

City of Philadelphia



Philadelphia, December 4, 2003

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 000657 was presented to the Mayor on the thirteenth day of November, 2003, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held December 4, 2003 (being more than ten days after it has been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rafferty".

Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 000657)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-1200 The Philadelphia Code entitled "Posting of Temporary Signs," by amending Section 10-1202 to prohibit the placement of temporary signs and political campaign posters upon public utility poles, streetlights, and various other public fixtures without the owner's permission, subject to certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10-1200 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10-1200. POSTING OF TEMPORARY SIGNS

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§10-1202. Prohibited Conduct.

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(1) No sticker, as defined in Section 10-1201(6), shall be permitted to be affixed to any public or private property, except with the permission of the owner.

(2) No temporary sign which advertises or promotes a service, business or other event of a permanent or continuous nature, which is to be sold, offered or conducted away from the location at which such sign is situated, shall be permitted to be erected on any public or private property, except with the permission of the owner, notwithstanding anything in Chapter 14-1900 to the contrary.

(3) No ground signs shall be permitted unless securely attached to poles or other immobile supporting structures, and unless erected in accordance with the provisions of §10-1202(4), notwithstanding anything in Chapter 14-1900 to the contrary.

(4) (a) No political campaign posters shall be affixed in any manner [to any type of metal utility pole or] to any type of tree.

(b) No political campaign poster shall be allowed to remain posted over thirty (30) days after the primary or regular election to which it refers.

(.1) Each candidate and campaign committee that does not remove his/their political or campaign poster from where it was posted as required by section 10-1202(4)(b) above, shall be assessed a fine of one dollar (\$1.00) for each such unremoved poster.

(5) The provisions of Section 10-501 of The Philadelphia Code notwithstanding, temporary signs may be erected on public property, excluding buildings and parks, provided:

(a) such temporary signs are erected in a secure fashion and in a manner which does not impair the safety of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and

(b) such temporary signs are erected in compliance with Chapter 14-1900 of the Code, except as to Section 14-1902(2)(c), in which case temporary signs may be permitted on trees which are not situated in parkland provided nails, tacks, staples or other piercing methods are not used; and

(c) such temporary signs are erected not more than 45 days prior to the event to which they relate; and

(d) a permit is obtained from the Department of Licenses and Inspections pursuant to Section 10-1203; and

(e) a substantial number of the temporary signs are removed within 30 days after the event to which they relate.

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(.1) In the case of an event which is of more than one day's duration, the period for removal shall begin on the last day of the event, with the exception of instructional courses, for which the time period for removal shall begin to toll on the first day of the course.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no person shall affix any temporary sign, sticker or political campaign poster to [any utility pole, or to] any public property, by means of glue, paste, plastic or vinyl adhesive, or other permanent-type adhesive.

(7) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no person shall affix any temporary sign or political campaign poster to public utility poles; streetlights; traffic or parking signs or devices, including the posts to which such signs and devices are attached; or historical markers, without the permission of the owner or of the agency responsible for the maintenance of such fixture.*

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.