

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

2773-15

AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND
CHAPTER 239
OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD
ENTITLED
"Streets and Sidewalks"

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will prohibit signs from being placed in the public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the placement of signs in the public right-of-way creates a safety hazard as the signs tend to distract drivers and obstruct the vision of drivers; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of signs within the public right-of-way will help reduce this safety hazard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 239 of the Code of the Township of Maplewood entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" be amended as follows:

FIRST: Article III Obstructions in Streets

Shall be amended by adding the following:

Signs in the Public Right-of-Way:

"Open House" signs may be placed in the grass area between the sidewalk and street, or in the absence of a sidewalk, within three (3') feet of the curb adjacent to the subject property on the day of the open house.

All other signs are prohibited from being placed within the public right-of-way, as defined in Code Section 271-3.

All other sections shall remain unchanged.

SECOND: Severability

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

THIRD: Repeal of Prior Ordinances

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

FOURTH: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on March 3, 2015, and that the Township Committee met again on March 17, 2015, at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Township Committee held a hearing and proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on final reading and final passage.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk