

EXETER TOWNSHIP

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ZONING ORDINANCE

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GUIDE TO USING THIS ZONING ORDINANCE

- ☛ **Contact the Zoning Officer** to ensure you have the latest version of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map and to help you find the required information.
- ☛ The **Table of Contents** should help you find the sections applicable to your situation.
- ☛ The **Zoning Map** shows all of the **Zoning Districts** in the Township. Each District is listed in the **Schedule of Uses** in Article IV.
- ☛ The **Schedule of Uses** in Article IV lists all of the uses allowed in each district.
- ☛ The **Schedule of Uses** in Article IV also classifies all of the uses allowed in each Zoning District.
 - ☛ **Principal Permitted Uses** and **Accessory Uses** - action by the Zoning Officer.
 - ☛ **Conditional Uses** - review by Planning Commission, action by Board of Supervisors. (See §1208)
 - ☛ **Special Exceptions** - review by Planning Commission, action by Zoning Hearing Board. (See §1208)
- ☛ The requirements for **Permit Applications** are found in §1202.
- ☛ The **Schedule of Development Standards** in Article IV sets the minimum lot size and property line and road setback requirements.
- ☛ The **Definitions** in Article III provide the meaning for specific terms.
- ☛ Many uses are subject to specific requirements of this Ordinance.
 - ☛ Article V includes requirements for decks, garages, sheds and other **Accessory Uses, Home Occupations and Off-Street Parking**.
 - ☛ Article VI governs **Residential Uses** -- conservation design, two-family dwellings, group homes, etc.
 - ☛ Article VII includes performance standards for **Commercial and Manufacturing Uses**.
 - ☛ Article VIII includes standards for **Specific Uses** ranging from the keeping of animals to cell towers.
- ☛ **Signs** are governed by Article XI and a business sign will probably require a permit.
- ☛ Applications for **Variances** are heard by the Zoning Hearing Board. The application must document *unnecessary hardship* and meet all of the applicable criteria in §1207.1.
- ☛ A legally existing use which predates the Zoning Ordinance and which does not comply with the Ordinance is a **Nonconforming Use**. Commonly referred to as *grand-fathered*, the nonconformity runs with the land and the use can continue and be sold. Such uses can also be expanded within the limits set in Article IX. Nonconforming lots, lots which do not meet the minimum size and dimension requirements, can also be used if they meet the setback, water supply and sewage disposal requirements in §911.
- ☛ If a project involves the creation of a new lot or lots, the change of lot lines, or the erection of one or more new principal nonresidential buildings, the **Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance** will also apply. This ordinance is separate from the Zoning Ordinance.
- ☛ **Fees** are set by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors per §1203 and are shown on the **Fee Schedule** available from the Zoning Officer.

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BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Exeter Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania by authority of and pursuant to the provisions of Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 31, 1968, as reenacted and amended, known and cited as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as follows:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

101 Adoption; Title and Short Title

101.1 Adoption

The Exeter Township Zoning Ordinance of 1974, as amended, is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as hereinafter set forth.

101.2 Title

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING, PROHIBITING, REGULATING, RESTRICTING, AND DETERMINING THE USES OF LAND, WATERCOURSES, AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER; THE SIZE, HEIGHT, BULK, LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, ALTERATION, RAZING, REMOVAL AND USE OF STRUCTURES; THE AREAS AND DIMENSIONS OF LAND AND BODIES OF WATER TO BE OCCUPIED BY USES AND STRUCTURES AS WELL AS COURTS, YARDS, AND OTHER OPEN SPACES AND DISTANCES TO BE LEFT UNOCCUPIED BY USES AND STRUCTURES: THE DENSITY OF POPULATION AND INTENSITY OF USE; CREATING ZONING DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A ZONING OFFICER; CREATING A ZONING HEARING BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, AMENDMENT, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES.

101.3 Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "EXETER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE."

102 Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted in accordance with an overall land use control program and with consideration for the character of the municipality, its various parts and the suitability of the various parts for particular uses and structures. This Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes:

- A. To promote, protect and facilitate one or more of the following: the public health, safety, morals, general welfare; coordinated and practical community development; density of population; civil defense and disaster evacuation, airports, and national defense facilities; the provisions of adequate light and air; police protection; vehicle parking and loading space; transportation; natural resources, agricultural land and uses; the safe use of natural or artificial bodies of water, boat docks and related facilities; reliable, safe and adequate water supplies; safe and adequate sewerage disposal, schools, public grounds and other public requirements and other purposes set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- B. To prevent one or more of the following: overcrowding of land, watercourses and other bodies of water, blight, danger and congestion in travel and transportation, loss of health, life or property from fire, flood, panic or other dangers.
- C. To preserve prime agriculture and farmland considering topography, soil type and classification, and present use.
- D. To provide for the use of land within the municipality for residential housing of various dwelling types encompassing all basic forms of housing, including single-family and two-family dwellings, and a reasonable

range of multifamily dwellings in various arrangements, mobile homes and mobile home parks, provided, however, that no zoning ordinance shall be deemed invalid for the failure to provide for any other specific dwelling type.

- E. To accommodate reasonable overall community growth, including population and employment growth, and opportunities for development of a variety of residential dwelling types and nonresidential uses.

103 Applicability

103.1 Existing Uses

Any legally established existing use of a building, structure, lot or parcel of land or part thereof, as of the effective date of this Ordinance may be continued.

103.2 Conformance

Any activity regulated by this Ordinance shall only occur or be undertaken and be continued in conformance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

103.3 Authorization

This Ordinance regulates all matters and activities authorized by Article VI of the MPC, as amended.

103.4 Regulated Activities

- A. Any of the following activities or any other activity or matter regulated by this Ordinance shall only be undertaken after the required permit or approval has been obtained in full compliance with this Ordinance:
1. Erection, construction, movement, placement or extension of a structure, building or regulated sign;
 2. Change in the type of use or expansion of the use of a structure or area of land; and/or,
 3. Creation of a lot or alteration of lot lines.
- B. No setback or open space required in connection with any building or use shall be considered as providing a required open space for any other building on the same or any other lot.
- C. No lot shall be formed from part of a lot already occupied by a building unless such building, all required setbacks and open spaces connected therewith, and the remaining lot conforms with all requirements prescribed by this Ordinance for the district in which said lot is located. No building permit shall be issued for the erection of a building on any new lot thus created unless such building and lot comply with all the provisions of this Ordinance.
- D. No setback or lot existing at the time of passage of this Ordinance shall be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Yards or lots created after the effective date of this Ordinance shall meet at least the minimum requirements established by this Ordinance.

103.5 Repairs and Maintenance

Ordinary repairs, structural strengthening, facade improvements and maintenance to existing structures that do not infringe upon a required setback may be made without a zoning permit provided such activity does not involve 1) a change in use; 2) an expansion, construction or placement of a structure; 3) an increase in the number of dwelling units or boarding house units; and/or 4) any other activity regulated by this Ordinance.

103.6 Municipal Authorities and Water Companies

A municipal authority, water company or any other municipality that plans to expand water, sanitary sewer or storm sewer service via a new main extension to a proposed development that has not received any municipal approvals within the Township shall:

- A. Notify the Township by certified mail, return receipt requested, of its intention and shall provide the Township an opportunity to provide written comment on whether the proposed expansion of service within the Township is generally consistent with this Ordinance.
- B. Comply with the other applicable requirements of §608.1 of the MPC.

103.7 Public Utility Commission

- A. This Ordinance shall not apply to any existing or proposed building, or extension thereof, used or to be used by a public utility corporation, if, upon petition of the corporation, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shall, after a public hearing, decide that the present or proposed situation of the building in question is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to ensure that both the corporation and the Township have notice of the hearing and are granted an opportunity to appear, present witnesses, cross-examine witnesses presented by other parties and otherwise exercise the rights of a party to the proceedings.

104 Interpretation**104.1 Interpretation**

In interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, and the general welfare of the Township and its citizens.

104.2 Conflict**A. Township Provisions**

- 1. These regulations are not intended to interfere with or abrogate or annul any other Ordinance, rules or regulations previously adopted or previously issued by the Township which are not in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance.
- 2. Where this Ordinance imposes a greater restriction upon the use of the buildings or premises or upon the height of the building, or requires a larger open space than is imposed or required by such Ordinance, rules, regulations or permits, or by easements, covenants, building restrictions or agreements, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

- B. Other Laws and Regulations - Whenever the provisions of any other law, regulation and/or statute require a greater width or size of setbacks, courts or other open spaces, or require a lower height of buildings and/or structures or smaller number of stories, or require a greater percentage of lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required by the regulations made under authority of this Ordinance the provisions of such other law, regulation and/or statute shall govern.

C. Private Provisions

1. These regulations are not intended to abrogate any easement, covenant or any other private agreement or restriction, provided that where the provisions of this Ordinance impose a greater restriction, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern.
2. Where the provisions of the easement, covenant, or private agreement or restriction impose duties and obligations more restrictive or higher standards than the requirements of this Ordinance, then such private provisions shall be operative and supplemental to these requirements.

104.3 Specificity

Whenever any regulations pertaining to a specific use or activity under authority of this Ordinance require a greater width or size of setbacks, courts or other open space, or require a lower height of buildings and/or structures or smaller number of stories, or require a greater percentage of lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required for the zoning district or generally required under this Ordinance, the greater or higher standards shall govern.

105 Severability

In the event that any provision, section, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

106 Effective Date

This Zoning Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ARTICLE II
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

201 General Community Development Objectives

This statement of the Community Development Objectives is included under the authority of Section 606 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Community Development Objectives include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. To achieve the best use of the land within the Township, insuring that varying use of land and water bodies will complement one another and thus improve the economic, social, and aesthetic character of the community.
- B. To establish realistic population densities in order to insure health standards, privacy and open space and in order to provide utilities, police protection, and community services and facilities in the most convenient and efficient manner.
- C. To maintain and improve the road system for better internal circulation and movement of through traffic, which will facilitate the efficient and safe movement of people and goods.
- D. To guide the location of future development and establish developmental standards in such a way that negative impacts on the natural environment and natural resources are minimized, and to minimize existing and future water, air, land and noise pollution.
- E. To provide the opportunity for a wide-range and variety of housing types to meet the needs of all Township residents; newly-formed households, growing families and senior citizens.
- F. To update and revise planning goals and objectives, and the operational tools necessary for implementation, in light of new data and changing conditions.
- G. To expand local business and strengthen the economy by encouraging well-planned commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational growth which will provide for local employment, shopping facilities, and recreational opportunities which in turn will strengthen the local tax base.
- H. To strive for coordination between policies, plans, and programs in the community through cooperation among governing officials, community interest groups, and the general populace.

202 Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives

In addition to the General Community Development Objectives set forth in §201, this Zoning Ordinance is intended to implement the goals and objectives contained in the Township Comprehensive Plan and any multi-municipal comprehensive plan or open space plan which may be adopted by the Township.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

301 Rules of Construction and Definitions

The following rules of construction shall apply to this Ordinance:

- A. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain terms and words are herein defined. Whenever used in this Ordinance, they shall have the meaning indicated in this Article, except where there is indicated in context different meaning.
- B. The particular shall control the general.
- C. The word *shall* and *must* are mandatory and not discretionary. The word *may* is permissive.
- D. Words used in the present sense shall include the future; words used in the singular number shall include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.
- E. The phrase *used for* includes *arranged for, designed for, intended for, and/or occupied for*.
- F. The word *person* includes *individual, profit or non-profit organization, partnership, company, unincorporated association, corporation, or other similar entities*.

302 Terms, Phrases And Words Not Defined

When terms, phrases, or words are not defined, they shall have the meaning as defined in The Complete Illustrated Book of Development Definitions (Moskowitz, Lindbloom, Listokin, Preiss, and Merriam, Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick, NJ, 4th edition, 2015, ISBN: 978-1-4128-5504-) or the latest edition thereof, or if not defined therein, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings or such as the context may imply.

303 Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words, terms and phrases have the meaning herein indicated:

Abandoned or Junked Vehicle: Any vehicle not stored in a fully enclosed building which is not in good operating and road-worthy condition. See definition of *good operating and road-worthy condition*.

Abused Person Shelter: A non-profit residential use in which rooms are provided to serve as a temporary safe and supportive environment for persons who, because of actual or threatened physical or mental abuse, are forced to leave their previous living arrangement. Such facilities shall be designed to provide in-house living for persons only until a safe, permanent living arrangement can be obtained.

Accessory Use or Structure: A use of land or of a structure or portion thereof incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the land or building and located on the same lot with such principal use. A portion of a principal building used for an accessory use shall not be considered an accessory structure.

Access Point: One combined entrance/exit point or one clearly defined entrance point, or one clearly defined entrance point separated from another clearly defined exit point. This term shall not include access ways or driveways that are strictly and clearly limited to use by only emergency vehicles; such accesses are permitted by right as needed.

Adult Arcade: Any place to which the public is permitted or invited wherein coin-operated or token-operated or

electronically, electrically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, or other image-producing devices are maintained to show images of five (5) or fewer persons per machine at any one time, and where the images so displayed are distinguished or characterized by the depicting or describing of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*. An *Adult Arcade* shall be considered an *Adult Business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Adult Bookstore or Adult Video Store: A commercial establishment which, as one of its principal business purposes or as a substantial part of its business, offers for sale or rental for any form of consideration, any one or more of the following:

- A. Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, or video reproductions, slides or other visual representations which depict or describe *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*; or
- B. Instruments, devices or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with *specified sexual activities*.

A commercial establishment may have other principal business purposes that do not involve the offering for sale or rental of material depicting or describing *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas* and still be categorized as *adult bookstore* or *adult video store*. Such other business purposes will not serve to exempt such commercial establishment from being categorized as an *adult bookstore* or *adult video store* so long as one of its principal business purposes is the offering for sale or rental for consideration the specified materials which depict or describe *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*.

The term *Adult Bookstore* shall include but not be limited to an *Adult Video Store*, and all such uses shall be considered an *Adult Business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Adult Business: Any of the following:

- A. A use of a building or land for a business which has obscene materials as a substantial or significant portion of its stock-in-trade.
- B. A use of a building or land for a business which involves the sale, lease, trade, gift or display of drug paraphernalia as a substantial or significant portion of its stock-in-trade.
- C. Any nightclub, bar, restaurant, arcade, theater, or any other establishment that conducts live performances as a principal part of its business that are characterized by the exposure of *specified anatomical areas* or by *specified sexual activities*, or films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions in which a substantial portion of the total presentation time is devoted to the showing of material that is characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*, or where any *specified sexual activities* are conducted for economic gain or any other form of consideration.
- D. Any of the following as defined in this Article III:
 - 1. adult arcade
 - 2. adult bookstore or adult video store
 - 3. adult live entertainment use or facility
 - 4. adult motel

5. adult motion picture theater
6. adult theater
7. escort agency
8. massage parlor
9. nude model studio
10. sexual encounter center

Adult Care Facility: See *health facility*.

