

**TOWNSHIP OF WORCESTER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 2017 - 267

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF WORCESTER TOWNSHIP,
CHAPTER 150, ZONING, ARTICLE XXI, SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township desires to amend the Township Code to permit and regulate certain signage specific to educational uses and to otherwise amend the sign ordinance in such a manner as to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

SECTION I - The Code of the Township of Worcester, Chapter 150, Zoning, Article XXI, Signs, is hereby amended to include the following:

§150-148.1. Athletic Field Area Signs.

The following signs are permitted at athletic field areas at a public or private school, subject to the noted conditions.

- A. Athletic Field Fence Signs are permitted on the fences that immediately surround the playing area of a baseball or softball field, football field, lacrosse field, soccer field, field hockey or similar playing facility.
- (1) Signs shall be directed toward the playing field or spectator stands only. Any side of a sign side that is not directed toward the playing field or spectator stands shall be a uniform dark color and shall contain no words, graphics or other content.
 - (2) No portion of the sign shall be higher than the top of the fence, or ten (10) feet from grade, whichever is less.
- B. Athletic Field Spectator Stand Signs are permitted on the railings in front of, or behind the spectator stands that immediately surround the playing area of a baseball or softball field, football field, lacrosse

field, soccer field, field hockey or similar playing facility.

- (1) Signs on the railing in front of spectator stands shall be directed toward the spectator stands. The reverse side of the sign shall be a uniform dark color and shall contain no words, graphics or other content.
- (2) Signs on the railing behind spectator stands shall be directed away from the spectator stands. The reverse side of the sign shall be a uniform dark color and shall contain no words, graphics or other content. No portion of the sign may be visible from neighboring properties.
- (3) No portion of the sign shall be higher than the top of the railing, or five (5) feet from grade, whichever is less.

C. Scoreboard Signs are permitted on one (1) scoreboard that serves a baseball or softball field, football field, lacrosse field, soccer field, field hockey or similar playing facility.

- (1) One (1) sign is permitted on each scoreboard or scoreboard support structure.
- (2) The sign shall be directed toward the playing field. The reverse side of the sign shall be a uniform dark color and shall contain no words, graphics or other content.
- (3) Signs shall not exceed three (3) feet in height, and shall not exceed the width of the scoreboard.
- (4) Signs shall be posted below the scoreboard, and no portion of the sign shall be higher than twenty (20) feet from grade.

D. Dugout Signs are permitted on up to two (2) dugouts that serve a baseball or softball field or similar playing facility.

- (1) Two (2) signs are permitted on each dugout.

- (2) Signs shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet.
 - (3) Signs shall be posted below the lowest point of the dugout roof, and no portion of the sign shall be higher than ten (10) feet from grade.
- E. A permit shall be required prior to the installation of any Athletic Field Area Sign. With the permit application the Applicant shall submit a signage plan that shows all signage to be installed, and all signage that may be installed, at each playing facility, which shall include the field and any spectator stands, scoreboards and dugouts associated with the field. The permit issued shall encompass all proposed signage at the playing facility. No change in the approved signage plan shall be allowed unless a revised signage plan is submitted to the Township and the Township issues a new permit.
- F. Athletic Field Area signs shall not be illuminated in any manner, nor shall they contain moving parts, electronically changeable messages, lighting, video, or sound.

SECTION II - General Provisions.

1. All other terms and provisions of Chapter 150, Zoning, Article III, Definitions, and Article XXI, Signs, of the Worcester Township Code shall remain in full force and effect.
2. The proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to do all matters and things required to be done by the Acts of Assembly and by this Ordinance for the purpose of carrying out the purposes hereof.
3. In the event that any section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any competent court to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance. The invalidity of section, clause, sentence, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted

had such invalid section, clause, sentence, or provision not been included therein.

4. To the extent this Ordinance is inconsistent with the Code of Worcester Township, the provisions of this Ordinance shall take precedence. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
5. The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.
6. This Ordinance shall immediately take effect and be in force from and after its approval.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of Worcester, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on this 21st day of June, 2017.

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Susan Caughlan, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Tommy Ryan, Secretary