

North Sewickley Township  
893 Mercer Road  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010  
724/843-5826

### APPLICATION FOR SIGN PERMIT

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Plot Plan and Artistic drawing or Photograph and Location of proposed sign shall accompany application. \*\***

Location of Property to be built upon \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Company \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Words of sign \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibility of Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Coverage \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Size of sign \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_  Single Face  Double Face

Maximum Height above ground \_\_\_\_\_ Feet & \_\_\_\_\_ Feet between sign and ground.

Maximum Height above the \_\_\_\_\_ eave \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Property Acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Sign shall be \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the property line. Sign shall be \_\_\_\_\_ feet from street right-of-way line.

Sign shall be  non-flashing;  non-animated

Type of lighting \_\_\_\_\_; Wiring shall be underground \_\_\_\_\_

Type of construction material \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Sign (Check One)

- |                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Projection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pole       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wall      | <input type="checkbox"/> Marquee    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roof      | <input type="checkbox"/> Canopy     |

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STATEMENT AND VERIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I do hereby agree to observe and adhere to any and all provisions of the North Sewickley Township Sign Permit Application, and do further agree and understand that my failure to do so shall constitute a violation as to any Permit issued per this Application, which violation shall cause any Permit to become Null and Void, and revocable by North Sewickley Township via its Zoning Officer or other designated agent.

I or we the undersigned Applicant(s), completed and read the foregoing Application. The statements and data set forth therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. This statement and verification are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA.C.S.A. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities, which provides that if I or we knowingly make false statements or averments, I or we may be subject to criminal penalties.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant (Property Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Applicant (Property Owner)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Company Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Received Of \_\_\_\_\_, The Sum Of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Fee For the Above  
Numbered Application for Sign Permit. Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Permit(Issued) (Denied) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;  
[Note if denied, Letter setting forth reasons will accompany Denial Notice.]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning Officer

**APPLICATION FOR ZONING OCCUPANCY PERMIT**

**NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP**

**893 MERCER ROAD**

**BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ PLAN OF LOTS

TAX PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED USE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMPLETION: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU NOW OR WILL YOU EVER GENERATE; STORE; TRANSPORT; OR DISPOSE OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR WASTE AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AT THIS LOCATION:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE MATERIAL(S) AND QUANTITY ON REVERSE.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH:

DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT

DATE ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZONING AND CODES OFFICER

# WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE INFORMATION

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Please check one of the options below pertaining to your application:

## Option A.

\_\_\_\_\_ Property owner is hiring a Contractor, stating that "Contractor" is within the meaning of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Law - **WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE MUST BE ATTACHED AND PROVIDED TO THE MUNICIPALITY.**

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## Option B.

### AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION

If one of the reasons below is the owner's situation, this paper **NEEDS TO BE NOTARIZED**. The undersigned affirm that he/she is not required to provide workers' compensation insurance under the provisions of Pennsylvania's Workers' Compensation Law for one of the following reasons, as indicated: (please check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Property owner performing own work. If property owner does hire contractor to perform any work pursuant to building permit, contractor must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance to the municipality. Homeowner assumes liability for contractor compliance with this requirement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor has no employees. Contractor prohibited by law from employing any individual to perform work pursuant to this building permit unless contractor provides proof on insurance to the municipality.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious exemption under the Workers' Compensation Law. All employees of contractor are exempt from workers' compensation insurance (**COPIES OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION LETTERS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES MUST BE ATTACHED AND PROVIDED TO THE MUNICIPALITY**).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
County of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality of

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged  
before me on this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

## PART 13

### Sign Regulations

#### §27-1301 GENERAL

The following sign regulations are intended to preserve North Sewickley Township's rural character. Any sign not exempt from this Part shall adhere to the general sign standards, the standards determined by the usage classification of the sign, and the standards determined by the construction classification of the sign. Where standards may conflict, the more restrictive standard shall apply.

#### §27-1302 SIGNS EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS

The following signs shall be exempt from the requirements of this Part.

- A. Incidental signs not exceeding a sign area of two (2) square feet and not including any commercial message or logo, which carry a message to identify rest rooms, entrances and exits, telephone locations, an on-site direction, on-site warnings or similar signage.
- B. Government signs such as official traffic and street name signs and identification, information or directional signs required by government bodies or their agencies.
- C. Flags, badges, or insignia of any government, government agency, civic organization, charitable organization or religious organization.
- D. Property identification signs which do not exceed two (2) square feet in area and bearing only property numbers, post box numbers, names or occupant of premises or other identification not having commercial connections.
- E. Integral decoration or architectural features of buildings, except letters, trademarks, moving parts or moving lights.

#### §27-1303 GENERAL STANDARDS

- A. No sign shall be located within the clear sight triangle of any street intersection or any other position where it could endanger vehicular or pedestrian traffic by obstructing vision.
- B. No projecting sign shall have a clearance of less than eight feet (8') between any pedestrian walk at the lowest part of the sign.
- C. No sign, which is parallel to the face of a building, shall project more than twelve inches (12") over a public sidewalk; no sign, which is perpendicular to the face of a building, shall project more than forty-eight inches (48") over a public sidewalk.
- D. No sign shall be permitted which imitates or which might be confused with an official traffic sign or signal, such as by containing the words "Stop" or "Danger" or by including red, green, or yellow lights.
- E. No sign shall advertise activities or products, which are illegal under federal, state or local municipal laws or regulations.
- F. No sign shall include statements, words, or pictures, which are considered to be vulgar, obscene, or pornographic.
- G. Any sign which has been authenticated as historically significant and accurate for its specific location, whether original or a replica, shall be exempt from the regulations of this Part.
- H. The light from any illuminated sign shall not adversely affect safe vision of operators of vehicles moving on public or private streets or parking areas, any residential district or any part of a building or property used for residential purposes.
- I. No sign shall contain flashing or strobe lighting.

- J. Business signs in other than commercial and industrial districts shall not be illuminated when the business is closed.

#### **§27-1304 SIGN STANDARDS CLASSIFIED BY USE**

All signs shall be divided into classifications based on the use of the individual sign. Each sign shall adhere to the following specific sign standards for their respective classifications:

- A. Advertising Sign: A sign relating to commercial, industrial, private, recreational, public utility, or other similar business conducted on the premises in which the sign is located shall comply with the following:
- (1) Wall signs are permitted for any business or use not identified by a ground sign. The maximum allowable size for any wall sign shall be one square foot of sign area for each linear foot of sign area or width of the building face to which the sign is attached, but shall not exceed thirty-five (35) square feet. Further, such sign shall not protrude above the structural wall of which it is a part. Where such sign consists of individual lettering or symbols attached to a building or wall, the area of the sign shall be considered to be part of the smallest rectangle or other regular geometric shape, which encompasses all of the letters and symbols. Wall signs shall be limited to one per building or use. For buildings or uses on corner lots having at least fifty feet (50') of frontage on two public rights-of-way. A second sign is permitted facing the right-of-way.
  - (2) Freestanding signs shall be permitted only when the use has no wall sign visible from a public right-of-way. Freestanding signs shall not exceed a height of twelve feet (12') from ground level to the top of the sign and shall not exceed a height of fifteen feet (15') to the top of the sign support. The freestanding sign shall have a maximum sign area of one hundred and twenty (120) square feet.
  - (3) A window sign consisting of individual letters or symbols shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total glass area of the building front.
  - (4) Signs shall only be permitted to be erected on the premises to which the sign relates.
  - (5) Freestanding signs shall not be located within ten feet (10') of any right-of-way line or ten feet (10') from any property line.
- B. Collective Free-Standing Sign: A business sign which provides identification at the entrance to a complex such as a shopping center, office complex, or industrial park shall comply with the following:
- (1) The sign shall devote no less than fifty percent (50%) of the total sign area to advertisement of the center's name.
  - (2) A collective free-standing sign shall have a maximum size of one hundred and twenty (120) square feet.
  - (3) Individual uses within the center may be identified on the collective free-standing sign, provided that no more than one (1) sign per entrance is proposed and the size of such sign area for the individual use shall not exceed eight (8) square feet.
  - (4) A collective free-standing sign shall have a minimum setback of ten feet (10') from the closest street right-of-way line.
  - (5) Signs shall only be permitted to be erected on the premises to which the sign relates.
- C. Home Based Business or home occupation signs indicating the name, profession or activity of the occupant of the dwelling shall comply with the following:
- (1) Signs shall have a maximum size of two (2) square feet.
  - (2) Signs shall not project more than six inches (6") from a wall when attached to a building.
  - (3) Signs shall only be permitted to be erected on the premises to which the sign relates.

- (4) The sign shall be limited to the name, address, occupation, or activity and logo or trademark.
- (5) There may be no illumination of the sign.
- D. Identification Signs: Signs identifying schools, churches, hospitals, or similar institutions and for lodges, clubs, residential developments, parks, recreation areas, and other public assets shall comply with the following:
  - (1) Signs shall have a maximum sign area of twenty-four (24) square feet.
  - (2) Identification signs shall not be combined with street signs.
- E. Real Estate Signs: A sign advertising the sale, rental, leasing, or development of the premises shall comply with the following:
  - (1) Signs shall have a maximum sign area of six (6) square feet.
  - (2) Signs shall be removed within five (5) days after final transactions are completed or sales consignments have expired.
  - (3) Signs shall only be permitted to be erected on the premises to which the property owner has granted permission.
  - (4) Signs shall only be permitted to be erected on the premises to which the sign relates; provided, however, that directional signs of no more than one (1) square foot and a maximum height of three feet (3') may be placed at the nearest road intersection to the premises directing prospective buyers to the home for sale.
    - (a) Open house signs may be placed no earlier than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of such open house and must be removed within one (1) hour of the completion of the open house.
- F. Special Event Signs: A temporary sign or banner advertising a sale or providing information about a special event sponsored by a legally recognized institutional, public, civic, charitable organization, shall comply with the following:
  - (1) Signs shall have a maximum sign area of sixteen (17) square feet, and banners shall have a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet.
  - (2) Signs and banners shall be permitted for a maximum of sixty (60) days.
  - (3) Signs and banners shall be removed within five (5) days after the event.
  - (4) Banners crossing a street shall be a minimum of sixteen feet (17') above the cartway. No part of the banner shall be more than twenty-five feet (25') in height.

