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BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE No. 1158

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 19, PART 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND ESTABLISHING THE PERMISSIBLE USAGE AND PROCEDURES FOR EXHIBITION OF POLITICAL SIGNS WITHIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of West Mifflin in the meeting assembled as follows:

SECTION 1 That Chapter 19, Part 4, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of West Mifflin enacted September 19, 1995, as amended from time to time is amended as follows:

**Political Signs**

Chapter 19, Part 4, 401. Purposes. The purpose of this section is to regulate political signage in order to preserve the order and cleanliness of the rights-of-way within the Borough and of Borough public property; to avoid the appearance of clutter; to protect property values; to avoid litter and growth of weeds around signs; to reduce traffic hazards caused by distraction to motorists and the impairment of sight lines; to ensure that the Borough remains an attractive place to live and work; to reduce administrative burden and the necessity of expending public funds to remove political signs and to protect the health, safety and welfare, morals, convenience and comfort of the public.

**Chapter 19, Part 4, § 402. Definitions.** As used within this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

PERSON — Any individual, firm, employee, corporation, partnership, association, committee to elect or re-elect, supporter or political candidate.

POLITICAL SIGN — A sign, including but not limited to posters, banners, and bumper- stickers, which indicates the name, cause or affiliation of a person seeking public or other elected office or on which reference is made to an issue for which a public election or referendum is scheduled to be held.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY — Every roadway within the territorial limits of the Borough of West Mifflin, whether a state, county, or Borough roadway, and five (5) feet on each side of said roadway.

**Chapter 19 Part 4, § 403. Political Sign Prohibitions.**

1. Political Signs shall not be affixed, placed, erected or maintained on public property or within the public rights-of-way, on median barriers, telephone poles or pillars and trees located within the public rights-of-way, anywhere within the territorial limits of the Borough of West Mifflin.

2. Political. Signs shall not be nailed, tacked, glued, hanged or otherwise affixed or located within or on public property or within public rights-of-way.

3. Political signs outside of the public rights-of-way shall not be affixed, placed, erected or maintained so as to create a visibility hazard to pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic along streets or sidewalks or at street corners.

**Chapter 19, Part 4, § 404. Enforcement.**

1. Political signs affixed, placed, erected or maintained in violation of Section 403 shall be removed by West Mifflin Police Officers, Building Inspection and Code Enforcement officials. Political signs affixed, placed, erected or maintained within a public right-of-way may be removed by West Mifflin Public Works.

2. Removed political signs may be retrieved from the Borough the day following removal at the Public Works garage.

**Chapter 19, Part 4, § 405. Penalties.** Any person who shall violate or shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of this Part, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600,00) plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. Provided, however, that each sign and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.


SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon enactment and recording in the Ordinance Book of the Borough of West Mifflin.

SECTION 3. That any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 18th day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:           BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN




award  
Boroug. Manager/Secretary

BY:

William F. Welsh  
President of Council

Examined and approved this 18<sup>th</sup>

day of March, 2008.

  
John Andzelik Mayor