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**SIGN PERMIT**

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

A SIGN PERMIT IS HEREBY GRANTED TO \_\_\_\_\_

TO ERECT A SIGN AT \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ USING \_\_\_\_\_

(MATERIALS)

CONTENT (DESCRIPTION): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATED ON \_\_\_\_\_ STREET IN ACORDANCE WITH THE  
 PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE #1-1996 & #2-89 REGULATING ERECTION OF SIGNS

PAID:

CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PERMIT OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE



**PART 1**

**SIGNS**

**§19-101. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Part is to:

- A. Establish reasonable regulations for the design, installation and maintenance of all exterior signs in the Borough.
- B. To promote and protect the safety and welfare of the public.
- C. To enhance and preserve the beauty and appearance of the community.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §1)

**§19-102. Description.**

The word "sign," as used in the Part, shall mean and include any structure, board or article (any part of which is located out of doors), including all frames, braces and supports thereof, used or intended to be used for the carrying or display of any announcement, advertisement or notice. The word "sign," as used in this Part, shall not include any of the following:

- A. Any official sign erected under the provisions of the Vehicle Code or any ordinance adopted thereunder.
- B. Any street name or directional sign erected by or under direction of the authorities of the Borough, and danger and legal notice.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §2)

**§19-103. Definition.**

The word "person," as used in this Part, shall mean and include any natural person, partnership, firm, association or corporation. The singular shall include plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §3)

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### §19-104. Exceptions.

1. Every sign erected in the Borough before the passing of this Part shall be exempt from these regulations with two exceptions, to wit:
  - A. Temporary signs now in use.
  - B. Signs now in use which the Borough Council say deem to be a safety hazard.
2. As existing signs are replaced they shall comply with this Part.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §4)

### §19-105. Violations.

Upon receiving any report from a Borough official relative to violations of this Part, the Council shall notify the owner of such sign, or of the property upon which sign is located, in the case of an unlicensed sign, directing that within 15 days after such notice such person either remove such sign or make repairs as necessary, or, where the report is merely of an unlicensed sign, pay such license fee. In case of an unsafe sign not removed or repaired and made safe in every respect, the Borough Council may, at the expiration of such period of 15 days, cause the removal of such sign or of any unsafe portion thereof if, in the opinion of the Council, the removal of such portion would be sufficient to eliminate all sources of danger to the public and may collect the cost of such removal, together with a penalty of 10% in addition thereto, from the owner of such sign or of such property, as the case may be, in the manner provided by law.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §5)

### §19-106. Permits.

No sign shall hereafter be erected or located in the Borough of Biglerville until the person proposing to erect or locate such sign shall have obtained a permit therefor from the Mayor. Such permit shall be issued only when the Mayor is satisfied that such sign will in every respect comply with the applicable provisions of this Part. The fee required for said permit shall be in an amount as established by resolution from time to time by the Borough Council, which shall be for the use of the Borough and is hereby imposed to cover or partially to cover the cost of investigation and the inspection of the work of construction of such signs.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §6; as amended by Ord. 6-2003, 9/2/2003, §1)

### §19-107. Regulations.

The following regulations shall apply to all signs located in the Borough:

- A. No sign shall be erected or located so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any window, door or fire escape of or upon any building, nor shall any sign be attached to any fire escape.
- B. No sign shall be so erected or located that, by reason of its location, shape or color or the shape or location of the lights used in conjunction therewith, that such sign or lights might interfere with traffic or be confused with or obstruct the view or effectiveness of any official traffic sign, traffic signal or traffic marking.
- C. Any sign placed on or at a residence may be no larger than 6 square feet in area.
- D. Any sign placed on or at a place of business may be no larger than 80 square feet in area.
- E. No lewd, vulgar, indecent, obscene or offensive matter shall be displayed upon any sign.
- F. No sign, nor any posts, supports or braces therefor, shall be constructed, erected or located upon any sidewalk, street or Borough property.
- G. Illuminating arrangements for signs shall be such that the light is concentrated upon such sign and that there shall be no glare cast upon the street, the sidewalk or adjacent property.
- H. Any sign exceeding 20 square feet in area shall be erected by a professional sign builder.
- I. All signs shall be kept in a proper state of repair.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §7)

**§19-108. Exemptions for Permit and Licensing.**

The exemption from the permit and licensing provisions of this Part shall not be construed as relieving the owner or person in control of the sign from complying with all other applicable provisions. The following is a list of signs to which no permit or license shall be required:

- A. Political Signs. Signs pertinent to electing candidates to political office; provided such signs are put up no sooner than 30 days prior to the day of election and are taken down no later than 7 days after the election by those responsible for putting up the signs.

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- B. Garage, Yard or Similar Sale Signs. Provided that such signs are put up no sooner than 3 days prior to the sale and are taken down 1 day after the sale by those responsible for putting up the sign.
- C. Special Events. Signs concerning special recreational, civic, religious, charitable or other special events provided such signs are put up no sooner than 14 days prior to the event and are taken down 3 days after the event by those responsible for putting up the signs.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §8)

### **§19-109. Penalty.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Provided, each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1-96, 1/2/1996, §1; as amended by Ord. 6-2003, 9/2/2003, §1)