#### **§27-1305 SIGN STANDARDS CLASSIFIED BY CONSTRUCTION**

All signs shall be divided into classifications based on the construction of the individual sign. Each sign shall adhere to the following specific sign standards for their respective classifications.

- A. Area: The area of a sign shall be the area of the smallest rectangle, triangle, or circle that will encompass all elements of the sign, such as letters, figures, symbols, designs or other display.
  - (1) When the sign is a separate unit, the area shall include any borders, framing, trim, decorative attachments, background and space between elements; it shall not include any supporting structure unless the structure is illuminated, is in the form of a symbol or contains advertising elements.
  - (2) When a sign is applied to a wall or otherwise has no definable edges, the area shall include all colored artwork or other means used to differentiate the sign from the surface upon which it is placed.

- (a) Flat Wall Signs: Signs which are erected or displayed on or parallel to the surface of a building shall comply with the following:
- [1] Signs shall not project more than twelve inches (12") from the building wall.
  - [2] In any case where projection from the wall is greater than three inches (3"), the sign shall be a minimum of eight feet (8') above grade.
  - [3] Signs shall be limited to one per building or use. For buildings on corner lots having at least fifty feet (50') of frontage on two (2) public rights-of-way, a second wall sign is permitted facing the right-of-way. The maximum allowable size for any sign shall be one square foot of sign area for each linear foot or width of the building face to which the sign is attached but shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. However, for uses such as general commerce, entertainment, retail, restaurant, lodging, consumer service, wholesaling, transportation, manufacturing and research, the maximum area may be increased to forty-eight (48) square feet.
  - [4] Signs may be erected only on the premises to which the sign relates.
- (b) Ground or Monument Signs: Signs which are stationary but not supported by a part of a building which are erected on an independent structure (legs or base), so that the structure is the main support of the sign, shall comply with the following:
- [1] No sign shall project to a point nearer than ten feet (10') to the right-of-way line, except for any governmental sign or any sign permitted through a road occupancy permit.
  - [2] No support for any sign shall be located nearer than twelve feet (12') to any lot line.
  - [3] The maximum permitted height is eight feet (8'). The sign height shall be measured from the finished grade to the highest point of the sign. The grade shall not be altered for the purpose of altering the elevation of the sign.
- (c) Roof Signs: Shall be prohibited.
- (d) Wall Projecting Signs: A sign which is mounted upon a building so that the principal face is at right angles to the building wall shall comply with the following:
- [1] Signs shall be located so that the lower edge of the sign is a minimum of eight feet (8') above grade.
  - [2] Signs shall project a maximum of four feet (4') from the building wall provided, however, that no sign shall project within the road right-of-way.
  - [3] No sign shall extend higher than the top of the wall to which it is attached.
  - [4] Signs shall have a maximum sign area of fifteen percent (15%) of the wall upon which they are mounted or a maximum sign area of sixty (60) square feet, whichever is less.
  - [5] The mounting structure of any wall-mounted sign must meet the standards of the BOCA building code.
- (e) Other signs not permanently attached at all points or which utilize air motion, sound, direction lights, or mechanical parts for effect shall be permitted only by a special exception granted by the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board may specify such appropriate conditions and safeguard as may be required to keep such signs consistent with the intent of this Part.



**§27-1306 BILLBOARD OR ADVERTISING SIGNS**

Billboard signs shall be permitted as a special exception by the Zoning Hearing Board in all nonresidential districts pursuant to the following standards. The Board may attach such reasonable conditions as it may deem necessary to implement the purpose of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and the North Sewickley Township Zoning Ordinance.

- A. The billboard shall not be placed closer than three hundred feet (300') to a building occupied for residential use.
  - (1) The billboard shall not be placed within a one thousand foot (1,000') radius of another billboard.
  - (2) The billboard shall not be placed in the minimum front or side yard area as specified in the Zoning Ordinance for the particular zoning district in which the sign is to be located.
  - (3) The billboard sign face shall have a maximum vertical dimension of ten feet (10'), and a maximum horizontal dimension of twenty feet (20') with a maximum area being two hundred (200) square feet.
  - (4) The maximum sign height of a billboard shall not exceed twenty feet (20') measured from the top of the sign to the ground.
  - (5) Planting material shall be provided at the base of the structure supporting the billboard.
  - (6) All required Commonwealth and Federal permits for outdoor advertising shall be secured where applicable, prior to erection.

**§27-1307 SIGN PERMIT WAIVER**

The following signs shall be permitted to be erected without a sign permit:

- A. All signs specifically exempted from the requirements of this Part.
  - (1) Trespassing signs.
  - (2) Temporary real estate signs up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) square feet.
  - (3) Signs, within buildings, which are not visible from any street.
  - (4) Garage/yard sale signs.
  - (5) Election signs.
  - (6) Temporary contractor signs up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) square feet.
  - (7) Signs which provide public service information for charity events, fundraisers or emergency service activities.