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GENERAL REGULATIONS

§19-101. Prohibited Sign Placement.

Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership or corporation, whether legal owner or equitable owner and/or lessee, to erect, construct, alter or maintain over, across or upon any public sidewalk or driveway or upon any building beyond any building line, or upon the roof of any building, within the Borough of Collingdale, any sign or other device for advertising purposes extending outward beyond the building line, and if extending more than 6 inches beyond the building line shall be at least 10 feet above the sidewalk or driveway, and all signs now existing contrary to the provisions of this Part shall be removed within 6 months after the approval of this Part. Further, with respect to any and all such signs or other device for advertising purposes, including billboards, all such erections shall promote only the interests of the business located upon the lot wherein it is situated.

(Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §1; as amended by Ord. 552, 2/4/1985, §1)

§19-102. Inspection.

It shall be the duty of the Administrative Officer to inspect annually all signs and marquees now existing, or that may hereafter be erected over, across or upon and beyond the property line of any building or the public sidewalks or driveways, and upon the roof of any building, and if found to be a nuisance or dangerous to the public safety, he shall recommend to the Borough Council their immediate removal.

(Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §2)

§19-103. Inspection Fee.

Every person, firm, copartnership or corporation maintaining any sign or other device for advertising purposes over, across or upon any public sidewalk or driveway, or upon the roof of any building, within the Borough of Collingdale, shall annually pay an inspection fee of \$5, payment to be made on or before the first day of January of every year. Payment shall be made to the Borough Manager of the Borough of Collingdale.

(Ord. 236, 1934, §3; as amended by Ord. 391, 4/1/1968)

§19-104. Permits.

No marquee, billboard, awning, sign or other device for advertising purposes shall hereafter be erected over, across or upon any public sidewalk or driveway, or lot, or upon the roof of any building, within the Borough of Collingdale, except upon application to the Administrative Officer who, being satisfied, from the information

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given in the application, that the proposed marquee, sign, billboard or advertising device will not be unsightly and/or unsafe, and will not violate any provisions of this Part; shall upon the payment of a fee as established by resolution of Council, issue a permit therefor. Further, any such marquee, billboard, awning, sign or other device for advertising shall only promote or refer to the interests of the business located on the lot wherein the application is made.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §4; as amended by Ord. 391, 4/1/1968, as amended by Ord. 552, 2/4/1985; and by Ord. 568, 10/5/1987*)

§19-105. Signs in Business Districts.

No sign (new) or replacement or any sign shall hereafter be erected or constructed of combustible materials, exceeding 2 square feet in area, in any business district, designated as such by the Zoning Chapter of this Code.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §5*)

§19-106. Permit Fee Exceptions.

A permit fee will not be required for a flat wall sign not exceeding 2 square feet in area, or a temporary sign used only for renting or leasing, but all such signs shall otherwise comply with all the provisions of this Part. Any new canvas awning hereafter erected, shall be not less than 7 feet in the clear from the sidewalk to the lowest part of the awning.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §6*)

§19-107. Obstructions.

No sign, advertising device or awning, or replacement thereof shall hereafter be erected in such a way as to interfere with any door, window, fire-escape or other exit from any building.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §7*)

§19-108. Roof Signs.

A roof sign board as used in this Part shall mean any sign erected, constructed or maintained upon the roof of any building. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building so as to prevent the free passage from one part of the said roof to any other part thereof, or interfere with any openings in such roof and no sign that is placed upon the roof of any building shall project beyond the edge of said roof in any direction. If the sign is an illuminated one, lighting reflectors may project 6 feet beyond the building line. Every roof sign shall be constructed entirely of steel construction including the uprights, supports, and braces of the same, excepting only that the ornamental moulding and battens behind the steel facing, and the decorative lattice

work may be of wooden construction. All roof signs when erected upon buildings which are not entirely of fire-proof materials, the bearing plates of said sign shall bear directly upon the masonry walls and intermediate columns in the building. All such signs shall be thoroughly secured to the building upon which they are installed, erected or constructed by iron or metal anchors, bolts, supports, chains, stranded cables, steel rods or braces.

Every such sign and all the supports, braces, guys and anchors thereof shall be kept in repair and unless made of noncorroding material shall be thoroughly and properly painted at least once every 2 years, and the Administrative Officer may order the removal of any such signs that are not maintained in accordance with the conditions of this section.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §8*)

§19-109. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part 1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300; and/or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days. Every day that the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

(*Ord. 236, 9/11/1934, §9; as amended by Ord. 568, 10/5/1987*)

PART 2

POSTING SIGNS ON POLES

§19-201. Written Material of any Kind Attached to Poles is Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to post, erect, attach or construct any sign, notice, advertisement, bulletin or other form of written material by means of any kind to or onto any pole or public utility pole.

(Ord. 571, 2/1/1988)

§19-202. Exceptions.

Section 201 of this Part does not apply to:

- A. The public utility or its licensee using the poles from affixing its metal or other markers or from otherwise using the pole for its public service; or
- B. The erecting of traffic signs and other signs submitted thereto by the Borough and authorized by statute or the owner of the poles and/or by ordinance.

(Ord. 571, 2/1/1988)

§19-203. Penalties.

1. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part 2 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300; and/or
2. Imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days. The Borough may remove any and all illegal posted signs, notices, advertisements, bulletins and/or other written material of any kind.

(Ord. 571, 2/1/1988)

