

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2024-19**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE  
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, NEW  
JERSEY, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-17 “SIGNS; GENERAL REGULATIONS,  
13-17.14 “ENFORCEMENT”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette finds it advisable and necessary to supplement the existing Ordinance regulating enforcement of the sign Ordinance in the Township in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette having determined that further enforcement procedures are needed for the Zoning Officer to effectively control prohibited signs as set forth in Section 13-17.8 including temporary signs located within the public right-of-way and signs not expressly related to the business being conducted on the premises which have become a more frequent occurrence in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette having determined that individuals or entities placing prohibited signs within the Township often fail to remove such signage after being requested to do so by the Zoning Officer or there is insufficient information to identify the individual or entity placing prohibited signs within the Township or said individual or entity ignores the Zoning Officer’s requests in that regard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette deems it necessary to supplement the enforcement provisions of the Ordinance to allow the Zoning Officer to remove these signs and take custody of the signs for a period of one (1) week and thereafter be authorized to dispose of any sign not claimed by its owner.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, that Chapter 13 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being “SIGNS; GENERAL REGULATIONS” and specifically Section 13-17.14 (b) shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

**Section 1.** Provision 13-17.14 (b) of the existing Chapter 13 is repealed and replaced as follows:

(b) Violations. In the event any sign is found to be in violation of this section, the Zoning Official shall notify the owner of such sign and the owner of the property on which the sign is erected of such violation, and the owner shall within ten (10) days correct such violation. In the instance of a violation involving a temporary lawn sign erected or maintained in a roadway right-of-way, the owner thereof shall, within two (2) days, correct such violation. Upon failure to comply with the violation notice from the Zoning Officer within the time specified or if the Zoning Officer cannot identify or is unable to contact the owner of the sign after reasonable efforts in that regard, the Zoning Officer is authorized to cause the removal of the sign, and any expense incidental thereto shall be paid by the owner of the sign. The Zoning Officer shall take custody of the sign for a period of one (1) week; and thereafter, the Zoning Officer is authorized to dispose of any sign not claimed by its owner.

**Section 2.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

**NOTICE**

The above entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting on August 6, 2024 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on September 3, 2024.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk: