

ORDINANCE NO. 718
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**LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH
ADAMS COUNTY, PA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF
LITTLESTOWN, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING THE LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH ZONING
ORDINANCE TO ADD SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR
SIGNS.**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania's Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101, *et seq.* (the "MPC"), enables a municipality through its zoning ordinance to regulate the use of property by enacting, amending, and repealing zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 609 of the MPC, 53 P.S. § 10609, sets forth the procedures for zoning ordinance amendments; and

WHEREAS, Littlestown Borough seeks to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community by adopting and implementing certain amendments to the sign regulations contained in the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of Littlestown Borough, Adams County, as follows:

SECTION 1: Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2: Section 500-18(B)(9)(d) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Institutional Signs," shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following :

(d) The sign may be illuminated in a manner consistent with the Sign Illumination Standards of the Zoning District where the sign is proposed to be located.

SECTION 3: Section 500-18(B)(9) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Institutional Signs," shall be amended by adding Subsection (e):

(e) The sign may include an Electronic Message Center component provided that Electronic Message Centers are authorized in the zoning district where the sign is proposed to be located. Any Electronic Message Center component shall be subject to the approval process and standards applicable to Electronic Message Centers in the particular Zoning District.

SECTION 4: Section 500-18(B)(11) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to Electronic Message Centers, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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(11) Electronic Message Centers, provided such sign is authorized within the Zoning District where the sign is proposed, and in accordance with the following standards:

- (a) A maximum of one two-sided Electronic Message Center, regardless of the type or location of said sign, shall be permitted for any principal use of property.
- (b) No Electronic Message Center sign shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any residential property on the same side of the street. Residential properties on the opposite side of a street from the property where an Electronic Message Center sign is proposed shall not be considered to be adjoining properties for the purpose of this standard.
- (c) The Electronic Message Center shall be operated as a static display in accordance with the following standards:
 - (1) The static display may include text, graphics, or both.
 - (2) The static display shall not involve blinking, flashing, scrolling, rotating, change in illumination intensity, animation, or any other graphic effect.
 - (3) The static display shall have a minimum hold time of eight (8) seconds.
- (d) The transition time from one static display to another shall be one (1) second or less. No transitions involving blinking, flashing, scrolling, rotating, image animation, or change in illumination intensity shall be permitted. Transitions using dissolves, fades, slides, and wipes shall be authorized.
- (e) All Electronic Message Centers shall be constructed as an integral part of a permitted permanent sign constructed on the site. The inclusion of an Electronic Message Center as a component of a nonconforming sign is prohibited.
- (f) The area of an Electronic Message Center shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total sign area of the permitted permanent sign to which the Electronic Message Center will be a part.
- (g) The Electronic Message Center shall be equipped with a default mechanism that will freeze the static display when a malfunction in the electronic programming occurs.
- (h) Each static display shown by Electronic Message Center shall be a complete message. No display that scrolls or continues from one frame to another shall be permitted.
- (i) Electronic Message Centers shall not exceed a maximum illumination of 5,000 nits (candelas per square meter) during daylight hours and a maximum of 500 nits (candelas per square meter) between dusk and dawn. The sign shall be equipped with an

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automatic dimmer control that produces a distinct illumination change from the higher allowed illumination level to the lower allowed illumination level for the time period between a half hour before sunset and a half hour before sunrise.

(j) Audio speakers on Electronic Message Centers are prohibited.

(k) All Electronic Message Center signs shall be made available at any time for public emergency notifications upon request of the Littlestown Borough Police Chief, the Alpha Fire Company Chief, the Littlestown Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, or similar emergency management official.

SECTION 5: Section 500-18.F(6)(a) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows.

(a) Operation for electronic message center signs shall be limited to the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SECTION 6: Section 500-18(F)(6) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance shall be amended by deleting Subsection (b) in its entirety.

SECTION 7: Section 500-40(A)(1) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Hearings", shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(1) Notice. Notice of a public hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board shall be provided as follows.

(a) Public notice shall be given, and written notice shall be given to the applicant, the Zoning Officer, such other persons as the governing body shall designate by ordinance, and to any person who has made timely request for the same. Written notices shall be given at such time and in such manner as shall be prescribed by ordinance or, in the absence of ordinance provision, by rules of the board. In addition to the written notice provided herein, written notice of said herein shall be conspicuously posted on the affected tract of land at least one (1) week prior to the hearing.

SECTION 8: Section 500-44.1(D) of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance, entitled "Conditional Uses," shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

D. Public Hearing. Conditional Use applications shall be subject to the same public hearing notice, requirements, and decision-making process as special exception applications, with the exception that the Borough Council shall conduct the public hearing instead of the Zoning Hearing Board. Specifically, the Borough Council shall follow the public hearing process as established in Section 500-40.

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SECTION 9. Repealer. All prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Ordinance. Except as expressly amended, nothing herein shall be deemed to affect or alter any other provision of the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Savings Clause. In all other respects, the Littlestown Borough Zoning Ordinance shall remain as previously enacted and ordained.

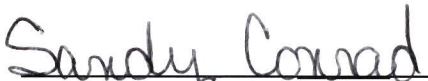
SECTION 11. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or invalid by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such illegal or invalid portion or provision shall be severable and shall not affect or impair any remaining portion of this Ordinance and Chapter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective on this 23^d day of June 2026.

LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTEST

BY:


Sandy Conrad, Borough Secretary


Craig F. Rosendale, President

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