



Township Council
1 Municipal Plaza
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 03/02/15 07:00 PM

2015 RESOLUTION PLANNING BOARD REFERRALS

2014 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFERRING TO THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 315 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT, TO ENSURE THAT DIGITAL SIGNS FOR PUBLIC, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROHIBITED AND TO CLARIFY WHERE FREESTANDING SIGNS IN BUSINESS ZONES MAY BE PLACED.

WHEREAS, Chapter 315, Land Development, of the Township of Bloomfield Code was adopted in November, 2005 as a comprehensive revision to the Township's land development ordinances, and incorporated into one chapter the regulations governing the operation of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, land use procedures, including site plan and subdivision review, design standards, fees and deposits, performance and maintenance guarantees and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 315-42(A)(6)(d) of the Land Development Ordinance permits, and exempts from the need to obtain a sign permit, "[b]ulletin boards not over 24 square feet in area per sign face for public, charitable or religious organizations when same are located on the premises of said organizations and comply with the setback regulations for freestanding signs in the zone"; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 315-42(A)(5) defines "Bulletin Board" as "[a]ny sign erected by a charitable, educational or religious organization or a public body, which is erected upon the same property as said institution, for purposes of announcing changing events"; and

WHEREAS, Section 315-42(A)(5) also defines "Changeable Message" to include "electronic or digital message boards or tickers"; and

WHEREAS, digital message boards and other electronic signs are otherwise prohibited

AND AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

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throughout the Township, as are internally illuminated signs; and

WHEREAS, the regulations governing freestanding signs in business zones set forth in Section 315-42(B)(5)(b) do not adequately inform the public as to where a freestanding sign may be placed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interests of the Township to ensure that public, charitable, educational and religious organizations are subject to the general prohibition on digital message boards and other electronic signs as well as internally illuminated signs and to clarify where freestanding signs in business zones may be located; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 requires that prior to the adoption of any development regulation or amendment or revision thereto, the Mayor and Council refer the proposed ordinance to the Planning Board for its review to determine whether there are any inconsistencies between the proposed ordinance and the Township Master Plan and for any other recommendations the Planning Board may have with respect to the proposed ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

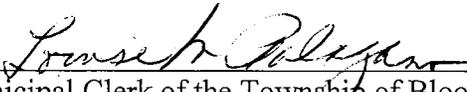
Section 2. The Mayor and Council for the Township of Bloomfield hereby direct the Township of Bloomfield Planning Board to review, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 the proposed Ordinance amending the definition of "Bulletin Board" set forth in Chapter 315, Section 42(A)(5), and deleting and replacing in their entirety Chapter 315, Section 42(A)(6)(d) and Chapter 315, Section 42(B)(5)(b) and to submit a report of its findings and conclusions to the Mayor and Council within 35 days after the effective date hereof.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of the Ordinance

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on March 02, 2015.


Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield


Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt	Elias N. Chalet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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