

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, 10/14/09
PUTNAM TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
APPROVED BY TOWNSHIP BOARD 12/16/09

CHAPTER 31. DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Sec. 1. **General Standards for Signs in all Districts**

C. Specific Definitions:

- 15) Reader Board: a secondary portion of a sign, designed to allow for messages that are manually or electronically changeable.

F. Prohibited Signs. The following signs are prohibited in all zoning districts:

- 9) Electronic message boards, except as allowed in a reader board in subsection M, below. An electronic sign displaying time and temperature only, provided that messages do not change faster than one (1) change every two (2) seconds, shall be permitted.

M. Reader Boards.

- 1) A reader board may consist of manually or electronically changeable messages.
- 2) An electronic reader board shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - a) Each message shall be static. Messages may not be animated, scrolling or flashing.
 - b) Each message shall be displayed for no less than five (5) seconds.
 - c) Transition from one message to the next shall be instantaneous, or may fade out and in from one message to the next, provided that the fading between messages does not last longer than one (1) second.
- 3) Commercial and Industrial Districts: Up to forty percent (40%) of the area of a permitted sign for a commercial or industrial use in a commercial or industrial district may be utilized as a reader board.
- 4) Agricultural/Open Space and Residential Districts: Up to forty percent (40%) of the area of a permitted sign may be utilized as a reader board for the following uses:
 - a) Places of Worship
 - b) Parochial and private primary and secondary schools
 - c) Public buildings and facilities, including township halls, fire and police stations and libraries, but not including publicly owned and operated warehouses, garages or storage yards

N. Illumination.

- 5) Except for electronic reader boards as permitted by this Section, signs shall be illuminated only by steady, stationary, shielded light sources directed solely at the sign (i.e. front lit signs) or internal to it (i.e. back lit signs).

- a) The background of front lit signs (external illuminated signs) may be any color, provided they are not reflective at night. However, they may use light reflecting lettering and messaging.
- b) The background of back lit signs (internally illuminated signs) may be any color, provided the background is blacked out at night so that only the lettering and message is illuminated; provided, however, that a reader board portion of a sign, if provided, shall be exempt from this requirement.

I, Sally D. Guyon, Putnam Township Clerk, hereby certify as follows:

A. The above Ordinance amendment was passed by the Putnam Township Board of Trustees on the 16th day of December, 2009. The names of the members voting thereon and how each member voted was as follows:

Yeas:	Rau, Guyon, McCloskey, Carney, Dobis, Klein and Chambers
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

B. A synopsis of the Ordinance amendment was published in the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus, a newspaper circulating within the Township, on the 23rd day of December, 2009.

C. The effective date of the Ordinance amendment is December 31, 2009.

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Sally D. Guyon, Clerk