

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE - INTRODUCTION**

**Text Amendment 2022-16  
Sign Ordinance Update**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine,

Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Hendrickson and supported by Clerk Guthrie.

WHEREAS, the Township’s sign ordinance has not had a major review and update since 1974; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing guidelines in the ordinance are content based regulations; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 United States Supreme Court case Reed v. Town of Gilbert clarified that content based regulations were not legal in most cases; and

WHEREAS, signage needs and technology have changed for businesses in the nearly 50 years since the sign ordinance was last updated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board, Planning Commission, Township Attorney, and Staff have crafted an ordinance that maintains Meridian Township’s standards for signage, while allowing flexibility to businesses and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance removes content base regulations and provides clear guidance going forward for what sign is permitted in what location;

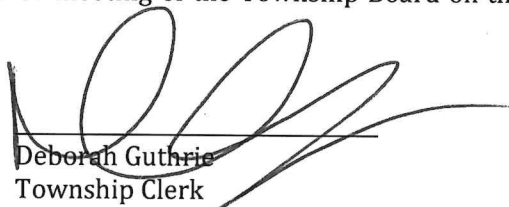
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. 2022-16, entitled “Ordinance to Amend Article 7, Signs and Advertising Structures, of the Charter Township of Meridian Zoning Ordinance to update regulations for signs in the Township.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it was adopted.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Hendrickson,  
Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski  
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk