WEST CALN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 01 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE WEST CALN TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 350 ZONING, TO REVISE SECTION 350-1101.A and SECTION 350-1404 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY FENCE AND WALL SETBACKS AND TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNS UPON CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTIES, AND PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of West Caln Township have determined that additional revisions should be made to fence setback ordinance provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have also determined that electronic signs should be permitted in certain areas of the Township at designated types of buildings in the best interest of the public health, welfare and safety. In particular, the Supervisors anticipate those electronic signs to be utilized intermittently for public safety messages including Amber Alerts.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of West Caln Township that Chapter 350 of the Township Code, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 350-1101.A. (3) shall be amended to include the following sentence at the end of said section:

"Properly permitted fences or walls shall be setback a minimum of not less than 10 feet from any front yard lot line and a minimum of not less than 2 feet from any rear or side yard lot line."

SECTION 2. Section 350-1404.A. shall be removed and replaced to read as follows:

"A. Official highway route number signs, street name signs, directional, or other official federal, state, county, or Township signs. This shall include signage located at Township municipal buildings, police departments, public educational institutions, and buildings housing Township designated EMS and Fire Department equipment and personnel. Electronic changeable display signs shall specifically be allowed upon such properties subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors in the best interests of public health, welfare, and safety. No light source for any

changeable display sign shall produce a nuisance or safety hazard. Changes in the signage display shall include the entire display such that different portions of the display do not change at different times. Any sign with flashing, moving, sound-producing, or animated parts is prohibited upon such properties. Electronic signage must receive the proper required electrical permits as part of installation."

SECTION 3. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. <u>General Code</u>. General Code is hereby authorized to make whatever numbering and formatting changes are needed in order to proper codify this ordinance and properly incorporate this ordinance into the Township's online Code.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WEST CALN TOWNSHIP

BY:

Township Secretary

Nathan Sanet, Chairman

Joseph G. Hutton, III, Vice Chairman

Allen R. Martin, Member