

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Section 16-25 entitled "Sign Regulations" of Chapter XVI entitled "Zoning" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren by amending Subsections 16-25.2, 16-25.3, 16-25.4, and 16-25.5 to permit banners solely for Warren Township-sponsored events.

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
ORDINANCE NO. 16-15**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16-25 ENTITLED "SIGN REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 16-25.2, 16-25.3, 16-25.4 AND 16-25.5 TO PERMIT THE ERECTION OF TEMPORARY BANNERS FOR TOWNSHIP SPONSORED EVENTS OR AS PERMITTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Section 16-25 entitled "Sign Regulations" of Chapter XVI entitled "Zoning" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren, as heretofore supplemented and amended, is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph p. of subsection 16-25.2 of Section 16-25.2 entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

p. "Temporary Sign" shall mean a sign which is intended to advertise community or civic projects, real estate for sale or lease, or other special events on a temporary basis. Temporary signs advertising community or civic projects or other special events shall be permitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days. Except for real estate and Warren Township-based nonprofit and charitable organization community or civic projects or events, all temporary signs shall require a zoning permit. (See subsection 16-25.6[f]e.). Banners shall only be permitted as set forth in herein.

SECTION 2. Paragraph g. of subsection 16-25.4 entitled "Prohibited Sign Features" is hereby amended to read as follows:

g. No banners, pinwheels or similar signs shall be permitted[.], except that a banner may be permitted only for events sponsored by Warren Township, or at the discretion of the Township Committee as authorized by Resolution.

SECTION 3. Paragraph c. of Subsection 16.25.3 entitled "Exempt Signs" is hereby amended to read as follows:

c. Temporary signs of nonprofit and charitable organizations (excluding banners as authorized herein), provided that such signs do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Said signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after completion of said event or function. The provisions of subsections 16-25.4 and 16-25.5 shall apply to the aforesaid signs, except for banner signs.

SECTION 3. Paragraph d. of subsection 16.25.5 entitled "Prohibited Signs" shall be amended to read as follows:

d. Signs other than officially authorized signs or temporary banners of a Warren Township-sponsored event tacked, pasted, painted or otherwise attached to poles, posts, trees, fences, sidewalks or curbs.

SECTION 4. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Warren, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 6. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten days prior to a hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Somerset County Planning Board and to all other persons entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15.

SECTION 7. After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township of Warren for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed ordinance which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (3) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with the Somerset County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Notice to Codifier: [] denotes a deletion to original text;
underlined language denotes new text.

ATTEST:



Cathy Reese, RMC, Township Clerk

WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

By: 

George K. Lazo, Mayor

Introduced September 8, 2016

Adopted October 27, 2016

Effective November 3, 2016

Handwritten signature or initials in blue ink.