

Ordinance No. 265

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CAERNARVON,
COUNTY OF BERKS AND COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CAERNARVON
TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2007 BY AMENDING
SECTION 611. SIGNS, SUBSECTION 5, SIGNS IN
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, TO PERMIT
OFFSITE ADVERTISING SIGNS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Caernarvon, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same that the Caernarvon Township Zoning Ordinance of 2007 as previously amended is hereby further amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 611 SIGNS, subsection 5, Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts, shall be deleted in its entirety and in its place substituted the following:

5. Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts.

Signs may be erected and maintained, provided that:

a. No sign shall be readable from the rear of any property when the rear of that property abuts a residential district, nor shall any sign be readable from the side of any property when the side of that property abuts a residential district.

b. Wall or free-standing signs shall be erected on the same lot as to the use to which they relate and shall not exceed two (2) square feet for each lineal foot of horizontal building façade length or a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet in area. No more than two (2) free-standing signs shall be erected on each lot.

c. Free-standing signs shall be permitted in a back-to-back configuration or a V-type configuration meeting the following requirements:

(1) Back-to-back signs shall be parallel and directly opposite each other and shall not be spaced more than fifteen (15) feet apart. The size and shape of the signs shall not deviate from each other and they shall utilize the same support structure.

(2) V-type signs shall be at least five (5) feet apart at the closest point and the interior angles shall not be greater than thirty (30) degrees. The size and shape of the signs shall not deviate from each other and they shall utilize the same support structure.

d. A free-standing off-premises advertising sign of not more than thirty-two (32) square feet shall be permitted by right in all commercial and industrial zoning districts.

e. A free-standing off-premises advertising sign greater than thirty-two (32) square feet and equal to or less than three hundred (300) square feet shall be a use by special exception along Interstate 176, Interstate 76, along PA Route 10 from Mineview Drive to Elverson Road, and along Main Street (Route 0023) from Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) east to the Elverson Borough boundary. These signs shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The sign shall be setback a minimum of three hundred (300) feet from the boundary of any residential zoning district and from the boundary of any property on which a residential dwelling unit is located.

(2) The sign shall be setback a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any street intersection, measured from the point of intersection of the centerline of the intersecting streets.

(3) The sign shall be setback a minimum of three hundred (300) feet from any other off-premises free-standing sign and six hundred (600) feet from any back-to-back or V-type oriented free-standing off-premises sign.

(4) Free-standing off-premises advertising signs located on a limited access highway, as designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, shall be setback a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any other free-standing off-premises sign and six hundred (600) feet from any back-to-back or V-type oriented free-standing off-premises sign.

(5) Each sign in a back-to-back or V-type orientation is permitted to be up to or equal to three hundred (300) square feet in area.

(6) A free-standing off-premises sign shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet in area.

(7) An electronic free-standing off-premises advertising sign exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area will only be permitted along Interstate 176 and Interstate 76.

f. The area of one side of a directional sign shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet. No more than one (1) directional sign shall be erected on any one street frontage of any one property.

g. Special temporary promotional devices, signs or displays such as banners or pennants shall remain on display for a period not to exceed sixty (60) consecutive days. Banners shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area.

h. No more than two separate signs shall face any one street frontage on any one premise, except in the case of a building housing more than one (1) commercial or industrial use.

i. In the case of a building or development housing more than one (1) commercial or industrial use, one (1) permanent identifying sign for the building or development, the area of one side of which shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet, may be erected, except signs for buildings or developments fronting the Pennsylvania Turnpike shall not exceed two hundred (200) square feet on that side of the building facing the Turnpike. Such signs shall be limited to one (1) sign per 2,000 lineal feet of frontage along the Turnpike and signs shall be located within sixty (60) feet of the Turnpike right-of-way line. In addition, for each commercial or industrial use located within that building or development, one (1) sign, the area of which shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet, may be attached to that portion of the building housing the use.


j. Electronic signs meeting the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 2. In all other respects the Caernarvon Township Zoning Ordinance of 2007, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect.


ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14th day of June, 2011.

**CAERRNARVON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: 
Chairman

Attest: 
Secretary

Certified to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 265 adopted 14 JUNE 2011,
2011.


Secretary

