

**BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG**

**ORDINANCE #29-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 242  
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO MODIFY THE  
SIGN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CERTAIN SIGNS  
ON SPARTA STANHOPE ROAD**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hopatcong in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 242 of the Code of the Borough entitled Zoning is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 242 is hereby amended to replace Section 242-29H5, which shall read as follows:

(5)

Temporary signs advertising public and charitable purposes and events. Temporary signs advertising public or charitable purposes or events may be placed on property owned by an organization conducting the event or on property zoned for commercial uses or on property with frontage on Sparta Stanhope Road, subject to the following requirements:

(a)

No such sign shall advertise, promote or be for the special advantage or benefit of any individual, company, business use or establishment or product.

(b)

No sign shall be erected more than 28 days before the event is to take place, and all signs shall be removed within 48 hours after the event.

(c)

Construction permits are required, but the fees shall be waived.

(d)

The owner of the property where the sign is located shall not charge for the privilege of having the sign on the property.

(e)

The sign shall conform to the other requirements for signs in the zone in which the sign is located.

(f)

The sign shall not exceed 32 square feet in area.

(g)

The application for the sign shall contain the signature of the owner of the property, indicating consent, and the signature of an authorized representative of the organization, indicating the organization is responsible for the sign.

(h)

No more than five signs shall be permitted for any one event. Further, no event may continue on more than three consecutive days. Each organization is limited to four events per year, covering a total of seven days or less.

(i)

The events must be sponsored by a recreational, charitable, social or service organization or religious institution located within the Borough of Hopatcong, and provided that a permit for such specific event has, after proper application, been granted by the Zoning Officer of the Borough of Hopatcong. Auxiliaries to organizations or groups within a religious institution will not qualify as separate organizations in determining the number of permits. The auxiliary and parent organization shall count as one, as will all the groups in total within a religious institution be counted as one and be limited to a total of five permits.

(j)

Permits are not required for signs of 600 square inches or less in area, nor is there a number limit, but the time limits of Subsection **H(5)(b)** shall apply.

**Section 2.** All ordinances of the Borough of Hopatcong which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, this declaration shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hopatcong held on September 16, 2015, at 7:30p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on October 7, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, New Jersey 07843, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

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Catherine Schultz, RMC

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Catherine Schultz, Clerk of the Borough of Hopatcong, do hereby certify that the Borough of Hopatcong Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the        day of        , 2015.

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Catherine Schultz, RMC

Introduced:  
Adopted: