

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lodi, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, held on the 13th day of December, 2022, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held at its meeting room in the Borough Hall, in Lodi, N.J., on the 17th day of January, 2023, at 7 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Borough Hall of the Borough and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Borough who shall request such copies, at the office of the Borough Clerk in said Borough Hall in Lodi, New Jersey.

Rebecca Paladino
Acting Borough Clerk

**ORDINANCE# 2022-22
BOROUGH OF LODI
COUNTY OF BERGEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LODI
SECTION 585-1 SJ ENTITLED ELECTION OR POLITICAL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of Lodi Section 585-16J entitled Election or Political Signs subject to the following provisions is hereby amended as follows:

1. Subsection (3) and (4) are hereby deleted and replaced with the following language:

"(3) Signs shall not exceed 4 feet in height or 4 feet in width or 16 square feet in total and that the sign height including posts or other method of installation or mounting shall not exceed 6 feet above the ground."

2. Subsection (8) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following

language: "(8) The number of signs on any particular parcel of real property

shall be

two (2) per candidate or political campaign ticket."

3. The following subsections are hereby added:

"(9) No signs shall be placed on Borough property or Borough right of way including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, curbs and ramps and any sign in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(10) No sign shall be placed upon any telephone pole or tree and any sign

in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(11) No signs shall be placed upon any abandoned buildings, vacant lots, commercial property or shopping center lots without the express written permission from the owner of said lot provided to the Borough Zoning Officer in advance of installation and any sign in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(12) Signs shall not be installed which obstruct traffic and any sign in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(13) Signs shall not be lighted and any sign in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(14) Signs shall not be placed within any public right of way and any sign in violation hereof shall be cause for immediate removal by the Borough property maintenance official or Zoning Officer or their designee.

(15) Any violation of this Ordinance shall subject the political campaign or candidates or property owner to a fine as indicated herein and each day that the violation exists shall be deemed a separate violation for each sign as follows:

(A) First offense \$1,000.00 fine;

(B) Second offense \$1,250.00 fine;

(C) Third offense: Up to 90 days of community service or up to 90 days in County Jail or up to \$1,250.00 fine all in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

4. All other provisions of the Code of the Borough of Lodi Section 585-16J that are not inconsistent with the within Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise modified herein.

5. In the event any section, part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance or the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

6. All parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

7. This Ordinance shall be subject to review and recommendation by the Borough Planning Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:550-26.

8. The Bergen County Planning Board shall be provided notice of this proposed Ordinance in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:27-6.1O after Introduction at least ten (10) days prior to public hearing thereon, and shall further be provided with a copy of the Ordinance subsequent to its final adoption.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Introduced on this **13th** day of **December**, 2022

Adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2022

Scott A. Luna, Mayor

Rebecca Paladino, Acting Municipal Clerk

to exceed 90 days and a term of community service not to exceed 90 days.

- (2) Requirements for permit issuance. The Building Inspector shall not issue a permit for the erection, alteration or relocation of any sign:
 - (a) Unless the application shall show the proposed sign to be in conformity with all the provisions of this chapter of the Borough of Lodi, as amended and supplemented hereby or otherwise; or
 - (b) Which said sign will unreasonably obstruct the visibility of an existing sign on a lot immediately adjacent to the lot upon which the proposed sign is to be erected, altered or relocated.
- J. Election or political signs, subject to the following provisions:
- (1) All signs must be placed entirely on private property.
 - (2) All signs must be set back minimally five feet from the property lines.
 - (3) Signs shall not exceed four square feet in area with the exception of candidates residency shall not exceed 16 square feet in area.
 - (4) The sign itself, exclusive of post or other methods of installation or mounting shall not exceed four feet in height with the exception of candidate signs which shall not exceed eight feet in height.
 - (5) No signs shall be placed on any property prior to Labor Day for the November election and March 1 for the May election.
 - (6) All political signs must be removed no later than seven calendar days after the date of the election.
 - (7) In accordance with election law requirements, each sign must provide the name of the campaign fund which paid for the printing of the sign.
 - (8) The number of signs on any particular parcel of property (to be determined based upon tax lot and block designation) shall be one per candidate or political campaign ticket.