

ORDINANCE NO. 1511-2018
CITY OF COATESVILLE
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE, CHAPTER 224, ENTITLED "ZONING," AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 224-18 (ENTITLED "HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (C-3) DISTRICT"), SUBSECTION B THEREOF, SUBSECTION (1) THEREOF, BY DELETING SUBSECTION (X) "SIGNS AS A PRINCIPAL USE" IN ITS ENTIRETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-72 (ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES"), SUBSECTION H THEREOF, SUBSECTION 2 THEREOF TO AMEND THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-72 (ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES"), SUBSECTION H THEREOF, SUBSECTION 3 THEREOF TO AMEND THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS FROM PUBLIC STREETS; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-72 (ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES"), SUBSECTION H THEREOF TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 5 THERETO MANDATING A SEPARATION OF ONE THOUSAND FEET BETWEEN OFF-PREMISES SIGNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-72 (ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES"), SUBSECTION H THEREOF TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 6 THERETO TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR CHANGEABLE COPY OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-72 (ENTITLED "REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES"), SUBSECTION H TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION 7 THERETO TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-73 (ENTITLED "APPLICABILITY BY DISTRICT"), SUBSECTION D THEREOF, SUBSECTION 8 THEREOF TO RESTRICT OFF-PREMISES SIGNS TO THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT AND TO ADD REGULATIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS IN THE I-2 ZONING DISTRICT; BY AMENDING SECTION 224-73 (ENTITLED "APPLICABILITY BY DISTRICT") TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION E THERETO TO PERMIT OFF-PREMISES SIGNS WITHIN THE C-4 ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY ABUTTING THE ROUTE 30 BYPASS AND SETTING FORTH SIGN HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS IN THE C-4 ZONING DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTION 224-73 (ENTITLED "APPLICABILITY BY DISTRICT") BY AMENDING THE SUMMARY OF SIGN TYPE AND SIZE TO ADD A NEW SIGN AREA FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS WITHIN THE I-2 DISTRICT AND TO ADD FOOTNOTE 4 TO SPECIFY THE PERMITTED LOCATION FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS WITHIN THE I-2 DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville is a Third Class City operating by means of a Home Rule Charter and situate in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Third-Class City Code, 53 P.S. §35101, *et seq.* and the Home Rule Charter the City of Coatesville is authorized to make and adopt Ordinances it deems necessary for the proper management and control of the City and welfare of the City and its citizens that are consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, that the City of Coatesville Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 224-18 (entitled “Central Business (C-3) District”), Subsection B, subsection 1, as amended, shall be amended to delete subsection (x) in its entirety as follows:

~~“(x) Signs as a principal use. [Refer to § 224-73D(8).]”~~

SECTION 2: Section 224-72 (entitled “Regulations for specific sign types.”), Subsection H (entitled “Off-premises signs.”), Subsection (2), as amended, shall be amended as follows:

“(2) No such sign shall be within 500 feet of a residential zoning district, public recreation facility, school or church.”

SECTION 3: Section 224-72 (entitled “Regulations for specific sign types.”), Subsection H (entitled “Off-premises signs.”), Subsection (3), as amended, shall be amended as follows:

“(3) No off-premises sign or any part thereof shall be erected more than 75 feet from the right-of-way of a public street.”

SECTION 4: Section 224-72 (entitled “Regulations for specific sign types.”), Subsection H (entitled “Off-premises signs.”), as amended, shall be amended to add a new Subsection 5 thereto as follows:

“(5) No off-premises sign shall be erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of another off-premises sign.”

SECTION 5: Section 224-72 (entitled “Regulations for specific sign types.”), Subsection H (entitled “Off-premises signs.”), as amended, shall be amended to add a new Subsection 6 thereto as follows:

“(6) An off-premises sign may have changeable copy, provided that:

- (a) Dwell time: No off-premises sign shall change message or copy on the active area more than once every seven (7) seconds.
- (b) Message or copy transition: All message or copy changes shall be instantaneous; there shall be no scrolling, fading, animated, flashing or moving messages or copy.
- (c) The off-premises sign conforms to all requirements of this Section and those contained Section 224-73.D(8).”

SECTION 6: Section 224-72 (entitled “Regulations for specific sign types.”), Subsection H (entitled “Off-premises signs.”), as amended, shall be amended to add a new Subsection 7 thereto as follows:

“(7) Restrictions: An off-premises sign shall not:

- (a) Advertise adult or sexually oriented businesses or materials, hate speech, advertisements related to abortion, or otherwise display any content prohibited by 18 Pa. C.S.A. §5903.
- (b) Advertise obscene or profane language.
- (c) Emit any verbal or musical announcements or noises.
- (d) Display any moving, flashing, scrolling or animated text or video.”

SECTION 7: Section 224-73 (entitled “Applicability by district.”), Subsection D, Subsection (8), as amended, shall be amended as follows:

“(8) Off-premises signs shall be permitted within the I-2 District within 125 feet of the center of the intersection of Route 82 and Lincoln Highway, which signs shall have up to three sign faces with a maximum area of 480 square feet per face. The height of such sign shall not exceed 35 feet, as measured from the surface of the adjacent roadway.”

SECTION 8: Section 224-73 (entitled “Applicability by district.”), Subsection D, as amended, shall be amended to add new Subsection E thereto as follows:

“E. Signs permitted in the C-4 District.

(1) Off-premises signs shall be permitted in the C-4 District on property abutting the Route 30 Bypass.

(a) The height of such sign shall not exceed 45 feet, as measured from the surface of the adjacent roadway.

(b) Such sign may have up to two sign faces with a maximum area of 960 square feet per face.”

SECTION 9: Section 224-73 entitled “Applicability by district.”), as amended, shall be amended to amend the table setting forth a summary of sign type and size permitted, as follows:

“SUMMARY OF SIGN TYPE AND SIZE PERMITTED BY WITHIN THE RN-1, RN-2, RN-3, RN-4, RN-5, RC, PO, C-1, C-2, C-3, I-1 AND I-2 DISTRICT FOR SIGNS REQUIRING PERMITS
(Text Must be Consulted for Details)

	Zoning District		(square feet)	
Sign Type	RN-1, RN-2, RN-3, RN-5, RC and PO	RN-4 (See § 224-73B)	C-1, C-2, PS and I-1 (See § 224-73C)	C-3 and I-2 (See § 224-73D)
Wall	See § 224-73A	32 or 5% of building face, whichever is less	50 or 10% 10% of building face, whichever is less	15% of building face
Freestanding	See § 224-73A	12	32 ¹ 18 ²	403 242
Ground	See § 224-73A	Not permitted	32 ¹ 18 ²	403 242
Projecting	Not permitted	12	16	18
Canopy or awning	Not permitted	Not permitted	8 with wall sign 12 without wall sign	10 with wall 14 without wall sign
Portable	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	16
Off-premises	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	480 in I-2 only ⁴

NOTES:

¹Identification sign for retail center or complex, office complex, or industrial complex.

²All other nonresidential signs.

³Identification sign for retail center or complex, office park or complex and industrial park or complex.

⁴Off-premises signs within the I-2 District within 125 feet of the center of the intersection of Route 82 and Lincoln Highway only.”

SECTION 10: Applicability. The provisions hereof shall supersede any ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 11: Severability. If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted has such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 12: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication following final adoption in accordance with the City Charter and the Third-Class City Code.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 9 day of July, 2018.



Linda Lavender-Norris, President
City Council

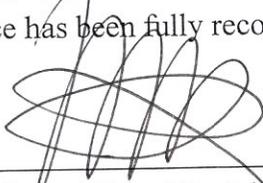
ATTEST:



Michael Trio, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduce on the 29 day of May, 2018, and was duly enacted by the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania on the 9 day of July, 2018, that the vote upon said Ordinance has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and that the Ordinance has been fully recorded.



Michael Trio, City Manager