Ryder, Council President

Examined and approved this 6th day of February, 2017.



John Hollenbach, Mayor

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY UPON ENACTMENT AND SIGNATURE