

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
O-10-2020

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 253
ARTICLE XXXIV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
ENTITLED, "SIGNS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 253, Article XXXIV of the Code of the Township of Franklin, entitled, "Signs" has as it's purpose of the article to establish a legal framework for a comprehensive system regulating all exterior signs and interior signs placed for exterior observance so as to protect the aesthetic character of the Township, to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents and to ensure the availability to citizens of on-premises signs of an adequate quality.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Township by law.

WHEREAS, a worldwide pandemic has occurred involving the coronavirus more commonly known as Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order No. 103, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a State of Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A App. A.:9-33 et seq. and a Public Health Emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq. due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 104, the Governor of the State of New Jersey set forth numerous restrictions encouraging the practice of social distancing so as to help minimize the slow and spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 169, the Governor of the State of New Jersey extended the Public Health Emergency that was declared on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order 103, which was previously extended on April 7, May 6, June 4 and July 2; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 177, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Ordered that the November General Election shall

be conducted primarily via vote-by-mail ballots, which will be sent to all “Active” registered voters without the need for an application to receive a vote-by-mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, because of this temporary change residents will be receiving ballots in the mail and will be voting earlier than in previous years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Franklin Township Code requirements of Chapter 253-179 C.(4) regarding Temporary Political Signs that provides “No such sign shall be erected more than 30 days prior to the event advertised” is hereby suspended for the rest of the year 2020.

SECTION 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Upon adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of this Ordinance with the County Planning Board, the Pinelands Commission and other agencies as required by law.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Attest:

Township of Franklin

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC

MAYOR JOHN BRUNO

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Township of Franklin held on August 25, 2020 and thereafter duly advertised in the legal newspaper of the Township at least ten (10) days prior to it being considered for final passage and adoption at a subsequent meeting to be held on September 8, 2020, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BARBARA FREIJOMIL
Township Clerk

Introduced August 25, 2020

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Flaim				
Deegan				
Petsch-Wilson				
Doyle				
Mayor Bruno				

Adopted September 8, 2020

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Flaim				
Deegan				
Petsch-Wilson				
Doyle				
Mayor Bruno				