

TOWNSHIP OF MEDFORD

ORDINANCE 2020 – 6

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 526 OF THE MEDFORD
TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SIGNS”**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Medford declares and finds that the current Township Ordinance governing signs in the Township requires revision and updates; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council for the Township of Medford deems it to be in the best interests of its residents to adopt this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Medford in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows: that Section 526 of the Code of the Township of Medford be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 526 (J) entitled “Exempt Signs”, subsection 14 is hereby repealed and deleted, and replaced as follows:

14. Signs less than thirty (30) inches in height may be placed at the property line, but shall be outside the right of way. Signs over thirty (30) inches in height, shall be set back five (5) linear feet from all property lines.

SECTION TWO: Section 526 (J) entitled “Exempt Signs” is hereby amended to add a new subsection 15 as follows:

15. One internally illuminated “Open” sign may be provided per business. Said sign must be not greater than 2 sf in area, and may only be illuminated when the business is open. “Open” signs must be placed in windows located on the first floor, they may not flash, move or be animated or change in any way. Compliant Open signs do not count toward the sign area maximums in the Zone.

SECTION THREE: Section 526 (S) entitled “Commercial and Industrial Uses in the CC, PI, RHC Zones outside of the Historic Village Commercial (HVC) District”, subsection “3. Signs” is hereby repealed and deleted, and replaced as follows:

3. Signs

- a. Freestanding including Multiple Occupancy and Tenant signs shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet away from front property lines, ten (10) feet from side property lines, and outside of any sight triangles.
- b. Freestanding signs including Multiple Occupancy Tenant signs shall be mounted so that the bottom of the sign is at least eighteen (18) inches above ground level.
- c. The top of freestanding signs for shopping centers, office complexes and mixed use center, industrial park shall be no higher than twelve (12) feet above ground level.
- d. The top of freestanding signs for single use on-premise signs shall be no higher than six (6) feet above ground level.
- e. For all properties in the PI Zone, and properties in the RC and CC Zoning Districts located along the Route 541 corridor, all signs including freestanding, wall, window, canopy, projecting and suspended are permitted to be illuminated, such as internally, externally, or back-lit reverse channel letters. Internally illuminated and back-lit signs are prohibited in the remaining RC and CC Zones and in the RHC Zones.
- f. One etched or painted permanent window sign shall be permitted in one storefront window of any retail or commercial business, providing it does not exceed thirty-three (33) percent of the window area.
- g. Awning signs shall be permitted as above on the awning providing the maximum letter height does not exceed eighteen (18) inches. Matte cotton and mixed fabric awnings are required to be opaque and can be internally or externally illuminated. Awnings are permitted to encroach upon pedestrian ways; however the bottom of the awning shall be located seven (7) feet above surrounding adjacent grade level.
- h. Changeable copy signs are permitted for gasoline service stations to provide fuel pricing information, but may only be illuminated during business hours.
- i. Canopy signs and not entire canopy structures are permitted to be translucent, constructed of Lexan, vinyl, plastic, or similar and allow light to penetrate.

SECTION FOUR: Section 526 (T) entitled “Historic Village Commercial”, subsection “1. General Standards”, subparagraph (d) is hereby repealed and deleted, and replaced as follows:

- d) All signs shall be externally illuminated or back-lit reverse channel letters, except for “Open” signs as permitted Section J. Exempt Signs.

SECTION FIVE: Section 526 (T) entitled “Historic Village Commercial”, subsection “6” is hereby repealed and deleted, and replaced as follows:

6. Illuminated signs including internally illuminated, LED illuminated, Neon or gas tubing signs are strictly prohibited, except for “Open” signs as permitted in Section J. Exempt Signs.

SECTION SIX: The balance of Medford Code, Section 526 entitled “Signs” that is not amended herein is saved from repeal and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION SEVEN: All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

SECTION EIGHT If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION NINE: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Township of Medford

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“An Ordinance Amending Section 526 of the Medford Township Code Entitled
“Signs”

The above entitled ordinance was passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Medford on February 18, 2020. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on March 3, 2020 at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, New Jersey at 7:00 PM, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be heard. Copies of this ordinance will be made available at the Municipal Clerk’s office to members of the general public who shall request them.

Katherine Burger, RMC
Municipal Clerk



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

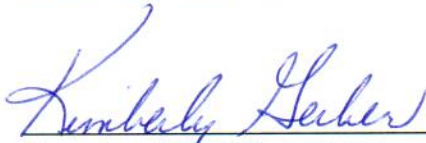
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Dear Members of Township Council and Ms. Burger,

Please be advised that on February 26, 2020 at its regularly scheduled meeting, after a presentation by the Board and Township Planner, the Planning Board reviewed Ordinance 2020-6, amending section 526 of the Medford Township Land Development Code entitled "Signs", pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law (NJS 40:55D-26).

Please accept this letter as a report that the Planning Board did not find any provisions in the proposed ordinance to be inconsistent with the master plan, and the Board did not make any other recommendations relative to the Ordinance.



Planning Board Secretary

2/28/2020

Date

Township of Medford

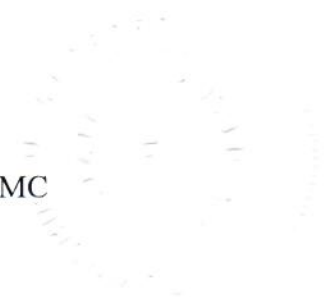
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Katherine Burger, RMC
Municipal Clerk



Township of Medford

Notice of Final Adoption

Ordinance 2020-6

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance as entitled above was adopted following second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Medford, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held at the Public Safety Building, 91 Union Street, Medford, New Jersey on March 17, 2020.



Katherine E. Burger
Township Clerk