

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE – FINAL ADOPTION

**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 25th 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 Trustee Wisinski.

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 subject to heightened scrutiny and said regulations would have a difficult time proving a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 United States Supreme Court case City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising of Texas, Inc, further clarified when content based regulations could be used; 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 ADOPTS 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, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

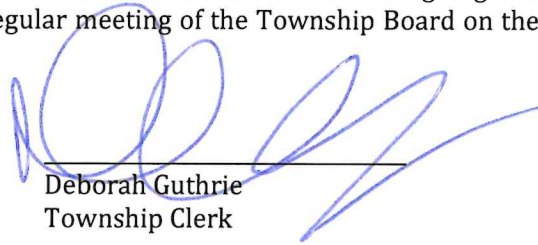
NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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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 25th day of April, 2023.



Deborah Guthrie
Township Clerk