

## Chapter 174

### SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dormont 5-7-1956 by Ord. No. 935 as Ch. 24 of the 1956 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Zoning — See Ch. 210.

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#### § 174-1. Attachment to poles or trees prohibited.<sup>1</sup>

It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, tack up or otherwise attach any sign, bill or advertisement of any kind or description upon any telegraph, telephone, electric light, streetcar or other pole or any tree situate and being upon any of the public streets, avenues or highways within the corporate limits of the borough. This section shall not apply to the posting by the proper municipal authorities of such official notices as are required by law to be posted by the authorities in reference to proceedings for the establishment of grades or the improvement of the various highways of the borough.

#### § 174-2. Encroachments.

No awnings, poles or signs of any kind shall be allowed to extend beyond the property lines or encroach upon or occupy any portion of the public streets or alleys in the borough without the consent of the Council being first obtained thereto, which consent shall be evidenced by resolution passed in the regular manner.<sup>2</sup>

#### § 174-3. Liability coverage required.

A. The Borough Manager and Building Inspector are hereby empowered and directed to require of any applicant for a permit to erect and maintain a sign or canopy over any sidewalk of the borough and of the owners of all signs and canopies now erected and maintained a liability insurance policy to be issued by an approved and reputable insurance

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: Original Secs. 24.1 through 24.4, regarding definitions and zone restrictions, which immediately preceded this section, were deleted at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: Original Secs. 24.7 through 24.16, regarding ground-supported signs and billboards and electrical signs and canopies, which immediately followed this section, were deleted at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

company, insuring the borough or insuring the borough as the primary insured and the owner of the sign or canopy in the sum of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) for injury to one (1) person and not less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.) for injury to more than one (1) person against all loss, injury and damage that may thereafter be caused, directly or indirectly, by and in the erection, maintenance, defect or falling of such sign or canopy for which a permit has been or may be hereafter issued. The Borough Manager or Building Inspector shall refuse to issue the permit in case of failure to deliver to them the insurance policy required by this section. Such policy shall be filed with the records of the borough.

- B. Each such policy shall be kept in force during the life of the sign to which it relates. Renewal endorsements shall be delivered to the borough as in the case of the original policies.<sup>3</sup>

#### **§ 174-4. Maintenance.**

All electric signs and canopies in the borough shall be maintained in a safe condition by the owners thereof. Any such sign or canopy in an unsafe condition or not regularly used is hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be removed by the Building Inspector of the borough. The Building Inspector shall inspect every sign or canopy over the sidewalks of the borough at least once every year to determine whether it is in a safe condition and is being maintained in accordance with this chapter. If any sign or canopy is not being regularly used or, in the opinion of the Building Inspector, is not being maintained in a safe condition and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the Building Inspector shall give notice, in writing, to the owner of such sign or canopy to remove the same within ten (10) days, and upon failure of the owner to comply with such notice, such sign or canopy shall be removed by the borough at the cost of the owner. The cost and expense incurred by the borough in effecting the removal of any sign or canopy, as herein provided, shall be collectible from the owner in like manner as debts are now or may hereafter be collectible by law.

#### **§ 174-5. Violations and penalties.<sup>4</sup>**

Any person, firm or corporation who or which violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.) for each violation, plus costs of prosecution for each violation and, in default of payment of such fine and/or costs, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days.

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<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: Original Secs. 24.18 through 24.21, regarding construction and placement, which immediately followed this section, were deleted at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

<sup>4</sup> Editor's Note: Added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I.