

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 129-G

**AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SIGN ORDINANCE**

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE amending the Charter Township of Washington Sign Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 129, as amended, codified at Sections 183.000 through 183.014 of the Washington Township Code of Ordinances, and repealing any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions in conflict therewith.

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
WASHINGTON, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1 – AMENDMENTS

The Washington Township Sign Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 129, as amended, codified at Sections 183.000 through 183.014 of the Washington Township Code of Ordinances, is hereby further amended as follows:

Subsection 1.1 Sec. 1.00 (*Intent*) is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 1.00 *Intent*.

The intent of this Ordinance is to create a comprehensive, balanced system of regulating signs and, thereby, to facilitate an easy and pleasant communication between people and their environment, to enhance the physical appearance of the Township, to make the Township a more enjoyable and pleasing community, and to create a more attractive and safe economic and business climate. It is intended by the provisions of this Ordinance to reduce signage and advertising distractions, to eliminate hazards caused by signs being too close to the public rights-of-way, to avoid the confusion of conflicting adjacent signs, to protect property values, and to eliminate obsolete, irrelevant, nonconforming and deteriorated signs. With these purposes in mind, it is the intention of this Ordinance to authorize the use of signs which are:

- Compatible with their surroundings.
- Appropriate to the type of activity to which they pertain.
- Expressive of the identity of individual proprietors or of the development as a whole.
- Legible in the circumstances in which they are seen.
- That all signs within the Township are consistent in size and aesthetic character.

Subsection 1.2 Section 3.00(3) (*Submission Requirements*) is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 3.00 *Submission Requirements.*

(3) *Granting and Issuance of Permit.*

- (a) A Sign Package and a Comprehensive Sign Plan site shall require approval from the Planning Commission.
- (b) All signs which do not require either a Sign Plan or a Comprehensive Sign Plan and which are not exempt from this Ordinance and do not have prior Planning Commission approval, shall be reviewed by the Township Planning and Zoning Administrator for compliance with the Sign Ordinance. Signs may be, and are encouraged to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission as part of the site plan review process. The Planning and Zoning Administrator, Planning Consultant or the Building Official, at his/her discretion, may order a sign to be reviewed by the Planning Commission when it is determined that the proposed sign may have an impact on the property or surrounding properties in regards to such issues as scale, location, illumination or safety.
- (c) Upon receipt of all necessary submissions required by this Ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Administrator shall review the application for compliance with this Ordinance. Following review by the Planning and Zoning Administrator, the Building Official or other Township designee, shall either approve or disapprove the application within a reasonable time based upon the standards set forth in this Ordinance. If the application is approved by the Township and conforms to Building Code requirements, the Building Official shall issue a permit.

Subsection 1.3 Section 4.00 (*Zoning District Regulations*) is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 4.00 *Zoning District and Use Regulations.*

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "site" shall be defined as all land in a development which is necessary or indicated as part of the development proposal to meet parking requirements, setback requirements, landscape requirements, drainage requirements (i.e., retention or detention basin), and lot coverage requirements.

- (1) *Residential Zoning Districts (All Residential Zoning Districts).*
 - (a) Identification Sign. One (1) identification sign or nameplate is permitted for each dwelling unit with a permitted home occupation.
 - (b) Monument Sign. One (1) monument sign and one (1) wall sign is permitted for each approved non-residential building site.
 - (c) Farm Market. One (1) wall and one (1) monument sign, each not to exceed thirty-five (35) square feet, may be permitted on farm property to advertise farm produce or agricultural products sold on the site. Where a farm market is located on property abutting the M-53 expressway, an 80-square foot ground sign shall also be permitted along such frontage.
 - (d) Subdivision Entrance Sign. One (1) double-faced subdivision entrance sign placed parallel to the entrance road or two (2) single-faced subdivision entrance signs placed perpendicular or within forty-five (45) degrees of the entrance road shall be permitted for each major entrance to a residential subdivision, mobile home park and multiple-family development, as approved in the site plan or subdivision approval.
- (2) *Local and General Commercial Zoning Districts (LC and GC Zoning Districts).*
 - (a) Identification Signs. One (1) identification sign or nameplate is permitted for each office unit within a multi-tenant professional office development.
 - (a) Monument Sign. One (1) monument sign shall be permitted for each site.
 - (i) Retail establishments with over sixty thousand (60,000) square feet of gross floor area and/or over four hundred (400) feet of road frontage on a single thoroughfare shall be permitted two (2) ground signs. The signs shall generally be evenly spaced along the frontage of the site and shall not in any case abut each other.
 - (b) Wall Signs. One (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each tenant having an individual public entrance to a building. In those cases where multiple tenants share an entrance, one (1) wall sign shall be permitted to include all tenants.
 - (i) One (1) additional wall sign shall be permitted on buildings which front on two (2) major streets or in a multi-tenant center. Only one (1) wall sign shall be placed on each street facade. The second sign shall be permitted to maintain a size that is equal to the permitted size of the main wall sign.

- (ii) In shopping centers with multiple tenants, all signage shall be coordinated as to size, location, color and character. A coordinated sign package shall be submitted for the entire complex or center prior to individual permits being granted.
 - (iii). Sites abutting M-53 shall be permitted one (1) wall sign on the rear or side of the building facing M-53. Such sign area shall not exceed the permitted sign area for the principal front of the building.
- (3) *Village Zoning District (V-1 Zoning District).*
 - (a) *Permitted Signage.* A first floor tenant may be permitted a total of two (2) signs. The signage shall consist of a projecting sign, and the building owner's choice of either a wall sign or an awning sign. However, in instances where an awning sign is less than six (6) square feet and is located on the hanging flap portion of the awning, that sign shall also be permitted in addition to the two (2) permitted signs.
 - (b) *Monument Signs.* Monument signs shall be set back a minimum of forty-three (43) feet from the centerline of the road and may be a maximum of thirty-six (36) sq. ft. and six (6) ft. in height, measured from the average level of the ground or pavement directly below the sign.
 - (c) *Projecting Signs.* In accordance with subsection (a), one projecting sign per first floor tenant on each site may be permitted.
 - (i) A projecting sign, if it includes the address of a tenant or owner, shall not exceed twenty-five (25) sq. ft. If the projecting sign does not include the address of the tenant or owner, it shall not exceed twenty (20) sq. ft. The bottom of the projecting sign shall be 8 ft. from the average level of the ground or pavement directly below the sign. The projecting sign shall be permanently anchored to the building in a manner suitable to the Building Department.
 - (d) *Second Floor Tenant Signage.* In accordance with this Section, second floor tenants shall be permitted one (1) window sign or one (1) wall sign or one (1) awning sign per suite. Single tenants occupying multiple suites may be permitted one (1) window sign for each suite occupied. Second floor window signs shall be comprised of either, decals, paintings or etchings. Opaque backgrounds and illumination of second floor window signs are prohibited. Second floor window signs shall not exceed twelve (12) sq. ft. and shall be measured in accordance with Section 183.007 of the Sign Ordinance, as amended. Wall signs shall not exceed one (1) square foot of sign area for each one (1) lineal foot of building façade for the unit occupied by the applicant.
 - (e) *Addresses.* All principal buildings shall display their assigned street number in a manner plainly visible and legible from the street right-of-way. The name of the tenant and address numbers shall be placed on the door for use by the public and on the service rear door. The name of the tenant and address numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be arabic numerals or alphabet letters. All letters and numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high, a maximum of 6 inches

high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches and a maximum stroke width of 1.5 inches.

- (f) *Permanent Building Signage.* Buildings may have the name of the building permanently affixed into the building in accordance with the Village District design guidelines. Any building name permanently affixed into a building shall not be included in the computation of allowable sign area. The maximum square footage permitted under this provision shall be equal to one (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ square foot for each linear foot of building frontage facing the road.
 - (g) *Prohibited Signs.* The following signs, or types of signs, are prohibited in the Village District: freestanding portable signs (unless permitted as a temporary sign); neon signage of any type; and channel letter signs.
 - (h) *Architectural Style.* For an individual building, the building owner shall designate a uniform signage theme complementing either the architecture of the building, or the overall historic character of the Village area.
 - (i) In buildings with multiple tenants, all signage shall be coordinated as to size, location, color and character. A coordinated sign package shall be submitted for the entire complex or center prior to individual permits being granted. Such package should include justification for the number of signs and sign area based on the size of the building, number of businesses and frontage of the site and how that relates with the character of the Village District.
- (4) *Industrial Zoning Districts (IND Zoning Districts).*
- (a) Monument Sign. One (1) monument sign shall be permitted for each site.
 - (b) Wall Signs. One (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each tenant having an individual public entrance to a building.
 - (i) One (1) additional wall sign shall be permitted on buildings which front on two (2) major streets. Only one (1) wall sign shall be placed on each street facade. The sum of the two (2) signs shall not exceed the permitted individual wall sign area allowance.
 - (ii). Sites abutting M-53 shall be permitted one (1) wall sign on the rear or side of the building facing M-53. Such sign area shall not exceed the permitted sign area for the principal front of the building.
 - (c) Subdivision Entrance Sign. One (1) subdivision entrance sign shall be permitted for each major road entrance to identify an industrial or technical park.
- (5) *Multi-Faceted Businesses (Approved by Planning Commission, as such)*
- (a) Monument Sign. One (1) monument sign shall be permitted for each site.
 - (i) Sites which maintain a minimum of one thousand (1,000) feet of road frontage shall be permitted two (2) ground signs. The signs shall be evenly spaced along the frontage of the site and shall not in any case abut each other.
 - (b) Wall Signs. Each building on the site that is part of the Planning Commission approved multi-faceted use shall be permitted its own individual wall sign.

- (c) Sign Package. A multi-faceted business may submit an overall sign package that addresses both current and long term signage needs. Such package should include justification for the number of signs and sign area based on number of acres, number of buildings, number of businesses and frontage of the site and how that relates with requirements in other zoning districts.

Subsection 1.4 Section 5 (*Specific Regulations*) is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 5.00 *Specific Regulations.*

- (1) *Agri-tourism signs.*
 - (a) Wall signage for Planning Commission approved agri-tourism uses shall meet the requirements of Section 183.005(14) regardless of the zoning district in which the use is located.
 - (b) Monument signage for Planning Commission approved agri-tourism uses shall meet the requirements of Section 183.005(4), regardless of the zoning district in which the use is located.
- (2) *Awning or Canopy Signs.*
 - (a) An awning or canopy sign may be used to display the name of the firm, the address or a symbol, or type of business, and shall be placed only on the principal front of the building.
 - (b) An awning or canopy sign shall be permitted in lieu of a permitted wall sign.
 - (c) An awning or canopy sign shall not exceed one and one-half (1½) square foot for each linear foot of store frontage on which the sign is to be placed, or sixteen (16) square feet, whichever is greater. In no case shall an awning or canopy sign exceed sixty (60) square feet.
 - (d) A minimum vertical clearance of fourteen (14') feet shall be provided beneath any awning or canopy sign which projects over a parking area or driveway. In all other areas, a minimum vertical clearance of eight (8') feet shall be provided beneath an awning or canopy.
- (2) *Directional Signs.*
 - (a) Directional signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area, and shall not exceed three (3') feet in height. No more than one (1) such sign shall be located at each drive location.
 - (b) At-grade directional signs painted on or adhered to the surface of paved areas are exempt from these standards.
 - (c) All directional signs required for the purpose of orientation, when established by the Township, County, State or Federal government, shall be permitted.
 - (d) Wall-mounted directional signage shall not exceed a maximum of four (4) square feet in size.
- (3) *Identification Signs.* Identification signs shall be limited to:

- (a) One (1) unlit wall-mounted sign for a permitted home occupation.
 - (b) One (1) unlit wall-mounted identification sign shall be permitted for each approved professional office or each exterior entrance for a multiple tenant office. Such sign shall be located at the entrance of the office to which it refers.
 - (c) An identification sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet in sign area. Such wall-mounted signs shall not extend outward more than two (2') inches from the surface of a wall on the subject structure.
- (4) *Monument or Ground Signs.*
- (a) Monument or ground signs shall not exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in the LC, GC and IND Zoning Districts; and thirty-two (32) square feet in all residential zoning districts. However, retail establishments with over sixty thousand (60,000) square feet of gross floor area and/or over four hundred (400) feet of road frontage on a single thoroughfare, or Planning Commission approved agri-tourism / agri-business sites which maintain a minimum of one thousand (1,000) feet of road frontage, shall be permitted sixty-four (64) square feet of sign area for each monument sign. If the Planning Commission determines that architectural features of the sign, such as wood, rock or brick framing, are in harmony with the surrounding area of the principal structure, the architectural features of the sign shall not count as part of the display area.
 - (b) Monument signs located in the LC, GC or on approved agri-tourism / agri-business sites, including the architectural features, shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Monument signs located in the IND Zoning District or any residential zoning districts, including the architectural features, shall not exceed seven (7) feet in height. Monument signs shall not have more than four (4) foot of clearance between the bottom of the sign and the established grade.
 - (c) LED/LCD Displays and Changeable Copy: Changeable copy or LED/LCD signs shall be permitted as part of a monument sign. No more than fifty (50%) percent of a monument sign shall be utilized for changeable copy or LED/LCD signage unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance. Digital signs shall meet the following requirements:
 - (i) All digital signs shall maintain auto dimming technology for nighttime use.
 - (ii) Messages shall not change at a rate faster than once every five (5) seconds.
 - (iii) The digital sign may not display light of such intensity or brilliance to cause glare or otherwise impair the vision of the driver, or results in a nuisance to the driver. Digital sign light intensity exceeding the following intensity levels (nits) constitutes "excessive intensity or brilliance."

INTENSITY LEVELS (NITS)		
Color	Daytime	Nighttime
Red Only	3,150	1,125
Green Only	6,300	2,250
Amber Only	4,690	1,675
Full Color	7,000	2,500

(5) *Off-Site Signs, including Billboards.*

- (a) Off-site signs, including billboard signs, may be permitted as a special land use in the IND Zoning District as regulated herein and in the Zoning Ordinance.
- (b) All billboards shall be confined to "adjacent areas", as defined in the Highway Advertising Act of 1972, along the M-53 freeway.
- (c) No billboard shall be located within one thousand (1,000') feet of another billboard abutting either side of the same street or highway.
- (d) No billboard shall be located within three hundred (300') feet from any adjoining residential zoning district or any adjoining residential use.
- (e) Billboards shall not be located closer than two hundred (200') feet to any abutting public road right-of-way, or closer than one hundred (100) feet from any property line.
- (f) The surface area of any billboard shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet. Billboards with stacked or tandem faces shall be prohibited.
- (g) The height of any billboard shall not exceed twenty-four (24') feet above the grade of the ground on which the billboard sits or the grade of the abutting roadway, whichever is greater.
- (h) No billboard shall be located on top of, cantilevered, or otherwise suspended above the roof of any building.
- (i) A billboard shall not be illuminated.
- (j) All billboards shall be constructed to withstand all wind and vibration forces that can normally be expected to occur in the vicinity. A billboard must be maintained so as to assure proper alignment of structure, continued structural soundness, and continued readability of message.

(6) *Political Signs.*

- (a) Not more than three (3) political signs, which do not exceed a total aggregate area of sixteen (16) square feet, may be allowed on any one residential or commercially zoned parcel.
- (b) No such sign shall be displayed prior to forty-five (45) days prior to an election, nor shall such sign remain displayed for a duration exceeding ten (10) days after the election for which the sign was erected. Primary and general elections shall be considered separate election events for the purposes of this Ordinance.
- (c) All such signs shall be set back to meet the sign setback requirement for the district in which it is located.

(7) *Portable Signs.*

- (a) Portable signs, as defined in Section 183.008 herein, are hereby prohibited, regardless of form, size, character or placement, unless otherwise specifically permitted within this Ordinance.
- (8) *Projecting Signs.*
 - (a) Projecting signs, as defined in Section 8.00 herein, are hereby prohibited, regardless of form, size, character or placement, unless otherwise specifically permitted within this Ordinance.
- (9) *Pylon Signs.*
 - (a) Pylon signs, as defined in Section 8.00 herein, are hereby prohibited, regardless of form, size, character or placement.
- (10) *Real Estate Signs.*
 - (a) One (1) unlit real estate sign shall be permitted which advertises the sale, rental, or lease of the premises or property upon which said sign is located.
 - (b) One (1) unlit sign indicating a building is "open" for inspection shall be permitted for the duration of the open hours. Such sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in display area and shall be located on the premises or property which is open to the public.
 - (c) In residential districts, no such sign shall exceed six (6) square feet in display area.
 - (d) In non-residential zoning districts, such signs shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in display area. In no case shall a site contain both a real estate sign and a real estate development sign.
 - (e) All such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the property has been rented, leased or sold, or the title is otherwise transferred. Approval shall be for a one year period. A maximum of 2 one-year extensions may be granted by the Planning Commission.
- (11) *Real Estate Development Signs.*
 - (a) One (1) real estate development sign shall be permitted for each development in which lots/units are still available. Such sign shall only be located on the site of the development. No such sign shall exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area and six (6) feet in height. Such sign shall also include the date and permit number of the permit being issued, written in indelible ink.

Where a real estate development sign advertises a development, each lot/unit within the development shall not be permitted a real estate sign. Each lot/unit may include a four (4') square foot sign indicating the lot number and model. Such sign shall not be mounted higher than four (4') feet from grade.
 - (b) Such sign shall be removed within seven (7) days after all of the units or lots on that site have been sold or leased. In the case of office, commercial and industrial units, the signs shall be removed upon the granting of an occupancy permit.
 - (c) A real estate development sign shall not be allowed to occupy the property for more than two (2) years, except when an extension is granted. The

Planning Commission may grant one (1) extension of such approval for a period not exceeding one (1) year.

(12) *Special Event Signs.*

- (a) For special events (not associated with the sales of product or services common to a particular site) that are intended to provide fundraising for nonprofit agencies or groups, the Supervisor of the Township or designee shall approve a sign package complementary to the event and in the spirit of the intent of the Sign Ordinance. Such signs shall be installed and removed within a five day period during the event only.

(13) *Subdivision or Apartment Entrance Signs.*

- (a) A subdivision or apartment entrance sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign display area. If the Planning Commission determines that architectural features of the sign are in harmony with the surrounding area and the principal structure, the architectural features of the sign shall not count as part of the display area.
- (b) A subdivision entrance sign, including its architectural features, shall not exceed six (6') feet in height.
- (c) A subdivision entrance sign may be located in a traffic island at the entrance of a subdivision, if the Planning Commission determines that the sign will not obstruct motorist vision.

(14) *Temporary Signs.*

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, a business or organization shall be permitted to display one (1) temporary banner sign and one (1) feather sign (one (1) feather sign shall be permitted for each 50 feet of singular road frontage with a maximum of two (2) feather signs per site at a time. Properties with over one thousand (1,000) feet of road frontage shall be permitted to display two temporary banners and four (4) feather signs at a time. Feather sign(s) may be substituted with no more than one (1) freestanding portable sign per site.
 - (i) The feather signs shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in display area or twelve (12') feet in height. Portable signs, of any kind, shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area and shall not exceed six (6') feet in height.
 - (ii) The temporary banner sign shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet in display area.
 - (iii) Temporary signage, excepting A-frames, located in the Village District shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - (iv) Portable signs may be LED/digital signage, however; manual copy signs shall not be permitted as portable signs. (Such LED/Digital signs shall meet the regulations of Section 183.005 (4)(c)(i), (ii), and (iii).
- (b) A maximum of twelve (12) temporary sign permits shall be permitted for any one (1) business or organization during a calendar year, with a maximum display time of ninety (90) days total.

- (c) Signs shall include the permit number and date of issue, written in indelible ink on the face of the sign. Political signs shall not be subject to the requirement of this paragraph.
 - (d) Temporary signs are subject to the general regulations (Section [183.006](#)).
 - (e) A-frame signage shall be permitted in all commercial zoning districts and within the Village Zoning District at all times of the year and only during business hours of the advertising business. All A-frame signs shall have a professional appearance. The use of such signs shall not count toward time limits or number of temporary signs permitted as cited above. A-frame signs shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet in sign area and shall not exceed five (5') feet in height. A-frame signs shall be located immediately adjacent to the advertising business in a location which does not impede the ordinary flow of pedestrian traffic and/or provide a hazard to the public. These signs may contain changeable copy; both electronic and/or manual.
- (15) *Wall Signs.*
- (a) A wall sign shall not project more than twelve (12") inches horizontally beyond the wall of a building.
 - (b) A wall sign shall be used to display the name of the firm, the address or a symbol, or type of business.
 - (c) Wall signs shall not project above the roof line (eave) of a building or structure. However, in instances where the design of the roof line prevents the placement of a wall sign on the wall of the building, a sign may project 12" above the roof peak.
 - (d) Wall signs shall not exceed one and one-half (1½) square foot for each linear foot of store or unit façade frontage on which the sign is to be placed, or sixteen (16) square feet, whichever is greater. In no case shall a wall sign exceed eighty (80) square feet (except as permitted below in Section 5.00(14)(e)).
 - (e) Large, multi-department stores and big box uses with over one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) square feet of floor area or Planning Commission approved agri-tourism uses with over one thousand (1,000) linear feet of road frontage may be permitted a wall sign area equal to one and one-half (1½) square foot for each linear foot of store or building frontage up to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet.
 - (f) For agri-tourism uses, the combined square footage of all wall signs on the site not to exceed the permitted square footage identified in (14)(d) or (e), whichever is applicable.
- (16) *Window Signs.*
- (a) Window signs shall not be permitted to cover an area exceeding more than 25% of the total combined window area on a facade.
 - (i) Etched signage, or signage that is painted or attached in a similar permanent method, where the background of the signage remains clear glass and is not a solid color, may be permitted and shall not be considered window signage as regulated herein. Such etched or painted signage on a window shall be evenly distributed across all

windows and shall not be permitted to exceed twelve (12) square feet in total.

- (b) Window signage for a second floor tenant sign in the Village District shall be regulated as outlined in subsection 183.004(4)(d).

Subsection 1.5 Section 6(1) (*General Regulations*) shall have the following further subparagraph added thereto:

Sec. 6.00 *General Regulations*.

(1) *Exemptions*.

- (e) In situations deemed an emergency or a hazardous situation or an act of nature that may cause a detrimental or critical impact on a business or other entity, as determined by the Preplanning Committee, the Preplanning Committee may approve temporary signage, in an amount and size determined necessary and for a duration necessary to abate the problem. The Preplanning Committee shall utilize the following standards to determine whether such a condition exists and how to adjudge the amount and size of signs.
 - 1. A road construction project is underway and causing confusion for access to sites.
Weather, infestation or other natural acts have diminished crops by 25% or more.
 - 3. A dangerous condition exists that may go unnoticed if signage is not present to identify the hazard.
 - 4. The number and size of the signs shall be considered based on the number of site activities being damaged by the condition and by the amount of road frontage for the site. The number and size of temporary signs permitted by the Committee should relate to the number and size of permanent signs permitted in normal conditions.

Subsection 1.6

Section 6(2)(d) (*General Regulations*) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 6.00 *General Regulations*.

(2) *Prohibited Signs*.

- (d) Window signs, A-frame signs, and any other sign not specifically authorized herein.

Subsection 1.7 Section 6(2)(e) (*General Regulations*) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 6.00 *General Regulations.*

(2) *Prohibited Signs.*

(e) Changeable copy or LED signs, except as part of a monument sign or permitted temporary portable sign.

Subsection 1.8 Section 6(2)(g) (*General Regulations*) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 6.00. *General Regulations.*

(2) *Prohibited Signs.*

(g) Vehicle business signs when not parked in a designated parking space designed and approved for the particular type of vehicle parked in such space. All vehicles displaying signage in a designated parking space shall be currently licensed and must be a working vehicle that is moved on behalf of the owner on a regular basis to carry out the functions of the business such as, but not limited to, transportation and deliveries. Trailers with, or without, signs shall not be placed in an approved parking space dedicated and approved as such for a business or site.

Subsection 1.9 Section 6(3)(b) (*General Regulations*) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 6.00 *General Regulations.*

(3) *Locational Requirements.*

(b) No sign, except those established and maintained by the Township, County, State or Federal governments, shall be located within the triangle formed by the intersection of any road rights-of-way and/or access drives at points twenty (20) feet distant from the point of their intersection.

Subsection 1.10 Section 6(3)(d) (*General Regulations*) shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 6.00 *General Regulations.*

(3) *Locational Requirements.*

- (d) In no case shall a sign be closer than ten (10') feet to any property line. All signs, unless otherwise specified herein, shall meet the following minimum setbacks as measured in feet from the centerline of each road right-of-way (ROW) in accordance with the Township's Master Plan. An additional ten-foot (10') setback from road centerlines and property lines shall be required for all signs constructed in residential zoning districts on home sites.

Road Type (See Master Plan)	Distance in Feet
Regional (204' R.O.W.)	112
Regional (150' R.O.W.)	85
Major (120' R.O.W.)	<u>70</u>
Secondary (120' R.O.W.)	<u>70</u>
Collector (86' R.O.W.)	<u>53</u>
Local (70' R.O.W.)	45
Local (60' R.O.W.)	<u>40</u>
Cul-de-sac	<u>70</u>
Freeway*	<u>50</u>
Private Roads**	<u>20</u>

*Freeways shall be measured from the established right-of-way lines.

**Measured from the road easement or common usage line.

Subsection 1.11 Section 8 (*Definitions*) shall have the following definitions added thereto:

Feather Sign – A flag-like sign with a pole in one side and a cloth-like material on the other. The sign could be temporary or permanent, but is typically mounted to the ground and shaped like a feather.

Multi-Faceted Businesses- A business occupying more than one structure, such as an agri tourism business or any business performing additional significant services that are ancillary to the main business.

Subsection 1.12 Section 8 (*Definitions*) shall have the following definitions deleted therefrom:

Motor Vehicles as Signage
Shingle Sign

Subsection 1.13 Section 8 (*Definitions*) the definition of *Monument or Ground Sign*, shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Monument or Ground Sign - A freestanding accessory sign which is permanently fastened to the ground by uprights, braces, or similar objects, and which is not attached to a building or structure. Any on-site, accessory permanent and freestanding sign with four (4') foot or less of clearance between the bottom of the sign and the established grade shall be a monument sign.

Subsection 1.14 Section 8 (*Definitions*), the definition of *Pylon Sign*, shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Pylon Sign – a freestanding accessory sign which is permanently fastened to the ground by upright(s), brace(s) or similar object(s) and which is not attached to a building or structure. Any on-site, accessory, permanent and freestanding sign with more than four (4') foot of clearance between the bottom of the sign and the established grade shall be a pylon sign.

Subsection 1.15 Section 8 (*Definitions*) , the definition of *Resurface*, shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Resurface – The replacement or restoration of a previously approved sign face panel, which does not include alteration to the existing structure, brackets, electrical or any other components.

Subsection 1.16 Section 10 (*Violations, Fines and Sanctions*) shall have the following paragraph added thereto:

Any sign that is unlawful and is not considered a legal nonconforming sign under Section 183.006(9) of this Ordinance shall have sixty (60) days from the adoption of this provision to eliminate the unlawful/illegal sign.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All resolutions, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION

This Ordinance shall be published by posting in the office of the Township Clerk and on the Township's website pursuant to MCL 42.8(3)(b) and 42.20(2).

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after the date of the second publication as provided for in Section 4.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of Washington Township, Macomb County, Michigan, at a meeting held on the 18th day of December, A.D., 2013.

I hereby further certify that the following Township Board members were present at the meeting: Grimes, Jacobson, O'Leary, Miller, Rapp, Verellen
and the following Township Board Members were absent: Bosheers

I further certify that Member O'Leary moved for the adoption of the Ordinance, and that motion was supported by Member Miller

I further certify that the following Township of Washington Board Members voted for the adoption of the Ordinance: Grimes, O'Leary, Miller, Rapp, Verellen

and that the following Township of Washington members voted against adoption of the Ordinance: Jacobson

Kathy Bosheers, Clerk
Charter Township of Washington