

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE 25-20**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 “ZONING”, SECTION 16-25 “SIGN REGULATIONS”, SUBSECTION 16-25.5 “PROHIBITED SIGNS” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO PROHIBIT THE POSTING OF SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Whereas**, public property and rights of ways belong to all the residents of the Township and should not be used for private business, commercial, organization or individual purposes; and

**Whereas**, the proliferation of the erection and posting of signs on public property, particularly prior to elections, presents traffic safety concerns, litters and blights our community and is aesthetically unpleasing; and

**Whereas**, the Township Committee of the Township of Warren desires to prohibit the erection and posting of signs on public property other than official signs authorized by the Township pertaining to the property, public events or public information.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained** by the Township of Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 16 “Zoning”, Section § 16-25 “Sign Regulations”, Subsection 16-25.5 “Prohibited Signs” of the Municipal Code of the Township of Warren is hereby amended as follows: **New language is underlined thus and deletions are indicated with strikethroughs ~~thus~~.**

**§ 16-25.5 Prohibited Signs.**

- a. Billboards, outdoor display structures and signs mounted on trailers, platforms and atop vehicle(s).
- b. Signs projecting more than three feet from the wall of a building and all roof signs.
- c. Signs visible from the street using the word "Stop" or "Danger" or any other word, phrase, symbol or character with the effect of simulating a public safety warning or traffic sign.
- d. Signs other than officially authorized signs or temporary banners of a Warren Township-sponsored event tacked, pasted, painted or otherwise attached to poles, posts, trees, fences, sidewalks or curbs.
- e. Exterior signs using animated display except for clocks and weather information.
- f. No sign other than official traffic control devices or street signs shall be erected within, or encroach upon, the right-of-way of any street.
- g. Rotating or moving by mechanical means signs.

- h. No signs shall be erected or posted on public property other than official signs authorized by the Township pertaining to the property, public events or public information.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be construed so as not to conflict with any provision of New Jersey or Federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be cumulative with, and not in substitution for, all other applicable zoning, planning, and land use regulations. In the event of any inconsistencies or conflicts between this Ordinance and existing ordinances of the Township, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

**Section 3.** If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall be deemed severable therefrom.

**Section 4.** After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.U.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed Ordinance which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

**Section 5.** After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide by personal service, certified mail or email with confirmation that the email was delivered, at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing, a copy of this Ordinance and a Notice of Hearing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15 to: (1) the clerk of any adjoining municipalities located within 200 feet of the boundaries of the affected properties; and (2) the County Planning Board.

**Section 6.** After introduction, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1, is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in its entirety or by title and summary at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, the time and place when and where it will be further considered for final passage. The publication shall include a clear and concise statement prepared by the Clerk setting forth the purpose of this Ordinance and a time and place when and where a copy of the ordinance can be obtained with out cost by any member of the general public. The publication shall be at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing.

**Section 7.** If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1, is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance, in its entirety or by title and summary, together with a notice of the date of passage or approval, at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the municipality, if there is one, and if not, in a newspaper printed in the county and circulating in the municipality.

**Section 8.** If adopted, the Township Clerk, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16, shall forward a copy of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board for filing.

**Section 9.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN:

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Donna M. Hands, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Lisa Lontai, Mayor

INTRODUCED: November 13, 2025

ADOPTED: December 11, 2025

EFFECTIVE: December 18, 2025