MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. <u>2116</u>

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1443, ORDINANCE NO. 1760 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1893 TO PROVIDE FOR POLITICAL SIGNS BEING PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Council for the Municipality of Monroeville has deemed that it is in the health, safety and general welfare that political signs on public property create a traffic hazard for the public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the order and cleanliness and to avoid the appearance of clutter in the Municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE as follows:

1. POLITICAL SIGNS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

A. In the consideration of the public safety concerns heretofore cited in the recital and to preserve the order and cleanliness of the Municipal rights of way and public property; and to avoid the appearance of clutter; to protect property values; to avoid litter

and growth of weeds around signs; to reduce traffic hazards caused by distraction to motorists and the impairment of sight lines; to ensure that the Municipality remains an attractive place to live and work; to reduce administrative burden and to reduce the necessity of expending public funds to remove political candidate signs and to protect the health, safety and welfare, morals, convenience and comfort of the public, all political candidate signs or political signs are prohibited from being affixed, placed or erected on public property or within the public rights-of-way, or on medial barriers, telephone poles or pillars and trees located within the public rights-of- way, anywhere within the territorial limits of the Municipality of Monroeville.

B. No person, firm, corporation, association, their employees or agents shall nail, tack, glue, hang or otherwise affix or locate any political signs, poster, banner, bumper sticker within or on public property or within public rights-of-way of the Municipality.

2. REMOVAL

Any person, firm, corporation, association, candidate or its employees or agents who affixed or placed any political signs, posters, banner or bumper stickers on public property or within the public rights-of-way shall

remove the same within a period of twenty-four (24) hours of being notified by the Municipality of Monroeville to remove the aforesaid signs, posters, banners, bumper stickers. The Municipality reserves the right to remove and may remove any and all such political or candidate signs, posters, banners or bumper stickers at any time from the public property and the public rights-of-way without notice. The reasonable cost of removal of the same by the Municipality may be billed and assessed to the political candidate, person, firm, corporation, association or candidate's name who is affixed to said political sign, poster, banner or bumper sticker.

3. NONPAYMENT FOR REMOVAL

If after three (3) days notice, said person, firm, corporation, association or candidate does not reimburse the Municipality for the expenses of the removal of said political signs, posters, banners or bumper stickers, after demand for payment by the Municipality, then the Solicitor of the Municipality of Monroeville is hereby authorized to initiate suit in the name of the Municipality of Monroeville to collect said cost in the manner provided by law.

4. <u>PENALTIES</u>

Any person, firm, employee, corporation, association, committee to elect

or to re-elect, supporter or political candidate who shall violate or shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of this Part, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$600.00), plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. Provided, however, that each sign and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

5. AFFIRMATION AND REPEALER

Ordinance No. 1443, 1760 and 1893 are affirmed by this Ordinance to the extent they do not conflict with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance in conflict herewith is repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 13th day of July, 1999.

ATTEST:

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Municipality of Monroeville

THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

Sean Logan, Mayor

Municipality of Monroeville

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