

**TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 40-2008**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN  
AMENDING CHAPTER 180, ARTICLE XXIV, SIGNS,  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN TO  
REVISE AND CLARIFY THE STANDARDS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Township Council for the Township of Moorestown, believes that all citizens should participate in the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, the residents' display of political signs is a long-standing First Amendment right and a common means for the expression of support for a candidate for elected office; and

WHEREAS, Township Council believes that the interests of the residents of Moorestown would be best served by having a lawful, enforceable ordinance that will facilitate the residents' political expression within the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1:**

- A. § 180-80.1(C)(1) shall be deleted in its entirety and the following language inserted in its place:

Permit requirements. No permit is required to display a political sign in accordance with this subsection.

- B. § 180-80.1(C)(3) shall be deleted in its entirety and the following language inserted in its place:

Time. All political signs for or against any candidate, slate, or issue on the ballot shall be erected not more than ninety (90) days prior to the election and shall be removed by the permittee not more than five (5) days after the election. There shall be no time requirement for political signs relating to an issue not appearing on a ballot.

- C. § 180-80.1(C)(4) shall be deleted in its entirety and the following language inserted in its place:

Size and height. One political sign for or against any candidate, slate, or issue at each level of government is permitted per each election. The maximum size for a political sign shall be six (6) square feet in area, and the maximum height shall be forty inches (40") from ground level, inclusive of supports. For purposes of political signs only, a

sign on which copy or graphics appear on two sides of the sign shall be considered one (1) sign, whether or not different copy or graphics appear on either side of the sign.

**Section 2:** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, adoption and publication on the earliest date permitted by law.

**Section 3:** Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, term, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or inoperative, such judgment shall not affect, inhere or invalidate the remainder thereof, which shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 4:** Short Title. This Ordinance may be cited as Ordinance No. 40-2008.

#### **NOTICE**

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on December 1, 2008. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Council at a meeting to be held in the Auditorium of the William Allen Middle School, 801 North Stanwick Road, Moorestown, NJ on December 15, 2008 at 7:30pm or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. During the week prior to and including the date of such further consideration, copies will be made available at the Municipal Clerk's Office to any member of the general public who shall request such copies.

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Patricia L. Hunt, RMC  
Township Clerk