

BOROUGH OF BERLIN

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN
TO ADD A SIGN MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Berlin (Borough") is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor and Council believes it to be in the best public interest and welfare to modify the Code of the Borough of Berlin to request the maintenance of signs through the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The Code of the Borough of Berlin, entitled "Sign Maintenance", is hereby created to read as follows:

§ _____ Maintenance of Signage.

The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining all signs erected on a tax lot. This maintenance shall include repainting, repairing and cleaning as necessary.

A. No sign within the jurisdictional limits of the Borough of Berlin shall be permitted to exhibit:

- (1) Excessive chipped or peeling paint or lettering;
- (2) Damaged or broken lettering or signboard;
- (3) Illegible material due to fading, obliteration or other condition; or

(4) Dirty, torn, rusted, broken or otherwise damaged awning, canopy, projecting sign or other sign support structure.

B. If the Zoning Officer determines that any sign is in a state of disrepair so as to no longer be reasonably capable of presenting its message or abandoned or a danger to the public health or public safety, he shall give written notice of the condition of the sign to the owner of the sign and to the owner of record of the tax lot.

C. The property owner shall thereafter have thirty (30) days to repair or remove said sign.

D. If said sign is not satisfactorily repaired or removed within the thirty (30) day period, the Zoning Officer may thereafter take such actions as are permitted pursuant to the Code of the Borough of Berlin.

§ _____ **Violations and Penalties.**

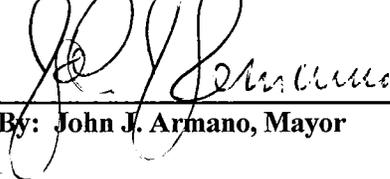
Any person who shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 2: All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

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By: John J. Armano, Mayor

ATTEST:


Charleen Santora, Borough Clerk

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