Adult Live Entertainment Use or Facility: A commercial use (including, but not limited to, a use selling food or beverages) including live entertainment involving:

- A. Persons (which may include, but is not limited to, waiters, waitresses, dancers, clerks, bartenders, contractors or others) appearing in a state of nudity; or,
- B. Live performances which are characterized by the exposure of *specified anatomical areas* or simulated or actual *specified sexual activities*; or,
- C. Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*.

An *adult live entertainment use or facility* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Adult Motel: A hotel, motel or similar commercial establishment which:

- A. Offers accommodations to the public for any form of consideration; provides patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*; or,
- B. Offers sleeping rooms for rent three (3) or more times in one calendar day.

An *adult motel* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Adult Motion Picture Theater: A commercial establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or similar photographic reproductions are regularly shown which are characterized by the depiction or description of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*. An *adult motion picture theater* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Adult Theater: A theater, concert hall, auditorium, or similar commercial establishment which regularly features persons who appear in a state of nudity or live performances which are characterized by the exposure of *specified sexual activities* or *specified anatomical areas*. An *adult theater* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Agricultural Use: An enterprise that is actively engaged in the commercial production and preparation for market of crops, livestock and livestock products and in the production, harvesting and preparation for market or use of agricultural, agronomic, horticultural, silvicultural and aquacultural crops and commodities. The term includes an enterprise that implements changes in production practices and procedures or types of crops, livestock, livestock products or commodities produced consistent with practices and procedures that are normally engaged by farmers

or are consistent with technological development within the agricultural industry. It includes necessary structures within the limits of the parcel and the storage of equipment necessary for production. It excludes agricultural products processing operations; riding academies, livery or boarding stables and dog or other animal kennels.

Agriculture Products Processing: An industry that involves the processing of raw agricultural products; and transforming those products into a more refined, prepared or marketable state. Includes, but is not limited to, such uses as tanneries, dairies, firewood processing, and food canning and freezing operations. See also *slaughterhouse*.

Airport: A tract of land, with or without buildings, where airplanes, jets, helicopters and/or any other type of aircraft land and take off.

Alterations: As applied to a building or structure, means any change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or the moving from one location or position to another.

Amusement Arcade: A building or part of a building in which five (5) or more pinball machines, video games, or other similar player-operated amusement devices are maintained. The use of less than five (5) such devices shall be permitted as an accessory use to any lawful principal commercial use.

Amusement Park: A commercially operated park or facility with various devices for entertainment including but not limited to rides, games, electronic games and similar devices, food stands and other associated facilities.

Animal Hospital: A place where animals or pets are given medical or surgical treatment and the boarding of animals is limited to short-term care incidental to the hospital use.

Animal Shelter: A facility used to house or contain stray, homeless abandoned, or unwanted pets and that is owned operated, or maintained by a public body, established humane society, animal welfare society (such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), or other nonprofit organization devoted to the welfare protection, and humane treatment of animals.

Apartment: See *dwelling*.

Applicant: An individual, trustee, executor, other fiduciary, corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization or other entity acting as a unit, and his/her/its heirs, successors and assigns, which is seeking an approval or permit pursuant to this Zoning Ordinance.

Archery Range, Indoor: Any fully enclosed building used for shooting of arrows for recreational or training purposes. Any such commercial operation, any such area operated by any private, non-profit entity, any community association, any such area operated by any sportsman's, recreation or fraternal club or association with twenty-five (25) or more members, and any such area which is used or is intended to be used for more than five (5) hours in any one (1) week shall be considered an indoor archery range for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance. See *recreational facility, private*.

Archery Range, Outdoor: Any area not within a fully enclosed building used for the shooting of arrows for recreational or training purposes, including but not limited to, target shooting ranges, and target shooting courses. Any such commercial operation, any such area operated by any private non-profit entity, any community association, any such area operated by any sportsman's, recreation or fraternal club or association with twenty-five (25) or more members, and any such area which is used or is intended to be used for more than five (5) hours in any one (1) week shall be considered an outdoor archery range for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance. See *recreational facility*,

private.

Art Studio: An establishment or work space for the creation, manufacture, and/or preparation of individually crafted art work, jewelry, furniture, sculpture, pottery, art photography, leather craft, hand-woven articles, and related items; it may also include the sale, loan, or display of such items.

Assisted Care Dwelling Unit for Relative: A living area attached to the principal dwelling unit or separate mobile home especially erected for and limited to the temporary occupancy by a person who is *related* (see definition) to the permanent residents of the principal dwelling unit on the parcel. Such use shall be restricted to a relative who needs such accommodations because of old age, developmental disability, illness, mental illness that does not threaten physical harm to others, or physical handicap. (See §606.)

Automobile Rental Operation: An establishment which rents automobiles, but no other types of vehicles or equipment, to the general public and which does not include the sale or service of any vehicles on the premises. (See *vehicle and equipment rental operation*.)

Automobile Rental Operation, Accessory: An automobile rental operation conducted in association with another approved commercial use and which rents a total of no more than five (5) automobiles (i.e., passenger cars and passenger vans used for transport of people but not goods and materials) at any given time.

Bank: An establishment for the custody, loan, exchange or issue of money, for the extension of credit, and for facilitating the transmission of funds.

Banquet Hall: An establishment which is rented for private functions including, but not limited to, banquets, weddings, anniversaries and similar activities. It may or may not include kitchen facilities for the preparation or catering of food.

Basement: An enclosed floor area partly or wholly underground, other than a building which is completely underground.

Bed and Breakfast: Any single-family dwelling in which more than three (3) persons either individually or as families are housed or lodged for hire with meals normally included as a part of the services rendered, and shall be restricted to transient visitors to the area and shall not be used for long term occupancy or residency of guests.

Betting Use: A use where lawful gambling activities are conducted, including but not limited to off-track para-mutual betting. This term shall not include betting under the State Lottery programs or betting under the *Small Games of Chance* provisions of State law, which shall instead be regulated under the regulations applicable to the principal use of the property.

Boarding or Lodging House: Any dwelling in which more than three (3) persons either individually or as families are housed or lodged for hire with meals normally, but not necessarily included as a part of the services rendered.

Board of Supervisors or Supervisors: The Board of Supervisors of Exeter Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

Boat Dock: See *water craft dock*.

Boat House: A building at the water's edge in which boats are kept.

Buffer: A strip of land that: separates one use from another use or feature, and is not occupied by any building,

parking, outdoor storage or any use other than open space or approved pedestrian pathways. It is used to provide separation between incompatible uses to effect a visual barrier, reduce noise, block physical passage between uses, and reduce noise, dust and litter. The separation may be effected by fencing, dense vegetative planting, the provision of additional setback distances, berms or a combination thereof; and, in general, widths of buffers are increased as the density or opaqueness of the barrier decreases. A buffer yard may be a part of the minimum setback distance but land within an existing street right-of-way shall not be used to meet a buffer yard requirement.

Building: Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of any individual, animal, process, equipment, services, goods or materials of any kind or nature.

Building Coverage: The percentage of the area of the lot covered or occupied by the total horizontal projected surface area of all buildings on the lot and including accessory buildings and structures (including covered porches, carports and breeze ways, but excluding open and uncovered patios and decks).

Building Envelope: An area on a lot which has been designated as the area in which development may occur. Building envelopes are identified by building setbacks, conservation areas, site conditions and other factors, and are specifically designated on the development plan and established by deed covenants and restrictions.

Building Height: The vertical distance of a building measured from the average ground level to the highest part of the structure, excluding chimneys. The average ground level is determined by taking the average of the highest and lowest grade levels immediately adjacent to the building.

Building, Principal: A building in which is conducted the main or principal use of the lot on which said building is situated.

Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Any facility where fuel, including but not limited to kerosene, home heating oil, gasoline, and propane, is stored in large volume tanks for distribution to retail or wholesale establishments.

Bus Terminal: An area and/or building where buses are stored or parked on a regular basis with or without bus maintenance and repair facilities.

Campground or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park: A plot of ground upon which two or more campsites are located, established or maintained for temporary occupancy by persons using tents or recreational vehicles, and which shall not be used for long term occupancy or residency of occupants.

Carport: A roofed building intended for the storage of one (1) or more motor vehicles, but which is not enclosed on all sides by walls or doors. If any portion of a carport is attached to a principal building, it shall be considered to be part of that building.

Car/Truck Wash: Any building or premises or portions thereof used for washing automobiles or trucks for commercial purposes.

Cemetery: Land or buildings used for the burial of deceased humans or animals. The internment or scattering or remains of properly cremated is not regulated by this ordinance.

Clear Sight Triangle: An area of unobstructed vision at a street intersection(s), defined by lines of sight between points at a given distance from the intersecting street right-of-way lines.

Club/Lodge, Private: An area of land or building used by a recreational, civic, social, fraternal, religious, political or

labor union association of persons for meetings and routine socializing and recreation that are limited to bona fide members and their occasional guests, and persons specifically invited to special celebrations, but which is not routinely open to members of the general public and which is not primarily operated as a for-profit business. The club shall involve a meaningful and substantial membership system, as opposed to a token system. This use shall not include a target range for outdoor shooting, boarding house, a tavern, a restaurant or an auditorium unless that particular use is permitted in that District and the requirements of that use are met.

Commercial Use: An occupation, employment, or enterprise carried on for profit by the owner, lessee, or licensee.

Commercial Communication Device: Any structure or equipment which is intended for commercial or governmental use in transmitting or receiving television, radio, telephone or other electronic communications, including internal or agency communications, but excluding the following which are not appropriate subject of the zoning ordinance:

- A. Industrial, scientific and medical equipment as regulated by the Federal Communications Commission in 47 CFR 18.
- B. Military and government radar antennas and associated communication towers used for navigational purposes as regulated by 47 CFR 87.
- C. Amateur (ham) and citizen band transmitting and receiving antennas and associated communication towers as regulated by 47 CFR 97 and 47 CFR 95.
- D. Radio transceivers normally hand-held or installed in a vehicle, such as an automobile, truck, trailer or water craft.
- E. A radio frequency machine which is designated and marketed as a consumer product, such as auditory assistance devices, biomedical telemetry devices, carrier current systems, Class A or B digital devices, filed disturbance sensors, perimeter protection systems, power line carrier systems, microwave ovens or radio controlled devices regulated by 47 CFR 15.
- F. Privately owned antennas for receiving commercial television or radio serving a dwelling.

Commercial Communication Device Support Structure: Any pole, telescoping mast, tower, tripod, or any other structure which supports a commercial communication device.

Commercial Communication Device Support Structure Height: The vertical distance measured from the base of the support structure at grade to the highest point of the structure. If the support structure is on a sloped grade, then the average between the highest and lowest grades shall be used in calculating the height.

Common Area: All of the real property and improvements dedicated for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of a particular development; including, but not limited to, open land, development improvements, common facilities, and recreation area.

Common Facilities: Improvements in a development that are not required by the Township but have been constructed as part of a development for the common use and enjoyment of the residents of that development; including, but not limited to, community centers, recreation buildings and structures, and administrative and maintenance buildings.

Commission: The Planning Commission of Exeter Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

Comprehensive Plan: The Exeter Township Comprehensive Plan including all maps, charts and textual matter.

Conditional Use: A use which is not appropriate to a particular zone district as a whole, but which may be suitable in certain localities within the district only when specific conditions and factors prescribed for such cases within this Ordinance are present. Conditional uses are allowed or denied by the Board of Supervisors after recommendations by the Planning Commission.

Condominium: A set of individual dwelling units or other areas of building each owned by an individual person(s) in fee simple, with such owners assigned a proportionate interest in the remainder of the real estate which is designated for common ownership, and which was created under the PA Unit Property Act of 1963 (at the time such law was in effect) or is/was created under the PA Uniform Condominium Act of 1980, as amended.

Conservation Area, Primary: Those areas of a development tract which are comprised of environmentally sensitive lands on which development is not permitted. (See §601.4 and §601.5.)

Conservation Area, Secondary: Those areas of a development tract which are somewhat less sensitive than primary conservation areas and which may be critical to the effect the development will have on both the natural environment and the rural character of the community. (See §601.4 and §601.5.)

Conservation Design Subdivision: A subdivision designed at the dwelling unit density specified in the Township Zoning Ordinance where individual lots are reduced in size, important natural resources are conserved, and the resultant open space is preserved in perpetuity. (See §601.)

Conservation Easement: A right or interest in land granted primarily for the preservation of the land in its undeveloped state but which may allow limited development (e.g., a residential structure) and other compatible uses such as agriculture and forestry.

Conservation Open Space: That part of a particular conservation subdivision design development tract set aside for the protection of sensitive natural features, farmland, scenic views and other primary and secondary conservation areas identified by this Zoning Ordinance. Conservation open space may be accessible to the residents of the development and/or the Township, or it may contain areas of farmland or forest land which are not accessible to project residents or the public.

Construction: The construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, extension, expansion, alteration, or relocation of a building or structure, including the placement of manufactured homes.

Contractor's Yard: Any premises used as the base of operation by any tradesman or contractor for the storage of equipment, vehicles and supplies.

Convenience Store: A one-story, retail store containing less than 2,000 square feet of gross floor area that is designed and stocked to sell primarily food, beverages, and other household supplies to customers who purchase only a relatively few items (in contrast to a *supermarket*). It may also include the sale of gasoline but shall not include the repair or service of vehicles.

Corral: An enclosure for confining livestock and which is typically attached to or situated in close proximity to a stable or barn; as contrasted to a pasture.

Correctional Facility: A facility used to house and/or rehabilitate adults or juveniles detained, sentenced or adjudicated delinquent by the criminal justice system, including but not limited to, jails, prisons, penitentiaries,

reformatories, half-way houses, transitional living facilities, juvenile detention facilities, and similar facilities.

Country Club: A recreational property owned and managed by a non-profit membership organization and including recreational facilities, restaurant and meeting rooms. Property owner associations and/or the property they maintain shall not be considered, however, as country clubs, nor shall other residential or commercial properties operated for profit.

County: The County of Wyoming, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Crematorium: A furnace or establishment for the incineration of corpses.

Crop Production: An agricultural use involving the use of land for the raising of cultivated plants or agricultural produce such as grain, vegetables, silage, trees or fruit. The definition excludes *commercial greenhouses* and *commercial nurseries* as defined by this Zoning Ordinance.

Day Care, Adult: A use providing supervised care and assistance primarily to persons who are over age sixty (60) and not in good physical health, or who are suffering from Alzheimer disease or are developmentally handicapped and/or are physically handicapped and who need such daily assistance because of such condition. This use shall not include persons who need oversight because of behavior that is criminal or violent. This use may involve occasional overnight stays, but shall not primarily be a residential use. The use shall involve typical stays of less than a total of 60 hours per week per person.

Day Care, Child: A use involving the supervised care of children outside of the children's own home primarily for periods of less than 18 hours during the average day. This use may also include educational programs that are supplementary to State-required education, including a nursery school. The following three types of day care are permitted without regulation by Ordinance: 1) care of children by their own relatives, 2) care of children within a place of worship during regularly scheduled weekly religious services and 3) care of 1 to 3 children within any dwelling unit, in addition to children who are relatives of care giver. (See also the definition of *day care, adult*.)

- A. (Child) Day Care, as an Accessory Use - A type of *day care* use that provides care for six (6) or fewer children at one time who are not relatives of the care giver.
- B. (Child) Day Care Center, as a Principal Use - A type of *day care* use that provides care for seven (7) or more children at any one time who are not relatives of the primary operator.

Deck: An attached accessory structure elevated more than twelve (12) inches and constructed of wood with no walls or roof. As an attached accessory structure, it must meet the required setbacks for the principal building.

Density: The total number of dwelling units proposed on a lot divided by the lot area, unless otherwise stated.

Detached Building: A building that is surrounded on all sides by open yards and that is not attached to any other building.

Developer: Any landowner, agent of such owner, or tenant with the permission of such landowner, who proposes to make or causes to be made a subdivision of land or a land development.

Development: Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, the placement of manufactured homes, streets, and other paving, utilities, filling, grading, excavation, mining, dredging, or drilling operations and the subdivision of land.

Development Improvements: All the physical additions and changes to a tract and the constructed facilities necessary and/or required by the Township to produce a usable and functional development; including, but not limited to roads, parking areas, storm water controls and drainage easements, landscaped areas, utilities, and water supplies and sewage disposal systems.

Development Plan: A proposed development, prepared in accordance with this Ordinance and the Township Subdivision Ordinance, including a plat of the subject parcel and any subdivision, locations of various uses, and all covenants relating to uses, locations and sizes of buildings and other structures, intensity of use or density of development, streets, ways, and parking facilities, common open spaces and public facilities.

District (or Zone or Zoning District): A land area within the Township within which certain uniform regulations and requirements apply under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Disturbance: See *earth disturbance activity*.

Disturbed Area: Any part of a lot or parcel which has undergone any earth disturbance activity. (See *earth disturbance activity* definition.)

Drive-in Theater: An area of land which may include accessory uses such as the sale of snacks and which is devoted to the showing of motion pictures which are viewed by persons in vehicles.

Driveway: A privately owned, constructed, and maintained vehicular access from a street or access drive to a dwelling unit, commercial unit, institutional or industrial principal use. (See also *access drive*.)

Drug Paraphernalia: Any objects, devices, instruments, apparatus or contrivances, whose primary and traditionally exclusive use is involved with the illegal use of any and all controlled substances under Pennsylvania Law.

Dwelling: A structure or portion thereof which is used exclusively for human habitation.

Dwelling, Multi-Family: (See also *multi-family project*.) A building or buildings designed for occupancy by three (3) or more families living independently of each other in separate dwelling units. The term *multi-family dwelling* shall include condominium as well as non-condominium housing units including the following construction types:

- A. Residential Conversion to Apartments - Conversion of an existing single family detached dwelling having been used as such for ten (10) or more years into three (3) to five (5) dwelling units and not exceeding two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height.
- B. Garden Apartment - Multi-family dwelling originally designed as such; containing three (3) or more dwelling units and not exceeding two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height, not including townhouses.
- C. Townhouse - Multi-family dwelling of three (3) or more dwelling units of no more than two and one-half (2 ½) stories in height in which each unit has its own front and rear accesses to the outside, no unit is located over another unit and each unit separated from any other unit by one or more common fire resistant walls.
- D. Medium High-Rise Apartment - Multi-family dwellings of more than two and one-half (2 ½) stories but not exceeding the height limitations (in feet) of this Ordinance.

Dwelling, Single-Family: A building containing one (1) dwelling unit that is not attached to any other dwelling by any

means and is surrounded by open space or yards.

Dwelling, Two-Family: A building with two (2) dwelling units, either attached side by side through the use of a party wall and having one (1) side yard adjacent to each dwelling unit, or upstairs/downstairs units. (See also *multi-family project* for two-family dwellings in a multi-family project.)

Dwelling Unit: One (1) or more rooms in a dwelling structure, including a kitchen, sleeping facilities, bath and toilet, designed as a household unit for extended periods of occupancy for living and sleeping purposes by not more than one (1) family at a time.

Earth Disturbance Activity: Any construction or other activity which disturbs the surface of the land including but not limited to excavations, embankments, land development, subdivision development, mineral extraction and the moving, depositing or storing of soil, rock or earth.

Easement: Authorization by a property owner for the use by another, and for a specified purpose, of any designated part of the owner's property.

Engineer, Township: a profession engineer licensed as such in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, duly appointed as the Engineer of the Township.

Escort: A person who, for consideration, agrees or offers to act as a companion, guide, or date for another person, or who agrees or offers to privately model lingerie or to privately perform a striptease for another person.

Escort Agency: A person or business association or establishment which furnishes, offers to furnish, or advertises to furnish escorts as one of its primary business purposes for a fee, tip, or other consideration. An *escort agency* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.

Essential Services: Municipal or utility facilities that do not require enclosure in a building which are necessary for the public health and safety and which are routine, customary and appropriate to the character of the area in which proposed, including such facilities as poles, towers, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, and other similar equipment. Buildings, sewage treatment plants, solid waste disposal facilities, commercial communication towers, utility company offices, storage of trucks or equipment and bulk storage, and any commercial communications devices and/or facilities not specifically regulated by the PA Public Utility Commission shall not be considered essential services. (For essential services requiring enclosure in a building see *semi-public building or use*.)

Exercise Club: A type of service establishment that offers indoor or outdoor recreational facilities, such as the following: weight rooms, exercise equipment, non-household pool and racquetball courts.

Explosive: As defined by PA Code, Title 25, Chapter 211 - Storage, Handling and Use of Explosives, a chemical compound, mixture or device that contains oxidizing and combustible materials or other ingredients in such proportions or quantities that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or detonation may result in an explosion.

A. The term includes safety fuse, squibs, detonating cord and igniters.

B. The term does not include the following:

1. Commercially manufactured black powder, percussion caps, safety and pyrotechnic fuses, matches and

friction primers, intended to be used solely for sporting, recreational or cultural purposes in antique firearms or antique devices, as defined in 18 U.S.C.A. §921 (relating to definitions).

2. Smokeless powder, primers used for reloading rifle or pistol cartridges, shot shells, percussion caps and smokeless propellants intended for personal use.

Explosive Plant or Storage Facility: Land with buildings or structures used in connection with the manufacturing or processing of explosives, as well as the storehouses and magazines for the storage of explosives.

Family: A person living alone or any of the following groups living together as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit and sharing common living, sleeping, cooking, and eating facilities:

- A. Any number of people related by blood, marriage, adoption, guardianship or other duly-authorized custodial relationship resulting in one of the following relationships: husband, wife, brother, sister, parent, child, step child, foster child, grandparent, great-grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law or first cousin;
- B. Three (3) unrelated people;
- C. Two (2) unrelated people and any children, step children or foster children related to either of them;
- D. Not more than eight (8) people who are residents of a group home meeting the requirements of §606.
- E. Not more than eight (8) people who are granted a special exception as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit (a functional family) pursuant to §611.

The definition of a family does not include:

- A. Any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge, combine, federation, coterie, or like organization;
- B. Any group of individuals whose association is temporary or seasonal in nature; and
- C. Any group of individuals who are in a group living arrangement as a result of criminal offenses.

Farm Stand: A booth or stall on a farm and from which produce and farm products grown on the premises are sold to the general public.

Fence: A man-made barrier placed or arranged as a line of demarcation, an enclosure or a visual barrier and which is constructed or wood, chain-link, metal, fiberglass, vinyl or aluminum and/or plastic inserts. Man-made barriers constructed principally of masonry, concrete, cinder block or similar mostly solid materials shall be considered a *wall*. The term *wall* does not include engineering retaining walls, which are permitted uses as needed in all districts. The terms *fence* and *wall* do not include hedges, trees or shrubs.

Firewood Processing: Any facility or operation, other than sawmills, where trees or timber are refined into firewood for commercial purposes.

Fireworks - As defined by PA Code, title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5 - Blasting, Demolition, Fireworks and Explosives, a combustible or explosive composition, substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation.

Fireworks Plant or Storage Facility - Land with buildings or structures used in connection with the manufacturing or processing of fireworks, as well as the storehouses or magazines for the storage of finished fireworks. This does not include a fireworks retail establishment operated in accord with state and federal requirements.

Flea Market: Any sales activity conducted under any pavilion or other building or structure which is not fully enclosed where stalls or sales areas may be set aside and rented or otherwise provided which are intended for use by various unrelated individuals at which articles that are either homemade, homegrown, handcrafted, old, obsolete, or antique are sold, and which may include the selling of goods at retail by businesses or individuals who are generally engaged in retail trade.

Floodplain: See §401.3.

Forestry Enterprises: The management of forests and timberlands when practiced in accord with the accepted silvicultural principles, through developing, cultivating, harvesting, transporting and selling trees for commercial purposes, which does not involve any of the following: a land development, the operation of a sawmill, the operation of any other wood manufacturing business, or firewood processing.

Funeral Home: A building or part thereof used for human funeral services. Such building may contain space and facilities for: a) embalming and the performance of other services used in preparation of the dead for burial; b) the performance of autopsies and other surgical procedures; c) the storage of caskets, funeral urns, and other related funeral supplies; and d) the storage of funeral vehicles, but shall not include facilities for cremation. Where a funeral parlor is permitted, a funeral chapel shall also be permitted.

Garage, Private: A building or portion thereof used only for the storage of automobiles by the families resident upon the premises or by individuals residing in the immediate vicinity of such storage facilities.

Garden Center, Retail: A retail establishment engaged in the sale of ornamental trees, shrubs and plants and supplies for gardening and landscaping. See *retail business*.

Golf Course: A tract of land for playing golf, improved with trees, greens, fairways, hazards, and which may include clubhouses and shag ranges; but does not include miniature golf courses or golf driving ranges. See *recreation facility, private*.

Golf Course, Miniature: A novelty version of golf played with a putter and golf ball on a miniature course, typically with artificial playing surfaces, and including obstacles such as bridges and tunnels. See *recreation facility, private*.

Golf Driving Range: A facility arranged with golf tees and used for longer range play of golf balls where balls are supplied for a fee. It may also include a putting green. See *recreation facility, private*.

Good Operating and Road-Worthy Condition: A vehicle having both a current and valid registration and current and valid inspection sticker as required by the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or if lacking a registration and/or inspection sticker, is in full and complete working order and condition, but for not having said current registration and inspection sticker could be safely and legally operated on a public roadway. Registrations and inspections which have been expired for less than sixty (60) days shall be considered current for the purposes of this definition.

Greenhouse, Commercial: A structure, typically constructed of metal or wood framework and covered with glass or plastic, used for the propagation of plants for wholesale distribution; and including associated structures for office space and storage; but not including retail sales of any products or services.

Greenhouse, Private: A detached accessory structure, typically constructed of metal or wood framework and covered with glass or plastic, used for private use.

Gross Floor Area: The sum of the total horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, or from the centerline of a wall separating two buildings, but not including interior parking spaces, loading space for vehicles, any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six (6) feet, elevator shafts, common stairwells in an apartment building, and unenclosed porches, decks and breeze ways.

Group Home: The use of any lawful dwelling unit which meets all of the following criteria:

- A. Involves the care of the maximum number of persons permitted by the *group home* standards of §605, and meets all other standards of such section.
- B. Involves persons functioning as a common household.
- C. Involves providing non-routine support services and oversight to persons who need such assistance to avoid being placed within an institution because of physical disability, old age, mental retardation or other handicap* as defined by applicable Federal law.
- D. Does not meet the definition of a *detention facility*.
- E. Does not involve the housing or treatment of persons who could reasonably be considered a threat to the physical safety of others.

*NOTE: As of 1992, the Federal Fair Housing Act defined *Handicap* as follows: 1) a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, 2) a record of having such an impairment, or 3) being regarded as having such an impairment, but such term does not include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance as defined in §802 of Title 21.

Group Quarters: All buildings used primarily for the housing of persons non-related by blood or marriage including but not limited to dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and all other structures occupied by groups of persons sharing a dwelling. Rooming houses, boarding houses, hotels, motels, and resorts, group homes, jails, prisons and detention facilities, health facilities and any use specifically listed in a zoning district in Article IV shall not be considered *group quarters*.

Health Facility: Establishments primarily engaged in providing services for human health maintenance including abused person shelters, hospital facilities, nursing homes and adult care facilities, and personal care homes or centers, whether publicly or privately operated.

Heliport: An area used for the take-off and landing of helicopters, together with any related support facilities such as for maintenance, refueling and storage, including any such area accessory to a principal use. This Ordinance is not intended to regulate the non-routine emergency landing and take-off of aircraft to pick-up seriously injured or ill persons.

- A. Public Heliport - A heliport that does not meet the definition of a *private heliport*. Public heliports shall be considered *airports* for regulation by this Zoning Ordinance.
- B. Private Heliport - A heliport limited to a maximum total of 15 flights or take-offs in any 7-day period (in addition to flights necessary for emergency medical purposes) and that is not available for use by the

general public. This is also know as a helistop.

Home Based Business: A commercial use conducted in association with a dwelling and carried on by the inhabitants residing therein and which goes beyond the scope of an home occupation as defined by this Ordinance. Home businesses may include professional practice (not limited to a single practitioner) of medicine, dentistry, architecture, law and engineering, artists, beauticians, barbers, and similar types of uses. Retail and service establishments, and light manufacturing shall also be permitted in accord with §503.3.2 of this Ordinance; however, proposed uses which do not meet the requirements of §503.3.2 shall not be permitted.

Home Occupation: Any use customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling and carried on by the inhabitants residing therein, providing that the use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes, the exterior appearance of the structure or premises is constructed and maintained as a residential dwelling, and no goods are publicly displayed on the premises other than a sign as provided herein; and may include professional practice (limited to a single practitioner) of medicine, dentistry, architecture, law and engineering, artists, beauticians, barbers, and similar types of uses, excluding commercial stables, veterinarians, commercial kennels or motor vehicle or small engine repair shops and other uses not meeting the requirements of §503.3.1 of this Zoning Ordinance.

Homeless Shelter: A government or nonprofit corporation facility providing temporary housing to indigent, needy or homeless persons.

Horse: Any animal of the horse family or resembling a horse including, but not limited to, horses, ponies, mules and donkeys.

Hospital: An institution providing primary health services and medical or surgical care to persons, primarily inpatients, suffering from illness, disease, injury, deformity and other abnormal physical or mental conditions, and including, as an integral part of the institution, related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient facilities or training facilities. (See *health facility*).

Hotel: A facility offering temporary (generally for periods of two weeks or less and not intended to be used as a residence) lodging accommodations to the general public, typically on the basis of daily or weekly rentals, and providing additional services such as restaurants, meeting rooms and recreational facilities.

Impervious Surface: Area covered by roofs, concrete, asphalt or other man-made cover which has a coefficient of runoff of 0.7 or higher as determined using accepted engineering practices with disputes decided by the Zoning Officer in consultation with the Township Engineer.

Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility: A facility not located on the same lot where the wastewater is generated which is used for treating and removing any harmful chemicals, compounds (including the flow back water and solutions used in the process of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas) nutrients, organics, solids, radionuclides or other materials prior to being transported off-site for reuse or discharged into a stream or into the soil. Such a facility typically includes a multi-bay truck loading/unloading station, skim ponds for oil/water separation, water clarifiers, sludge dewatering facilities, reverse osmosis units, evaporators, chemical feed equipment, pumps and other appurtenances.

Industry: Establishments engaged in the basic mechanical, chemical or other transformation of extracted or raw materials or substances into new products or materials, including, but not limited to, the assembly of component parts, the manufacturing or transformation of products for use by other manufactures, the blending of materials such as lubricating oils, plastics, resins or liquors, other basic industrial processes, and any facility involving processes

resulting in the storage of hazardous materials or the generation of hazardous waste products, or other environmentally regulated processes.

Junk: Any scrap, waste, refuse, reclaimable material or debris, vehicles, appliances, equipment or machinery, or parts thereof, whether or not stored or used in conjunction with dismantling, processing, salvage, storage, baling, disposal or other use or disposition. Junk shall include, but shall not be limited to:

- A. Scrap iron, tin, brass, copper, lead, zinc and all other metals and alloys; bones, rags, paper, used cloth, used rubber, used rope, and similar materials; old or used, or parts of machinery, vehicles, tools, appliances, furniture, plumbing, heating and other fixtures, and pipe and pipe fittings;
- B. Used lumber, boxes, crates and pallets;
- C. Used tires;
- D. Other worn, deteriorated, or obsolete manufactured goods which are unusable;
- E. Mobile/manufactured homes that are not in habitable condition; and,
- F. Abandoned or junked vehicles.

Junk shall not include:

- A. Any solid or liquid waste the disposal of which is regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
- B. Agricultural vehicles and implements such as tractors, mowers, etc. for use as parts for equipment and machinery used as part of an active, on-going agricultural operation provided such equipment is stored on the premises of the operation, can be legitimately used for parts, and is adequately screened.
- C. Construction and contractors equipment for use as parts for equipment and machinery used as part of an active, on-going contracting business legally operating in accord with the Township Zoning Ordinance, provided such equipment is stored on the premises of the operation, can be legitimately used for parts, and is adequately screened.

Junkyard: An area of land, with or without buildings, used for the storage, outside a completely enclosed building, of junk as defined by this Ordinance, with or without the dismantling, crushing, shredding, processing, salvage, sale or other use or disposition of the same. Vehicle and equipment sales operations managed by licensed vehicle dealers operated in accord with the this Ordinance shall not be considered junkyards. The following shall also be considered junkyards:

- A. The outside storage or deposit on a lot of three (3) or more abandoned or junked vehicles if not screened. (See definition of *screened*.)
- B. The outside storage or deposit on a lot of five (5) or more abandoned or junked vehicles if screened. (See definition of *screened*.)
- C. The outside storage or deposit on a lot of one (1) or more mobile/manufactured homes that are not in habitable condition.

kennel: Any establishment housing dogs, cats, or other household pets and where grooming, breeding, boarding, training, or selling of animals is conducted as a business. This definition shall also include any veterinary clinic with outdoor animal runs; and the keeping of four (4) or more dogs that are more than six (6) months of age.

Land Development: Any of the following activities:

- A. The improvement of one lot or two or more contiguous lots, tracts or parcels of land for any purpose involving:
 - 1. A group of two or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure; or
 - 2. The division or allocation of land or space, whether initially or cumulatively, between or among two (2) or more existing or prospective occupants by means of, or for the purpose of streets, common areas, leaseholds, condominiums, building groups or other features.
- B. A subdivision of land.

The definition of land development shall not include:

- A. The addition of an accessory building on a lot or lots subordinate to an existing principal building;
- B. The conversion of an existing single-family detached dwelling or a two-family dwelling into not more than three (3) residential dwelling units, unless such units are intended to be a condominium.

Landowner: The legal or beneficial owners of land, including the holder of an option or contract to purchase (whether or not such option or contract is subject to any condition), a lessee if he is authorized under the lease to exercise the rights of a landowner, or other persons having a proprietary interest in land, shall be deemed to be landowners for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Living Space: The sum of the areas of the several floors of a dwelling unit used for human occupancy and including finished basements and attics as measured from the interior faces of the walls. It does not include cellars, crawl spaces, unenclosed porches, attics not more than six (6) feet in height and not used for human occupancy, nor any floor space in an accessory building or in the main building intended or designed for the parking of motor vehicles in order to meet the parking requirements of this Ordinance.

Livestock Operation: The raising or keeping of livestock for any commercial purpose.

Livestock: Any animals raised or kept for any commercial purpose, including, but not limited to cattle, bison, sheep, goats, llamas, swine, fowl, rabbits, fish, insects and fur bearing animals.

Lot: A designated parcel, tract or area of land, regardless of size, established by a plat or other legal means, and intended for transfer of ownership, use, lease or improvements or for development, regardless of how or if it is conveyed.

Lot, Existing of Record: Any lot or parcel of property which was legally in existence and properly on file with the Wyoming County Recorder of Deeds prior to the effective date of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

Lot Area: The horizontal land area contained within the lot lines of a lot (measured in acres or square feet) determined by deducting the following areas of constrained land from the total lot size:

Lot, Corner: A lot situated at and abutting the intersection of two (2) streets having an interior angle of intersection not greater than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.

Lot Coverage: That portion or percentage of the lot area which is covered by buildings; paved and unpaved walkways, roads, driveways and parking areas; pavement; or other impervious surfaces.

Lot Depth: The average horizontal distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line.

Lot Line, Front: The line separating the lot from a street.

Lot Line, Rear: The lot line most distant from and most parallel to the front lot line.

Lot Line, Side: Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

Lot Width: The horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at the minimum prescribed front setback setback line, unless otherwise stated or as may be specified in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. In the event of a curved lot line, such lot width at the minimum prescribed front setback setback line shall be measured along the curve. Where buildings are permitted to be attached, the lot width shall be measured from the center of the party wall. Where a pie-shaped lot fronts upon a cul-de-sac, the minimum lot width may be reduced to seventy-five (75) percent of the width that would otherwise be required.

Major Mineral Extraction: The mining, removal or recovery by any means whatsoever (including, but not limited to open excavations and quarries, subsurface mining and oil and gas wells) of minerals as defined in this Article III and including the incidental screening, washing, crushing and grading of materials originating on the site. *Major mineral extraction* shall not include:

- A. The salvage removal of already quarried stone from existing quarries where no additional blasting, ripping or other mechanical operations are required.
- B. The extraction of minerals by a landowner for the landowner's noncommercial use from land owned or leased by the landowner.
- C. The extraction of sand, gravel, rock, stone, earth or fill from borrow pits for public road construction undertaken by a public entity or the extraction of minerals associated with a public construction contract.
- D. The handling, processing or storage of slag on the premises of a manufacturer as a part of the manufacturing process.
- E. The extraction, handling, processing or storing of minerals from a building construction excavation on the site of the construction if the minerals removed are incidental to the building construction excavation, regardless of the commercial value of the minerals. The minerals removed are incidental if the excavator demonstrates that:
 1. Extraction, handling, processing or storing are conducted concurrently with construction.
 2. The area mined is limited to the area necessary to construction.
 3. The construction is reasonably related to the use proposed for the site.

F. *Minor mineral extraction* as defined in this Article III.

Manufactured Home: A transportable, single-family dwelling intended for permanent occupancy, office or place of assembly, contained in one or more sections, which arrives at a site complete and ready for installation except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, and constructed so that it may be used with or without a permanent foundation; including, but not limited to mobile homes and modular homes and any such home subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.

Manufacturing, Light: Facilities involving generally unobtrusive processes not resulting in the storage of hazardous materials or the generation of hazardous waste products, or other environmentally regulated processes. Uses producing products predominately from previously prepared materials, finished products and parts, including, but not limited to, research, engineering or testing laboratories, assembly from components, fabrication of products, textile and clothing manufacturing, warehousing, distribution centers, furniture or other wood products production and the like, but excluding basic industrial processing.

Massage: The performance of manipulative exercises using the hands and/or a mechanical or bathing device on a person(s)'s skin other than the face or neck by another person(s) for a certain monetary compensation, and which does not involve persons who are related to each other by blood, adoption, marriage or official guardianship.

Massage Facility, Therapeutic: A service establishment that meets all of the following criteria:

- A. Massages are conducted (see definition); and,
- B. The person conducting the massage is licensed by the state as a health care professional or a therapeutic massage therapist, or is certified by a recognized therapeutic massage organization that requires substantial professional training.

Massage Parlor: An establishment that meets all of the following criteria:

- A. Massages are conducted (see definition);
- B. The person conducting the massage is not licensed by the state as a health care professional or a therapeutic massage therapist, or is not certified by a recognized therapeutic massage organization that requires substantial professional training;
- C. The massages are not conducted within a licensed hospital, nursing home, personal care center or office of a medical doctor, physical therapist, chiropractor, or other licensed practitioner;
- D. The use is not clearly a customary and incidental accessory use to a permitted exercise club or to a high school or college athletic program.

A *massage parlor* shall be considered an "adult business" for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.

Medical Clinic: An establishment where patients are admitted for examination and treatment by one or more physicians, dentists, psychologists or social workers and where patients are not usually overnight.

Menagerie: A collection of animals which are kept in cages or enclosures, inside a building or outdoors, for exhibition or educational purposes.

Mineral: Any aggregate or mass of mineral matter, whether or not coherent. The term includes, but is not limited to, limestone and dolomite, sand and gravel, rock and stone, earth, fill, slag, iron ore, zinc ore, vermiculite and clay, anthracite and bituminous coal, coal refuse, peat and crude oil and natural gas.

Mineral Depot: Any site, facility or operation with the primary use being the transfer of minerals from a railroad car or vehicle to another railroad car or vehicle for distribution, and/or the primary use being storage of minerals for distribution. This shall not include a *bulk fuel storage facility* or the storage or transfer of minerals incidental to another approved use.

Mineral Processing: The refinement of minerals to specifications for sale including, but not limited to, the crushing, screening, washing or grading of minerals; and the use of minerals in any manufacturing process such as, but not limited to, concrete or cement batching plants, asphalt plants and manufacture of concrete and clay products. It includes any processing site engaged in the extraction of natural gas liquids from field gas, fractionation of mixed natural gas liquids to natural gas products, or both, but not any process typically conducted at a *pipeline compressor station, metering station or operation/maintenance facility*.

Minor Mineral Extraction: The mining, removal or recovery by any means whatsoever (including, but not limited to open excavations and quarries, and subsurface mining) of minerals as defined in this Article III with an open face of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or less with a total disturbed area of less than two (2) acres on any one parcel over the life of the operation, and which do not involve on-site screening, washing, crushing and grading, and/or any mineral processing, do not exceed one-hundred eighty (180) days in duration, and reclamation of the entire site is completed within one (1) year of the issuance of a zoning use permit. No oil or gas well shall be considered *minor mineral extraction*.

Mobile Food Service Operation: The preparation/cooking, serving and/or sale of food conducted from a portable stand, vehicle or trailer. Examples are food trucks and hotdog stands/carts. Such operations conducted as a temporary event by a public use or a semi-public use are not included and vendors who travel from site to site (e.g., construction sites or manufacturing plants) selling exclusively to customers employed at the visited site are not included.

Mobile Home: A transportable, single family dwelling intended for permanent occupancy, office or place of assembly contained in one unit, or in two units designed to be joined into one integral unit capable of again being separated for repeated towing, which arrives at a site complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, and constructed so that it may be used without a permanent foundation, and which is subject to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations..

Mobile Home Lot: A parcel of land in a mobile home park, improved with the necessary utility connections and other appurtenances necessary for the erection thereon of a single mobile home, the said mobile home as defined by this Zoning Ordinance.

Mobile Home Park: A parcel or contiguous parcels of land which has been so designated and improved that it contains two (2) or more mobile home lots for the placement thereon of mobile homes, the said mobile homes as defined by this Zoning Ordinance.

Mobile Sales Operation: Sales from a portable stand, vehicle or trailer. Examples are flower and produce stands/carts. Such operations conducted as a temporary event by a public use or a semi-public use and vendors who travel from site to site (e.g., construction sites or manufacturing plants) selling exclusively to customers employed at the visited site are not included.

Model Home: A residential structure associated with a principal permitted commercial use and not intended for permanent occupancy; and used solely for demonstration purposes to inform potential purchasers of the types of homes available from the seller.

Motel: A facility offering temporary (generally for periods of two weeks or less) lodging accommodations to the general public, typically on the basis of daily or weekly rentals, with at least twenty-five (25) percent of the rooms having direct access to the outside.

Multi-Family Project: Any development of a single parcel of property that includes one (1) or more buildings containing three (3) or more dwelling units. Any residential development which proposes the construction of two (2) or more two-family dwellings on one (1) parcel of property shall also be considered a multi-family project. Two-family dwellings in a multi-family project shall be considered townhouses.

Multiple Occupant Commercial Building: A building containing two (2) or more independent, non-residential uses; such uses also being permitted in the District where the multiple occupant building is proposed.

Neighborhood: A development of five (5) to twenty-five (25) single-family, detached dwellings clustered in a concentrated area which is surrounded by open land or recreation area.

No-impact Home-based Business: A business or commercial activity administered or conducted as an accessory use which is clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling and which involves no customer, client or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian, pickup, delivery or removal functions to or from the premises, in excess of those normally associated with residential use. The business or commercial activity satisfies the following requirements as set forth in §107 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code:

- A. The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
- B. The businesses shall employ no other employees other than family members residing in the dwelling.
- C. There shall be no display or sale of retail goods and no stockpiling or inventory of a substantial nature.
- D. There shall be no outside appearance of a business use, including, but not limited to, parking, signs or lights.
- E. The business activity shall not use any equipment or process, which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, which is detectable in the neighborhood.
- F. The business activity shall not generate any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, which is not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood.
- G. The business activity shall be conducted only within the dwelling and shall not occupy more than twenty-five (25) percent of the habitable floor area.

NOTE: See §902 for additional definitions applicable to nonconformities.

Nonconforming Lot: Any lot which does not conform with the minimum width, depth and area dimensions specified for the district where such a lot is situated, such lot having been created and recorded in the office of the Wyoming County Recorder of Deeds prior to the effective date this Zoning Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced.

Nonconforming Structure: A structure or part of a structure which does not comply with the applicable district limitations on structure size and location on a lot, where such structure Ordinance fully existed prior to the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced; and including, but not limited to, non-conforming signs.

Nonconforming Use: A use, whether of land or of a structure, which does not comply with the applicable use provisions in this Ordinance or amendments hereto, where such use was Ordinance fully in existence prior to the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced.

Nude Model Studio: Any place where a person who appears in a state of nudity or displays *specified anatomical areas* is provided to be observed, sketched, drawn, painted, sculptured, photographed, or similarly depicted by other persons who pay money or any form of consideration. A *nude model studio* shall be considered an *adult business* for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.

Nudity or a State of Nudity: The showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering or any portion thereof below the top of the areolae.

Nursery, Commercial: A commercial operation where trees and shrubs are grown for transplanting, or for use as stocks for budding and grafting.

Nursing Home: A facility licensed by the State for the housing and intermediate or fully-skilled nursing care of three (3) or more persons needing such care because of old age or a physical illness or disability or a developmental disability. (See *health facility*.)

Obscene Materials: Any literature, book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, paper, comic book, drawing, photograph, figure, image, motion picture, sound recording, article, instrument or any other written or recorded matter which depicts or describes, any *specified sexual activities* and/or *specified anatomical areas*.

Offices: A building or part of a building used primarily for conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government, or like activity.

Off-Site Sewage Disposal: A sanitary sewage collection system in which sewage is carried from individuals lot or dwelling units by a system of pipes to a central treatment and disposal plant which may be publicly or privately owned and operated. A system designed to serve a two-family dwelling or two (2) dwelling units located on the same property or adjacent properties shall not be considered as off-site sewage and in such a case all development standards will apply the same for each dwelling or unit as any single family unit.

Off-Site Water Supply: A drinking water supply system in which drinking water is carried to individual lots or dwelling units by a system of pipes from a central supply which may be publicly or privately owned and operated.

Oil or Gas Well: A type of *major mineral extraction* involving a bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for producing, extracting or injecting any gas, petroleum or other liquid related to oil or gas production or storage, including brine disposal, but excluding bore holes drilled to produce potable water to be used as such. The term *well* does not include a bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for systems of monitoring, producing or extracting gas from solid waste disposal facilities, as long as the wells are subject to the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L. 380, No. 97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, and do not penetrate a workable coal seam.

On-Site Sewage Disposal: A single system of piping, tanks or other facilities serving only a single lot and disposing of sewage in whole or in part into the soil.

On-Site Water Supply: A single system of piping, tanks or other facilities serving only a single lot and providing drinking water.

Open Land or Open Space: That part of a particular development tract set aside for the protection of sensitive natural features, farmland, scenic views and other primary and secondary conservation areas identified by this Zoning Ordinance. Open land may be accessible to the residents of the development and/or the Township, or it may contain areas of farmland, forest land or estate lots which are not accessible to project residents or the public.

Outdoor Entertainment: Any commercial activity or activity where concerts, theater arts, movies or any other type of entertainment is provided outside a fully enclosed building.

Parcel: See *lot*.

Parking Area, Private: An open area for the same uses as a private garage.

Parking Area, Public: An open area, other than a street or other public way, used for the parking of automobiles and available to the public whether for a fee, free or as an accommodation for clients or customers.

Patio: An open recreational area or structure, constructed no higher than six (6) inches from the ground level and resting directly on the ground. It may be attached to or detached from the principal building and may be constructed using wood, masonry, pavement, stone, or other material suitable for that purpose.

Permanent Foundation: A foundation meeting the requirements of the PA Uniform Construction Code.

Permit: A document issued by the proper Township authority authorizing the applicant to undertake certain activities.

- A. Zoning Permit - A permit that may be issued indicating that a proposed use, building or structure is, to the best knowledge of the Township Staff, in accordance with this Ordinance and which authorizes an applicant to proceed with said use, building or structure, within all other applicable laws and regulations. For the purposes of this Ordinance, a zoning permit or *a permit under this Ordinance* shall mean the applicable portions of a construction permit, unless a specific system of zoning permits has been established.
- B. Construction or Building Permit - A permit indicating that a proposed construction, alteration, or reconstruction of a structure, is to the best knowledge of the Township Staff, in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code(s) adopted by the Township.
- C. Use Permit - A permit that may be required by the Township that is issued upon completion of the construction of a structure, or change in use of a structure or parcel of land, or re-occupancy of a structure or land indicating that the premises, to the best knowledge of the Building and Zoning Officers, comply with the provisions of Township Ordinances. This shall have the same meaning as a *Certificate of use and Occupancy*.

Personal Care Home or Center: A residential use providing residential and support services primarily to persons who are over age sixty (60), and/or physically handicapped and/or the developmentally disabled and that is licensed as

a Personal Care Center by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See *health facility*.

Pet: Domestic cats and domestic dogs, and other animals which are commonly kept primarily inside a dwelling unit for companionship or personal satisfaction (not for consumption or utilitarian use) such as parakeets, parrots and similar birds, ferrets, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters and similar rodents, nonpoisonous snakes, and fish. Pet does not include livestock, small animals and fowl, pot bellied pigs and miniature horses.

Pipeline - All parts of those facilities through which a hazardous liquid or gas moves in transportation, including, but not limited to, line pipe, valves, and other appurtenances connected to line pipe, pumping units, fabricated assemblies associated with pumping units, metering and delivery stations and fabricated assemblies therein, and breakout tanks. (Reference: Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, §192.3 and §195.2.)

Pipeline Compressor Station, Metering Station or Operation/Maintenance Facilities: A facility at which a petroleum product passing through a pipeline is pressurized by a turbine, motor, or engine, the volume of flow is measured or permanent facilities are installed for pipeline operation/maintenance and which compress, decompress, process, heat, alter or transform the pipeline product. The facility may contain some type of liquid separator consisting of scrubbers and filters that capture any liquids or other undesirable particles from the pipeline. The definition excludes pipeline valves, metering stations, pig launchers/receivers, and other components which are located within the pipeline right-of-way and do not compress, decompress, process, heat, alter or transform the pipeline product.

Place of Worship: Buildings, synagogues, churches, religious retreats, monasteries, seminaries and shrines used primarily for religious and/or spiritual worship and that are operated by a tax-exempt organization for nonprofit and noncommercial purposes. A place of worship may include two (2) dwelling units as an accessory use to house full-time religious leaders and their families. If a religious use is primarily residential in nature, it shall be regulated as the appropriate dwelling type; for example, a use involving multi-family dwellings shall be regulated as such in terms of district location, density and other design standards. (See also *semi-public buildings and uses*).

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission of Exeter Township.

Porch: An attached accessory roofed patio or deck. With the exception of the wall adjoining the principal structure, all walls must be open or screened with a wall no higher than four (4) feet above the floor level. A porch is considered an attached accessory structure and must meet those setback requirements for principal structures.

Power Plant - Any facility, including structures, machinery and associated equipment, which generates electric energy from another source of energy, such as nuclear reactions, hydroelectric dams, or natural gas or coal fired plants, the primary purpose of which is the commercial sale of the energy which is generated, excluding *solar power generation, commercial and wind energy facilities, commercial*.

Principal Building: The building in which the principal use of a lot is conducted. Any building that is physically attached to a principal building shall be considered part of that principal building.

Principal Use: A dominant use(s) or main use on a lot, as opposed to an accessory use.

Property Owners Association: A non-profit corporation organized by the developer or home owners for the purpose of establishing an association of all property owners in a private development which purposes shall include the ownership and maintenance of open space common areas and all development improvements.

Public Buildings and Uses: Any structure, building or use owned and operated by a government body or agency including such things as public schools, parks, civic centers, municipal buildings; but excluding solid waste disposal

facilities, institutional uses, nursing homes, hospitals and other use specifically defined by this Ordinance.

Public Hearing: A formal meeting held pursuant to public notice by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors, intended to inform and obtain public comment, prior to taking action in accord with Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

Public Meeting: A forum held pursuant to notice under the Act of July 3, 1986 (P.L. 388, No.84), known as the Sunshine Act.

Public Notice: Notice published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. Such notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the particular nature of the matter to be considered at the hearing. The first publication shall not be more than thirty (30) days and the second publication shall not be less than seven (7) days from the date of the hearing.

Race Track: A road course, either oval, circuitous or straight, where motor vehicles, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, go-carts, motorcycles, motor scooters, dune buggies, boats and the like, are driven for recreation, testing or competition; or any course where animals are raced for competition.

Recreation Area: A private or public space associated with a residential development, including accessory structures such as fences, backstops and bleachers, used for play and/or recreation by individuals.

Recreation Area, Active: A private or public space associated with a residential development, including accessory structures such as fences, backstops and bleachers and other equipment, used for play and/or recreation by individuals, and including, but not limited to, golf courses, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, baseball, football and soccer fields, and playgrounds.

Recreation Area, Passive: A private or public space associated with a residential development, not including any accessory structures used for inactive recreation by individuals, and including, but not limited to, trails, picnic areas, community gardens, and lawns.

Recreation Facility, Private: Outdoor or indoor areas or structures, operated by private non-profit or private commercial entities, open to the public, which may contain entertainment and amusement devices or attractions, including but not limited to picnic groves, animal farms, shooting ranges, zoological parks, tennis and racquetball courts, ski areas, miniature golf courses, golf driving ranges, and the like, but excluding golf courses, theaters, public parks and playgrounds.

Recreation Facility, Public: Parks, swimming pools, playgrounds, tennis courts, and other recreational facilities owned and operated by the Township, County, school district, state, or federal government. See *public buildings and uses*.

Recreation Vehicle: A vehicle with or without motor power which may be towed on the public highways by a passenger automobile or truck without a special hauling permit, or which may be driven under its own power. This definition includes, but is not limited to campers, travel trailers, buses, camping trailers, pick-up trucks with slide-in campers, recreational vehicle homes and motor homes.

Recreational Vehicle Park: See *campground and RV parks*.

Recyclables: Materials intended for reuse, remanufacture or reconstitution and including for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance only the following materials: aluminum beverage containers; glass beverage and food containers;

plastic beverage, food and household product containers but not including plastic film or bags; bi-metal food containers; newsprint, magazines, and office paper; and corrugated paper. Recyclables shall not include, except as specifically authorized by the Township, tires, large appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers, other scrap metal, used motor oil or any other material defined as *Junk* or *Solid Waste* by this Ordinance.

Recycling Facility: A center for the collection and/or processing of recyclable materials. A recycling facility does not include storage containers or processing activity located on the premises of a residential, commercial, or manufacturing use and used solely for the recycling of material generated by that residential property, business or manufacturer. Any facility accepting or processing waste or other discarded materials which are not recyclables as defined or authorized under this Ordinance shall be considered a junkyard or solid waste facility as regulated by this Ordinance.

Related or Relative: Persons who are related by blood, marriage, adoption of formal foster relationship to result in one of the following relationships: brother, sister, parent, child, grandparent, great-grandparent, grandchild, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law or first cousin. It shall not include relationships such as second, third or fourth cousins.

Residency, Long-Term: Occupancy of a dwelling, generally for periods of more than 180 days, as opposed to temporary visits to bed and breakfast establishments, motels, hotels, campgrounds and recreational vehicles, and which serves as the legal address for the occupant.

Resort Facilities: Any use and accessory uses such as recreational facilities, health spas, and restaurants, directly associated with the lodging of tourists in a building(s) with a total of six or more rooms, including hotels, motels, and seasonal cottages but not including bed and breakfast establishments, camp grounds, recreational vehicle parks or mobile home parks.

Restaurant, Drive-In: An establishment that sells ready-to-consume food or drink where at least a portion of patrons are served while the patrons remain in their motor vehicles.

Restaurant, Standard: An establishment that sells ready-to-consume food or drink and that routinely involves the consumption of at least a portion of such food on the premises. A standard restaurant may include the accessory sale of alcoholic beverages. However, if such sale is a primary or substantial portion of the total trade, the requirements of a *tavern* must be met.

Retail Business: An establishment engaged in selling goods or merchandise to the general public for personal or household consumption and rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods, and which is not otherwise listed as a use in the Schedule of Uses.

Right-of-Way: Land reserved for use as a street, drainage facility or other public or community use. A right-of-way shall not be considered as land area when computing lot size.

Satellite Dish Antenna or Satellite Antenna : A ground-based reflector, usually parabolic in shape, that receives electronic signals from a satellite. This term shall also include any pedestal or attached structure.

Sawmill: Any facility, including structures, machinery and associated equipment, where timber is sawed into boards. Any facility which includes the drying of boards in kilns or the fabrication of any product shall be considered *agricultural products processing*.

School, Public or Private Primary or Secondary School: - An educational institution primarily for persons between

the ages of five (5) and nineteen (19) that primarily provides State-required or largely State-funded educational programs. This term shall not include *trade schools* (such as privately operated schools of trade, vocation or business.) See *public and semi-public buildings and uses*.

Screened: Shielded or obscured from any adjoining or neighboring property, any public or private road right-of-way, or any other premises which is accomplished by fencing, topography, berms, natural and planted vegetation or other means approved by the Township.

Self-Storage Facility: A building or group of buildings containing separate, individual, and private storage spaces available for lease or rent for varying periods of time.

Semi-Public Building or Use: Buildings or uses operated by non-profit, community-based organizations for the general use of Township residents, including churches, fire houses, ambulance buildings, private schools, libraries and the like, but excluding institutional uses such as nursing homes, hospitals, sanitariums and clinics. It shall also include essential services and public utilities that require enclosure within any structure or building.

Service Establishment: Establishments engaged in providing services involving the care or needs of a person or his or her apparel such as cleaning and garment services, beauty and barber shops, shoe repair, dry cleaning and laundries, photographic studios, etc., and which is not otherwise listed as a use in the Schedule of Uses.

Service Pipeline - A distribution line that transports gas from a common source of supply to an individual customer, to two adjacent or adjoining residential or small commercial customers, or to multiple residential or small commercial customers served through a meter header or manifold. A service line ends at the outlet of the customer meter or at the connection to a customer's piping, whichever is further downstream, or at the connection to customer piping if there is no meter. (Reference: Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, §192.3.)

Setback: An open unoccupied space which shall extend the full depth or width of a lot and which shall not be occupied by any portion of any building. Front setbacks shall be measured from the edge of the highway right-of-way and other setbacks from property lines.

Sewage Disposal, Central: A sanitary sewage collection and treatment system meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in which sewage is carried from individual lots or dwelling units by a system of pipes to a central treatment and disposal facility or system which may be publicly or privately owned and operated, including sewage treatment plants, land application systems, and community sewage disposal systems. A system designed to serve a two-family dwelling or two (2) dwelling units located on the same property or adjacent properties shall not be considered as central sewerage for unit density determination, and in such a case all development standards, including but not limited to, unit densities, will apply the same for each dwelling or unit as any single-family unit.

Sewage Disposal, Community: A sanitary sewage collection and treatment system meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in which sewage is carried from individual lots or dwelling units by a system of pipes to a central treatment and disposal facility or system which may be publicly or privately owned and operated, and which is used to treat and dispose of domestic sewage into the soil (whether entirely in-ground or partially elevated) in accord with DEP Rules and Regulations.

Sewage Disposal, Individual System on Conservation Land: Any sewage disposal system (whether subsurface or above ground) used to treat and dispose of domestic sewage into the soil for an individual dwelling lot in accord with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations where the system is located on adjacent conservation land via a use and access easement.

Sewage Disposal, On-site: Any sewage disposal system (whether subsurface or above ground) used to treat and dispose of domestic sewage into the soil on an individual lot in accord with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations.

Sewage Treatment Plant: A sanitary sewage collection and treatment system meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in which sewage is carried from individual lots or dwelling units by a system of pipes to a central treatment and disposal facility or system which may be publicly or privately owned and operated, and which uses mechanical, biological and chemical processes to treat and dispose of domestic sewage in accord with DEP Rules and Regulations involving an effluent discharge to surface waters.

Sexual Encounter Center: A business or commercial enterprise that, as one of its primary business purposes, offers for any form of consideration:

- A. Physical contact in the form of wrestling or tumbling between persons of the opposite sex;
- B. Activities between male and female persons and/or persons of the same sex when one or more of the persons is in a state of nudity or semi-nude.

A sexual encounter center shall be considered an adult business for the purpose of this Ordinance.

Shed: An accessory structure, either attached or detached, used for the storage of tools, minor equipment, and materials.

Shopping Center or Mall: A group of commercial establishments planned, constructed and managed as a total entity with customer and employee parking provided on site, provision for goods delivery separated from customer access, aesthetic considerations and protection from the elements.

Shooting Preserve: Any area of land which is used for hunting of animals where a fee other consideration is charged.

Shooting Range, Indoor: Any fully enclosed building used for the discharge of any firearm for recreational or training purposes. Any such commercial operation, any such area operated by any private, non-profit entity, any community association, any such area operated by any sportsman's, recreation or fraternal club or association with twenty-five (25) or more members shall be considered an indoor shooting range for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance. See *recreation facility, private*.

Shooting Range, Commercial Outdoor: Any area operated for commercial purposes or by an organization or non-profit entity not within a fully enclosed building used for the discharge of any firearm for recreational or training purposes, including but not limited to, shooting preserves, target shooting ranges, skeet and trap shooting ranges and courses, and sporting clay shooting operations.

Sign: See Article XI.

Slaughter House: A use involving the killing of animals for the production of food or some other commercial product. A commercial stockyard or similar facility that primarily involves the bulk storage or transferring of animals on the way to slaughter shall also be considered a slaughter house. This shall not include a custom butcher shop that does not involve killing of animals (which is a retail sales use.)

Solar Collector: A freestanding or fixed device, or combination of devices, structures, or part of a device or structure

that transforms direct solar energy into thermal, chemical, or electrical energy.

Solar Collector, Accessory: A freestanding or fixed device, or combination of devices, structures, or part of a device or structure that transforms direct solar energy into thermal, chemical, or electrical energy that contributes significantly to a structure's energy supply and which is sized and intended to be used to generate electricity for the principal structure to which it is accessory.

Solar Energy Storage Facility: Equipment consisting of containers, heat exchangers, piping, and other transfer mechanisms (including fluids, gases, or solids), controls, and related structural support for transporting and storing collected energy (from solar energy systems), including structural elements designed for use in passive solar energy systems.

Solar Power Generation, Commercial: A facility where one (1) or more solar collectors and/or other accessory structures and buildings, including substations, meteorological towers, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines and other appurtenant structures and facilities are located and are used for the generation of electricity which is sold on the open market.

Solid Waste or Waste: Any garbage, refuse, industrial, lunchroom or office waste or other material including solid, liquid, semi-solid or contained gaseous material, resulting from the operation of residential, municipal, commercial or institutional establishments and from community activities. The term shall also include any garbage, refuse, other discarded material or other waste. Including solid, liquid, semi-solid or containing gaseous materials resulting from industrial, mining, agricultural operations, local facilities or any other by-product or effluent from an industrial, mining or agricultural water supply treatment facility, waste water treatment facility or air pollution control facility or any other material defined by the PA DEP as solid, liquid, municipal, medical, industrial, toxic or hazardous waste.

Solid Waste Facility, Commercial: Any facility or operation of a private individual or firm pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governing the management and disposal of solid waste including, but not limited to, liquid, solid, toxic, hazardous and medical waste; and, including but not limited to, transfer stations, solid waste landfills, incinerators, medical waste disposal facilities, hazardous waste disposal facilities and radioactive waste disposal facilities.

Solid Waste Facility, Public: Any facility or operation of a public entity pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governing the management and disposal of solid waste including, but not limited to, liquid, solid, toxic, hazardous and medical waste; and, including but not limited to, transfer stations, solid waste landfills, incinerators, medical waste disposal facilities, hazardous waste disposal facilities and radioactive waste disposal facilities.

Solid Waste Staging Area: Any parcel of property used for the transfer of solid waste from one vehicle to another vehicle, at a location other than the generation site, for transport to a solid waste facility; or which is used for the parking or storage of vehicles and/or containers used to transport solid waste; and which is not regulated by the PA DEP as a solid waste transfer facility.

Special Exception: A use allowed, with permission granted by the Zoning Hearing Board, to occupy and use land and/or a building for specific purposes in accord with this Ordinance.

Specialty Shops: Establishments primarily engaged in providing services involving the care of a person or his or her apparel or specializing in a specific type or class of foods such as a bakery, butcher shop, fish store or similar shops.

Specified Anatomical Areas: Any of the following:

- A. Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areolae.
- B. Human male genitals in a discernable turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

Specified Sexual Activities: Any of the following:

- A. The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breasts.
- B. Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy.
- C. Masturbation, actual or simulated.
- D. Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in §§A, §§B and §§C of this definition.

Stable, Commercial: A structure or land where horses are kept for remuneration, hire, sale, boarding, riding or show, and which includes the commercial hire of horses to the general public for riding or other purposes.

Stable, Private: An accessory structure or use of land where horses are kept for the sole use of the residents of the principal structure, and which includes no remuneration, hire, boarding or other commercial use.

Staging Areas for Equipment/Materials: Any area where equipment, vehicles, supplies and/or other material are assembled or stored for the support of another operation or use located at a different site.

Storage Yard For Forest Products and Minerals: An area, not on the same parcel where the products are initially harvested or gathered, to which trees, forest products, flag stone, landscaping stone, wall stone or other minerals are hauled and stored, and which does not involve: any land development, the operation of a sawmill, the operation of any other wood manufacturing business, the operation of any natural resources processing, or firewood processing.

Story: The space between the surface of two successive floors in a building or between the top floor and the ceiling or underside of the roof framing.

Street: A public or private thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting property, including avenue, place, way, drive, lane, boulevard, highway, road and any other thoroughfare except an alley. Public rights-of-way shall be those open to the general use of the public, not necessarily publicly dedicated.

Structure: A combination of materials to form a construction for use, occupancy, or ornamentation whether installed on, above, or below the surface of land or water.

Structure, Permanent: Anything constructed, the use of which requires permanent location on the ground, or attachment to something having a permanent location on the ground.

Structure, Portable: Anything constructed that is not permanently affixed to the ground but is designed to be moved from place to place.

Structural Alteration: Any change in the structural members of a building, such as walls, columns, beams or girders, or any addition to any structure.

Subdivision: The division or redivision of a lot, tract, or parcel of land by any means into two (2) or more lots, tracts, parcels or other divisions of land including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, partition by the court for distribution to heirs or devisees, transfer of ownership or building or lot development: Provided however, that the subdivision by lease of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten (10) acres, not involving any new street or easement of access or any residential dwelling, shall be exempted.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance: The subdivision and land development ordinance which is applicable to Exeter Township.

Tavern: A place where alcoholic beverages are served as a primary or substantial portion of the total trade and where the sale of food may also occur. (See also the definition of *restaurant*.)

Theater: A building or part of a building devoted to the showing of motion pictures or theatrical or performing arts productions as a principal use, but not including an outdoor drive-in theater or adult movie theater.

Township: Exeter Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania.

Tract: See definition of *lot*.

Trade School: A facility that is primarily intended for education of a work-related skill or craft or a hobby and that does not primarily provide State-required education to persons under age sixteen (16).

Trip Ends: The total of trips entering and leaving a specific land use or site over a designated period time.

Truck Terminal: A terminating point where goods are transferred from a truck to a storage area or to other trucks, or picked up by other forms of transportation.

Use: The specific purpose for which land or a building is designed, arranged, intended, or for which it is or may be occupied or maintained. The term *permitted use* or its equivalent shall not be deemed to include any non-conforming use.

Variance: Relief granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and Articles VI and IX of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

Vehicle - Any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway or upon any land, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, vans, buses, utility trailers, tractors, truck tractors, recreational vehicles, motor homes, travel trailers, motorcycles, snowmobiles, machinery, trailers, farm machinery and implements, and other wheeled equipment; boats; and aircraft.

Vehicle and Equipment Rental Operation: An establishment which rents vehicles and/or equipment to the general public, and which may or may not include the repair of the vehicles and equipment which is for rent. Equipment rental operations conducted entirely within an enclosed building shall be considered Retail business for the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.

Vehicle or Equipment Repair Operation: An establishment engaged in the service and/or repair of any motor vehicle as its principal use, including but not limited to auto body shops, repair garages, truck repair garages and agriculture equipment repair.

Vehicle and Equipment Sales Operation: The use of any building, land area or other premise for the display and sale of new and used automobiles of operable condition; panel trucks or vans; mobile homes or trailers; recreation vehicles; or farm or construction equipment including any warranty repair work and other repair service as an accessory use. No business or facility which generates less than fifty (50) percent of its gross sales from the actual sale of new or used vehicles or equipment of the type herein described (excluding parts and repairs) shall be considered a vehicle and equipment sales operation.

Veterinary Clinic: A place where animals or pets are given medical or surgical treatment and the keeping of animals is limited to short-term care incidental to the clinic use and no outdoor kennels or pens are on the premises.

Warehouse: Terminal facilities operated for a specific commercial establishment or group of establishments in a particular industrial or economic field and used for the storage of goods and materials.

Water Extraction And Bottling: Any use which involves the pumping or removal of water from groundwater sources, with or without bottling, for retail or wholesale sale. *Water extraction and bottling* shall be considered *manufacturing, light* for the purposes of regulation by this Ordinance.

Water Supply, Central: A public or private utility system designed to supply and transmit drinking water from a common source to two or more dwelling units or uses in compliance with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Water Supply, Individual System on Conservation Land: A system for supplying and transmitting drinking water to a single dwelling or other use from a source located on adjacent conservation land via a use and access easement, and in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection if such compliance is required.

Water Supply, On-site: A system for supplying and transmitting drinking water to a single dwelling or other use from a source located on the same lot, and in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection if such compliance is required.

Water Supply, Shared: A system for supplying and transmitting drinking water to a minor (residential) land development, or to a non-residential land development with more than one (1) principal structure, in compliance with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regulations, if such compliance is required. (Note: Any water system serving two (2) or more lots shall be considered a central water supply.)

Water Withdrawal Facility: A facility adjacent to a water body or stream that typically contains a submerged suction line, pumps, water main, multiple hydrants, truck loading and staging area, and water storage tanks, and which stores water on a temporary basis that is intended to be transported by vehicle for use at another site.

Well Pad: The area used for development and production of an oil or gas well including buildings, structures, parking and storage areas and all associated disturbed areas and all activities associated with an oil or gas well after drilling activities are complete.

Wetland: Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, including swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, and similar areas, and defined as such by the Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands.

Wholesale Business: Establishments or places of business primarily engaged in selling merchandise to retailers; to industrial, commercial, institutional, or professional business users, or to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or

brokers and buying merchandise for, or selling merchandise to, such individuals or companies.

Wild or Exotic Animal: Any species of animal whose natural or usual habitat within Pennsylvania is either in the wild or in a zoo, as opposed to a domesticated environment, regardless of whether such animal poses an actual or apparent threat to persons, other animals or property.

Wind Energy Facility, Commercial: A facility where one (1) or more wind turbines and other accessory structures and buildings, including substations, meteorological towers, electrical infrastructure, transmission lines and other appurtenant structures and facilities are located and are used for the generation of electricity which is used on-site for commercial purposes or which is sold on the open market. A wind turbine accessory to a principal structure which is sized and intended to be used to generate electricity primarily for the principal structure to which it is accessory shall not be considered a *wind energy facility*.

Wind Turbine Generator, Accessory: A wind energy conversion system that converts wind energy into electricity through the use of a wind turbine generator, and includes the nacelle, rotor, tower, and pad transformer, if any, and which is sized and intended to be used to generate electricity primarily for the principal structure to which it is accessory.

Yard: See *setback*

Yard Sale: Any offering for sale to the public of used and accumulated normal household and other personal items conducted on a temporary, intermittent basis as an accessory use to a residential dwelling. The buying and selling of new or used items or surplus material shall be considered a commercial operation and shall be prohibited, except as otherwise permitted and regulated by this Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Map: The Official Zoning Map of Exeter Township.

Zoning Officer: The administrative officer charged with the duty of enforcing the provision of this Zoning Ordinance.

Zoo: A collection of animals which are maintained in a park by an educational, nonprofit or governmental corporation.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS

401 Designation of Districts

401.1 Designation

For the purposes of this Ordinance, Exeter Township is hereby divided into the following Zoning Districts:

- R Residential District
- RA Rural Agricultural District
- C Commercial District
- SR Susquehanna River District

401.2 Intent

The intent of each District and the uses permitted in each District are set forth on the District Use Schedules contained in §404 of this Ordinance or in the specific sections establishing any overlay district. Bulk and density standards for each District are set forth on the Schedule of Development Standards contained in §404 of this Ordinance.

401.3 Floodplain Overlay District

The Floodplain Overlay District is hereby created to be coterminous with the areas which are subject to the one hundred (100) year flood, as identified in the most current *Flood Insurance Study* and the accompanying *FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map* issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition to all other applicable standards of this Zoning Ordinance the floodplain regulations in the Township Floodplain Ordinance shall apply in the Floodplain Overlay District.

401.4 Optional Conservation Subdivision Design Overlay District -- Developer's Option

The Optional Conservation Subdivision Design Overlay District is hereby created to promote the conservation of open lands in the Township. Based on the request of the Developer, the District shall apply to all areas of the Township in Districts where residential development is permitted, and in addition to all the applicable standards of this Zoning Ordinance, the requirements of §601 of this Zoning Ordinance shall apply.

402 Official Zoning Map

The location and boundaries of said districts are hereby established as shown on the Official Zoning Map of Exeter Township; which is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Ordinance together with all amendments thereto.

403 District Boundaries

403.1 Establishment

District boundary lines are intended to follow or be parallel to the center line of streets, streams and railroads, and lot or property lines as they exist on a recorded deed or plan of record in the Wyoming County Recorder of Deed's Office and on the Wyoming County Tax Maps at the time of the enactment of this Ordinance, unless such district boundary lines are fixed by dimensions or otherwise as shown on the Official Zoning Map.

403.2 Interpretation

Where district boundaries are indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets or highways, street lines, or highway right-of-way lines, such center lines, street lines, or highway right-of-way lines shall be construed to be such boundaries. Where district boundaries are so indicated that they approximately follow the lot lines, such

lot lines shall be construed to be said boundaries. Where district boundaries are so indicated that they are approximately parallel to the center lines or street lines of streets, or the center lines or right-of-way lines of highways, such district boundaries shall be construed as being parallel thereto and at such distance therefrom as indicated on the Official Zoning Map. If no distance is given, such dimensions shall be determined by the use of the scale shown on the Official Zoning Map. Where the boundary of a district follows a railroad line, such boundary shall be deemed to be located in the middle of the main tracks of said railroad line.

403.3 Uncertainty

In the event of uncertainty as to the true location of a district boundary line in a particular instance, the Zoning Officer is authorized to determine the correct district boundary in accord with the guidelines of this Zoning Ordinance. Any decision of the Zoning Officer may be appealed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

404 District Regulations

District regulations are of two types, Use Regulations and Development Standards, which shall apply to any proposed new use, expansion of an existing use or change of use of any land or structure.

404.1 Use Regulations

District Use Regulations are provided in the following Schedule of Uses.

- A. Principal Permitted Uses and Accessory Uses - Permits for principal permitted uses and accessory uses shall be issued by the Zoning Officer provided such uses comply with the standards in this Ordinance.
- B. Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions - Conditional uses and special exceptions are permitted uses which require individual consideration because of their special characteristics and are referred to the Planning Commission for review and preparation of a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and Zoning Hearing Board, respectively. Following a public hearing, and based on the determination if the proposed use meets the standards of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors for conditional uses and the Zoning Hearing Board for special exceptions approve or deny the application, and if approved may attached conditions of approval.
- C. Use Must be Listed - No land and no structure in a particular zoning district shall be used for any use which is not specifically listed on the Schedule of Uses for that particular district, and only in accord with all other requirements of this Ordinance. In other words, any use not specifically permitted by this Ordinance within a Zoning District shall be deemed to be prohibited within that Zoning District. If a use which could be included in a more general use is listed as a separate use in any District Schedule of Uses , such use shall be permitted only in the district where it is specifically listed. Larger lot sizes, greater setbacks, buffers and other more restrictive standards may be required by other provisions of this Ordinance. In cases where this Ordinance provides different requirements for the same use, the most restrictive requirement shall apply.

404.2 Uses Not Specified in Schedule of Uses

- A. Jurisdiction - Whenever a use is neither specifically permitted nor specifically denied in any zoning district established under this Ordinance and an application is made to the Zoning Officer for such use, the application shall be submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board which shall have the authority to permit the use or deny the use as a special exception.
- B. Findings - The use may be permitted only if the Zoning Hearing Board makes all of the following findings; and, the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant:
 - 1. The use is similar to and compatible with the uses listed for the subject zoning district by the Schedule of Use Regulations.

2. The use in no way conflicts with the intent of the zoning district and the general purpose and intent of this Zoning Ordinance.
 3. The use is not permitted in any other zoning district.
- C. Planning Commission Review - At the time the application is submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board, the Zoning Officer shall also provide a copy to the Township Planning Commission for its recommendation. The Zoning Hearing Board shall not conduct a public hearing on the application until the comments from the Planning Commission are received or thirty (30) days have passed from the time the application was referred to the Planning Commission.
- D. Conditions - The Zoning Hearing Board may attach reasonable conditions and safeguards to any special exception approval granted for a use not specified in the Schedule of Uses, incorporating standards in this Zoning Ordinance for similar uses in the district and such other conditions as the Zoning Hearing Board may deem necessary to protect and promote the public health, safety, morals and welfare and to implement the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

404.3 Development Standards

The Schedule of Development Standards which follows establishes minimum standards for lot area; lot depth, average lot width and front, side and rear setbacks; and establishes maximum standards for building height and lot coverage. The standards also establish specific standards and criteria that apply to the use as may be appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Larger lot sizes, increased setbacks and other more restrictive standards may be required in accord with other Ordinance sections.

ACCESSORY USES IN ALL DISTRICTS -- SCHEDULE OF USES (Zoning Officer)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessory uses customary to approved uses - Barns, silos, sheds, and similar agricultural buildings - Day care, adult and child as a home occupation - Essential services - Home gardens and home nurseries - Home greenhouses - Home occupations per §503.3A(13)* - No-impact home-based businesses - Pets, keeping of - Private garages, carports, sheds - Private swimming pools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreational vehicles, accessory per §503.16 - Required parking areas - Signs accessory to approved uses - Satellite dish antennae - Solar collectors, accessory - Stables, private in association with a single-family detached dwelling - Wind turbine generators, accessory - Yard sales <p>*See §503.3A(14) which classifies certain home occupations as special exceptions.</p>
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R - RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT -- SCHEDULE OF USES

<p>INTENT: To provide areas adequate to accommodate the Township’s single-family housing needs and recognize existing residential communities. To limit unnecessary intrusions of incompatible uses which might pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of families and individuals occupying said housing, and to allow certain public and semi-public uses compatible with residential neighborhoods.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES (Zoning Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crop production - Forestry enterprises - Retail sales of agricultural / forestry products produced and/or processed on the premises - Retail sales limited to 1,000 sq. ft. of agricultural / forestry related products and produce in association with an active agriculture / forestry use - Single-family detached dwellings - Township buildings and uses - Two-family dwellings <hr/> <p>NOTE: Uses not specifically listed by this schedule shall not be permitted in the R District except as approved in accord with §404.2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (Planning Commission / Zoning Hearing Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bed and breakfast establishments - Day care, adult - Day care, child - Group homes - Places of worship - Public and semi-public buildings and uses - Public parks and playgrounds - Recreational facilities, public - Schools, public or private primary or secondary - Stables, private, in association with a single-family detached dwelling <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CONDITIONAL USES (Planning Commission / Board of Supervisors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None

RA - RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT -- SCHEDULE OF USES

INTENT: To permit, protect and encourage the continued use of land for agriculture and forestry enterprises, while concurrently allowing residential development, limited recreational uses and certain institutional uses. A number of other commercial uses are permitted as conditional uses or special exceptions in accord with performance standards.

<p style="text-align: center;">PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES (Zoning Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural products processing only for products - Art studios - Commercial greenhouses and nurseries - Crop production - Forestry enterprises - Livestock operations - Minor mineral extraction - Public parks and playgrounds - Retail sales of agricultural / forestry products produced and/or processed on the premises - Retail sales limited to 1,000 sq. ft. of agricultural / forestry related products and produce in association with an active agriculture / forestry use - Single-family detached dwellings - Township buildings and uses - Two-family dwellings <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CONDITIONAL USES (Planning Commission / Board of Supervisors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks - Commercial communication device sites - Concentrated animal feeding operations - Explosives plants or storage facilities - Fireworks plants or storage facilities - Industrial wastewater treatment facilities - Major mineral extraction - Menageries - Mineral depots - Mineral processing - Mobile home parks - Multi-family dwellings - Oil and gas wells - Pipeline compressor stations, metering stations or operation/maintenance facilities - Shooting ranges, outdoor commercial - Solar power generation, commercial - Solid waste facilities and staging areas - Water withdrawal facilities - Wind energy facilities - Zoos 	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (Planning Commission / Zoning Hearing Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aircraft sales, repair or modification - Animal shelters - Airports, private and public - Archery ranges, outdoor - Bed and breakfast establishments - Cemeteries - Colleges and universities - Contractor yards and staging areas - Day care, adult - Day care, child - Group homes - Health facilities - Home based businesses - Home occupations per §503.3A(14)* - Kennels - Nursing homes - Places of worship - Public and semi-public buildings and uses - Race tracks - Recreational facilities, commercial - Sawmills - Schools, public or private primary or secondary - Solar power generation, commercial - Stables, commercial, and horses for hire - Storage yards for forest products and minerals - Veterinary clinics - Water withdrawal facilities <p>*See Accessory Uses Schedule for home occupations per §503.3A(13)</p> <hr/> <p>NOTE: Uses not specifically listed by this schedule shall not be permitted in the RA District except as approved in accord with §404.2.</p>
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C - COMMERCIAL DISTRICT -- SCHEDULE OF USES

INTENT: To provide for the development of all types of commercial trades and service activities and light manufacturing in areas close to major highways.

<p style="text-align: center;">PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES (Zoning Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Automobile rental operation, accessory - Art studios - Banks - Banquet halls - Bed and breakfast establishments - Boarding and lodging houses - Contractor yards - Clubs/lodges, private - Crop production - Day care, adult and child - Exercise clubs - Forestry enterprises - Hotels - Medical clinics - Minor mineral extraction - Motels - Multi-family dwellings - Nursing homes - Office buildings - Places of worship - Professional offices - Public and semi-public buildings and uses - Public parks and playgrounds - Recreational facilities, commercial - Recycling collection facilities, large and small - Recycling units, mobile - Restaurants, traditional - Retail businesses - Retail home heating fuel distributors - Schools, public or private primary or secondary - Self-storage facilities - Service establishments - Single-family dwellings - Storage yards for forest products and minerals - Taverns - Theaters, indoor - Township buildings and uses - Trade schools - Two-family dwellings - Vehicle or equipment repair operation - Vehicle or equipment sales or rental operations - Veterinary clinics - Wholesale businesses 	<p style="text-align: center;">CONDITIONAL USES (Planning Commission /Board of Supervisors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult businesses - Abused person shelters - Betting uses - Bus terminals - Commercial communication device sites - Homeless shelters - Industrial wastewater treatment facilities - Junkyards - Oil and gas wells - Pipeline compressor stations, metering stations or operation/maintenance facilities - Restaurants, drive-in - Shopping centers and malls - Warehouses <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (Planning Commission / Zoning Hearing Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amusement arcades - Animal hospitals - Bulk fuel storage - Car and truck washes - Convenience stores - Correctional facilities - Crematoria - Funeral homes - Group quarters - Health facilities - Heliports, accessory - Heliports, commercial - Home based businesses - Home occupations per §503.3A(14)* - Indoor shooting ranges - Kennels and pounds - Manufacturing, light - Manufacturing and industry - Mobile and manufactured home sales - Mobile food service operations - Mobile sales operations - Outdoor entertainment - Recyclable processing facilities - Slaughter houses - Staging areas for equipment/material - Truck terminals / distribution facilities
<p>NOTE: Uses not specifically listed by this schedule shall not be permitted in the C District except as approved in accord with §404.2.</p>	<p>*See Accessory Uses Schedule for home occupations per §503.3A(13)</p>

SR - SUSQUEHANNA RIVER DISTRICT -- SCHEDULE OF USES

<p>INTENT: To afford protection to the Susquehanna River and preclude any uses not related to the recreational use of the River unless approved by a governing state or federal agency.</p>	
<p>NOTE: The SR District is delineated as the area between the Township boundary and the top of bank of the River.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES (Zoning Officer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor recreation uses in accord with the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and other governing agencies - Water withdrawal and wastewater discharges structures, and other similar uses meeting all state and federal requirements 	<p style="text-align: center;">CONDITIONAL USES (Planning Commission / Supervisors)</p> <p>- none</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS (Planning Commission / ZHB)</p> <p>- none</p> <hr/> <p>NOTE: Uses not specifically listed by this schedule shall not be permitted in the SR District except as approved in accord with §404.2.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ACCESSORY USES (Zoning Officer)</p> <p>- none</p>	

SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS			
STANDARDS	ZONING DISTRICT		
	R	RA	C
minimum lot size	20,000 sq ft	20,000 sq ft	15,000 sq ft
minimum lot width	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft
minimum lot depth	200 ft	200 ft	100 ft
minimum setbacks ¹			
- front	35 ft	35 ft	15 ft
- each side ²	20 ft	20 ft	15 ft
- rear	35 ft	35 ft	15 ft
maximum building height ¹			
- principal structures	35 ft	35 ft	40 ft
- accessory structures	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft
maximum impervious coverage of lot	40 %	40 %	75 %
<p>1. For public and semi-public buildings, and other nonresidential uses the minimum front, rear and side setbacks shall be increased by one (1) foot for each one (1) foot by which such building exceeds the height limit for the District in which it is located. However, in no case shall any building exceed a height of fifty (50) feet.</p> <p>2. On nonconforming lots, each side setback of a single-family dwelling or a two-family dwelling may be reduced to a minimum of ten (10) feet.</p>			

ARTICLE V
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

500 Introduction

The standards that follow shall be applied to the specific situations indicated and are intended to supplement the standards in Article IV. Standards contained in a specific section regulating a specific use shall not exempt said use from other applicable regulations contained in this Ordinance.

501 Deviations From Required Sizes

No part of any structure, whether attached to the principal structure or not; including but not limited to, porches, carports, decks, balconies, chimneys, bay windows or overhangs shall project into any required setback area. No lot, setback area, or other space shall be so reduced in area or dimension as to make it less than the minimum required by this Ordinance except as follows:

501.1 Nonconforming Lots of Record

See §911 of this Zoning Ordinance.

501.2 Reserved

501.3 Dwelling Front Setback Area Exception

Where a vacant lot exists between two (2) improved lots, each of which has a dwelling within twenty-five (25) feet of the property line separating the parcels, a dwelling may be erected on the vacant lot with a front setback not less than the greater front setback of the two (2) adjoining buildings. However, the front setback shall not in any case be reduced to less than fifteen (15) feet.

501.4 Height Limitations

Unless otherwise regulated by this Ordinance, height regulations shall not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, not used for human occupancy, nor to chimneys, ventilators, monuments, water towers, masts and aerials, television antennae, public utility structures that are not buildings, silos, chimneys, ventilators, and parapet walls extending not more than four (4) feet above the regulated height of the building, skylights, bulkheads, and ornamental or necessary mechanical appurtenances. Any such structure which exceeds a height of fifty (50) feet shall be considered a special exception and increased setbacks may be required.

501.5 Reserved

501.6 Projections Into Setbacks (See §503.1 for accessory structures.)

Projections into required setbacks shall be permitted provided that no such projection exceeds three (3) feet into any required side or rear setback and ten (10) feet into any required front setback. Projections permitted are as follows: cornices, canopies, eaves, or other architectural features not required for structural support, fire escapes, balconies, bay windows, and chimneys.

501.7 Reduction of Required Area or Space

The area or dimension of any existing lot, setback, parking area or other space shall not be reduced to less than the minimum required by this Ordinance.

501.8 Lot Width Reduction

In the case of irregularly shaped lots, the minimum width of the rear property line may be reduced to not less than fifty (50) percent of the minimum lot width requirement, provided the front property line meets minimum lot width requirements and the lot meets minimum lot area requirements.

502 Unique Lots, Setbacks and Building Locations**502.1 Two or More Uses on a Lot**

- A. Development Standards - Two (2) or more principal buildings or uses located on a parcel in single ownership shall conform to all the requirements of this Ordinance which would normally apply to each building or use if each were on a separate district lot, including but not limited to setbacks, parking, lot coverage, and sewage disposal requirements.
- B. Residential Density - For the purposes of density of residential structures, lot size shall be increased to maintain the density required by this Ordinance. For example, the parcel size required for three (3) single-family dwellings on one parcel would be determined by multiplying the minimum lot size for one (1) dwelling by a factor of three (3).
- C. Non-Residential Uses - In the case of non-residential uses, there shall be no limit on the number of uses or structures on a single parcel provided all other standards of this Ordinance are satisfied. This shall not apply to adult businesses, junkyards, natural resource uses, solid waste facilities, or other uses with a special size requirement listed in this Ordinance, in which case the parcel size shall be increased to provide for the minimum land area for each use on the parcel.
- D. Residential and Non-Residential on the Same Lot
1. R Districts - Residential dwellings provided for in the District by the Schedule of Uses shall be permitted on the same lot as a permitted non-residential use provided the lot is of sufficient size to meet the residential unit density required by this Ordinance in addition to the land area needed to meet the density requirement for the non-residential use.
 2. RA and C Districts - One residential unit per property shall be permitted in association with a non-residential use(s) without an increase in the minimum lot size requirement provided said unit is attached to and is an integral part of the principal non-residential structure. The residential unit shall be occupied only by the owner or employee of the non-residential use(s). Any additional residential dwelling units, if provided for in the District by the Schedule of Uses, shall be permitted on the same lot as a non-residential use only if the lot is of sufficient size to meet the residential unit density required by this Zoning Ordinance in addition to the land area needed to meet the density requirement for the non-residential use.
- E. Structure Separation - Principal structures located on the same lot shall be separated by a distance at least equal to the height of the highest adjoining structure, but in no case less than twenty (20) feet. (See §503.1 for accessory structures.)

502.2 Street Frontage / Front Setbacks

A principal building shall be permitted only upon a lot with frontage on a public or private road right-of-way. Each setback of a lot which abuts a street shall be equal in size to the front setback required for the district. Any other setbacks may be considered side setbacks.

502.3 Clear View At Street Intersections

Visual obstructions at street intersection including, but not limited to, structures, opaque fences, vegetation and signs, (excluding an existing building, post, public utility structures, column or deciduous tree) thirty (30) inches in height shall be prohibited on any lot within the triangle formed by the street right-of-way lines and a line drawn between points along the street right-of-way lines thirty (30) feet distant from their points of intersection. More

restrictive standards shall be required in cases where intersection alignment, topography or other circumstances dictate same to maintain adequate clear view.

502.4 Setbacks Along Private Rights-of-Way

In cases where a private access right-of-way crosses a lot, the setback from the right-of-way shall comply with the side setback required for the district. This shall not apply to a right-of-way for a private street in a duly recorded subdivision in which case the required front setback shall apply.

502.5 Front Setback Storage

No required front setbacks shall be used for open storage of boats, vehicles, or any other equipment except for vehicular parking on driveways.

503 Accessory Structures and Uses

503.1 Accessory Structures

All accessory structures shall conform to the minimum regulations established in Article IV except as permitted below.

- A. Unattached Accessory Structures - All unattached accessory structures shall comply with setback requirements for principal structures. However, accessory structures which are not attached to a principal structure and do not exceed ten (10) feet in height and one-hundred and forty-four (144) square feet in total floor area may be erected within the required side and rear setback areas of a principal structure, provided that no side or rear setback is reduced to less than ten (10) feet. In the case of corner lots, the full setback as specified in §502.2 shall be maintained. In addition, no accessory structure shall be erected within fifty (50) feet of any body of water.
- B. Attached Accessory Structures - An accessory structure attached to a principal building shall be considered to be a part of the principal building and shall conform to the setbacks for principal structures.
- C. Containers, Truck Trailers, Vehicles
 - 1. Sea containers, storage containers, truck trailers, vehicles and similar objects located on a lot for more than thirty (30) days shall only be permitted in the RA District and C District and shall be considered an accessory structure.
 - 2. All such objects shall be screened in accord with §701 and shall be maintained in good condition.

503.2 Fences and Walls

Fences may be erected, altered or reconstructed in accordance with all other provisions of this Ordinance:

- A. Fences running parallel to the front property line may be erected, altered or reconstructed to a height not to exceed four (4) feet above ground level when located within twenty-five (25) feet of the street line in a R District.
- B. Fences running parallel to the front property line may be erected, altered or reconstructed to a height not to exceed seven (7) feet above ground level when located within twenty-five (25) feet from the street line when in a Commercial District..
- C. All fences must be erected within the property lines, and no fence shall be erected so as to encroach upon a public right-of-way.

- D. All fences shall be maintained in a safe, sound and upright condition
- E. If the Zoning Officer, upon inspection, determines that any fence, or portion of any fence, is not being maintained in a safe, sound or upright condition, he shall notify the owner of such fence in writing of his findings and state briefly the reasons for such findings and order such fence or portion of such fence repaired or removed within fifteen (15) days of the date of the written notice.
- F. These restrictions shall not be applied so as to restrict the erection of a wall for the purpose of retaining earth.

503.3 Home Occupations and Home Based Businesses

- A. Home Occupations - It is the intent of this subsection to regulate the operation of home occupations so that the average neighbor, under normal circumstances, will not be aware of the existence of the home occupation. The burden of proof shall be on the applicant to demonstrate that the standards will be met. Based upon the potential nuisances of a proposed home occupation not specifically permitted by §503.3A(13), the Zoning Hearing Board may determine that a particular type or intensity of use is unsuitable to be a home occupation or that the proposed lot area or setbacks are not adequate. The following standards shall apply:
 - 1. The home occupation must be conducted entirely inside a building and shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling as a residence.
 - 2. In the R District the total area used by all home occupations on the premises does not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit, including basement, and accessory structures as existed at the effective date of this Ordinance. In all other districts the total area shall not exceed fifty (50) percent.
 - 3. No outdoor display or display visible from outdoors, or outdoor storage of materials, goods, products, supplies, or equipment used in the home occupation(s) shall be permitted.
 - 4. There shall be no evidence visible from outside the dwelling (show windows, business displays, advertising, etc.) that the residence is being operated as a home occupation except for a sign, if permitted, and required parking area.
 - 5. In the R District the home occupation shall be conducted only by members of the family residing in the dwelling and not more than two (2) persons other than residents of the dwelling shall be employed on the premises. In all other districts, the number of nonresident employees shall not exceed three (3).
 - 6. Off-street parking shall be provided on the premises as required by this Ordinance to prevent parking on any public or private street right-of-way.
 - 7. No home occupation use shall generate nuisances such as traffic, noise, vibration, glare, odors, fumes, electrical interference, or hazards to any greater extent than what is usually experienced in the residential neighborhood.
 - 8. No goods or items for retail or wholesale sale shall be permitted except for items hand crafted on the premises or goods and items incidental to the operation of an approved home occupation with the total display and/or storage area limited to two hundred (200) square feet.

9. The use shall not require servicing by, deliveries by or parking of tractor-trailer trucks. In the R District, the use shall not require the parking or servicing by a vehicle with more than 26,000 pounds registered gross vehicle weight, except for deliveries of a maximum of two (2) times per day.
 10. One (1) sign not more than ten (10) square feet for each face shall be permitted in accord with Article XI.
 11. §701, Performance Standards, shall also apply to home occupations.
 12. The following uses shall not be permitted as home occupations: commercial stables, veterinarians, commercial kennels or motor vehicle or small engine repair shops, retail or wholesale sales, restaurant, funeral parlors or other uses not meeting the requirements of this §503.3A.
 13. The following types of uses shall be permitted as accessory home occupations in all districts:
 - a. Professional offices for individual practitioners
 - b. Rooming and/or housing of not more than two (2) persons.
 - c. Custom dressmaking or tailoring.
 - d. Day care that provides care for six (6) or fewer children at any one time who are not relatives of the care giver.
 - e. Tutoring for not more than four (4) children simultaneously.
 - f. Mail order or sales businesses not involving customer contact on the premises or wholesale brokering not involving stock on the premises
 - g. Businesses involving the use of personal computers for sales or services and which do not involve customer contact on the premises
 - h. Single practitioner beauty shops and barbershops.
 - i. No-impact home-based businesses as defined in Article III.
 14. All applications for home occupations not specifically enumerated as permitted in §503.3.A13 shall not be permitted in the R District. In all other districts, all applications for home occupations not specifically enumerated as permitted in §503.3.A13 or excluded by §503.3.A12, shall be considered special exceptions.
- B. Home Based Businesses - It is the intent of this subsection to regulate as special exceptions the operation of home businesses to permit a variety of commercial uses in the RA and C Districts under certain conditions established to minimize effects on neighboring properties and the District as a whole. The burden of proof shall be on the applicant to demonstrate that the standards will be met. Based upon the potential nuisances of a proposed home based business not specifically permitted by this section, the Zoning Hearing Board may determine that a particular type or intensity of use is unsuitable to be a home based business or that the proposed lot area or setbacks are not adequate. The following standards shall apply:
1. The home based business must be conducted entirely inside a building situated on a minimum of two (2) acres.
 2. No outdoor storage of materials, goods, products, supplies, or equipment used in the home based business shall be permitted unless adequate screening and buffers are provided in accord with §701 of this Ordinance.
 3. The home based business shall be conducted by members of the family residing in the dwelling and the number of nonresident employees shall not exceed five (5).

4. Off-street parking shall be provided on the premises as required by this Ordinance to prevent parking on any public or private street right-of-way.
5. No home based business shall generate nuisances such as traffic, noise, vibration, glare, odors, fumes, electrical interference, or hazards to any greater extent than what is usually experienced in the District.
6. The use shall not require the parking of tractor-trailer trucks, however, deliveries by tractor-trailer trucks shall be permitted.
7. One (1) sign not more than ten (10) square feet for each face shall be permitted in accord with Article XI.
8. §701, Performance Standards, shall also apply to home based businesses.
9. Any use not meeting the requirements of this §503.3B and the following uses shall not be permitted as home based businesses:

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| -Abused person shelters | -Junkyards |
| -Adult businesses | -Manufacturing and industry |
| -Agricultural products processing | -Motels |
| -Airports | -Natural resources processing |
| -Amusement parks | -Natural resource uses |
| -Amusement arcades | -Race tracks |
| -Banks | -Recyclable facilities |
| -Betting uses | -Restaurants, drive-in |
| -Bulk fuel storage facilities | -Restaurants, traditional |
| -Bus terminals | -Self-storage facilities |
| -Campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks | -Outdoor shooting ranges |
| -Car and truck washes | -Slaughter houses |
| -Commercial communications device sites | -Solid waste facilities, public |
| -Convenience stores | -Solid waste facilities, commercial |
| -Detention facilities | -Solid waste staging areas |
| -Flea markets | -Taverns |
| -Funeral parlors | -Theaters |
| -Gasoline service station | -Treatment centers/clinics |
| -Heliports | -Truck terminals |
| -Hotels | |

503.4 Private Parking Areas, Garages

Accessory off-street parking areas or garages serving the residential or non-residential parking demand created by the principal building are permitted in accord with §504. Accessory garages shall conform with §503.1.

503.5 Home Gardening, Nurseries and Greenhouses

Home gardening, and accessory structures used for nurseries or as greenhouses, are permitted in residential areas, provided they are used by the residents thereof for non-commercial purposes.

503.6 Private Outdoor Swimming Pools

A single private outdoor swimming pool per dwelling unit is permitted as an accessory use to a residential structure, provided that such swimming pool is for the private use of the residents of the dwelling unit or for their guests. Pools shall comply with Uniform Construction Code requirements and the minimum front, side and rear setback for

the water surface shall be ten (10) feet on conforming lots and five (5) feet on nonconforming lots.

503.7 Temporary Uses

- A. Definition - A use accessory to another permitted principal use that operates at a fixed location for a temporary period of time.
- B. Zoning permit required - No temporary use shall be established unless a zoning permit evidencing the compliance of such use with the provisions of this §503.7 and other applicable provisions of this Ordinance shall have first been issued.
- C. Particular temporary uses permitted - The following are temporary uses which are subject to the following specific regulations and standards, in addition to the other requirements specified in this Ordinance.
 - 1. Contractor's office and construction equipment sheds.
 - a. Permitted in any district where use is incidental to a construction project. Office or shed shall not contain sleeping or cooking accommodations.
 - b. Maximum length of permit shall be one (1) year.
 - c. Office or shed shall be removed upon completion of construction project.
 - d. Required sanitary facilities shall be provided.
 - 2. Real estate sales office.
 - a. Permitted in any district for any new subdivision approved in accord with the Township Subdivision Ordinance. The office may not contain sleeping or cooking accommodations. A model home may be used as a temporary sales office.
 - b. Maximum length of permit shall be one hundred and twenty (120) days.
 - c. The office shall be removed upon completion of the development of the subdivision.
 - d. Required sanitary facilities shall be provided.
 - 3. Temporary shelter.
 - a. When fire or natural disaster has rendered a single-family residence unfit for human habitation, the temporary use of a mobile home or recreational vehicle located on the single-family lot during rehabilitation of the original residence or construction of a new residence is permitted subject to the following additional regulations.
 - b. Required water supply and sanitary facilities must be provided.
 - c. Maximum length of permit shall be twelve (12) months, but the zoning officer may extend the permit for a period or periods not to exceed sixty (60) days in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the owner. Application for the extension shall be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to expiration of the original permit.
 - d. The temporary shelter shall be removed from the property prior to issuance of any occupancy permit for the new or rehabilitated residence.
- D. Reserved.
- E. Temporary uses by special exception - For temporary structures or uses that are not specifically permitted by right by this Ordinance, and other than customary accessory uses and other than those uses that were lawfully occurring on a periodic basis prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, a temporary permit may be issued by the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use of structures or uses that would not otherwise be permitted, subject to the following additional provisions:

1. Duration. The Zoning Hearing Board shall establish a limit on the duration of the use. In the case of a special event, except under special circumstances, this shall be a maximum of 7 days in any 60 day period. The Board of Supervisors may grant a single approval once for numerous occurrences of an event.
 2. Statement from Owner. The applicant shall present a statement from the owner of record of the land accepting responsibility to ensure that the use or structure is removed once the permit expires.
 3. Removal. Such structure or use shall be removed completely upon expiration of the permit without cost to the Township. If the structure or use is not removed in a timely fashion after proper notification, the Township may remove the use or structure at the cost of the person who owns the land upon which the structure or use is located.
 4. Conditions. The temporary use or structure shall: 1) be compatible with adjacent uses and 2) clearly be of a temporary nature.
 5. Fee. The Zoning Hearing Board may waive and/or return the required application fee if the applicant is a Internal Revenue Service recognized and well-established nonprofit organization, and the applicant clearly shows that the proposed use is temporary and will be used to clearly primarily serve a charitable or public service purpose.
 6. Nonprofit. Only a well-established and Internal Revenue Service-recognized nonprofit organization proposing a temporary use to clearly primarily serve a charitable or public service purpose shall be eligible to receive approval for a temporary commercial use in a district where that use is not permitted.
 7. Special Events. For a special event that will attract significant numbers of the public, the Zoning Hearing Board may deny the use if it determines that the following will not be generally appropriate: sanitary and water service, traffic control, off-street parking and protection of the public health and safety.
- F. Additional Regulations
1. Documentation must be provided to the Township that adequate arrangement for temporary sanitary facilities has been made.
 2. All uses shall be confined to the dates specified in the permit.
 3. Hours of operation shall be confined to those specified in the permit.
 4. Access and parking for the exclusive use of the facility shall be provided, and a stabilized drive to the parking area shall be maintained with a minimum of six (6) inches or as otherwise needed, of bank-run gravel or equal material.

503.8 Yard Sales

Individual private family yard sales are a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts. A permit shall not be required; however, yard sales shall be subject to the following specific regulations and requirements:

- A. Each individual property location may have a maximum of three (3) yard sales during any one (1) calendar year. Each sale shall last a maximum of three (3) consecutive days.
- B. Yard sales are meant to allow individuals to offer for sale accumulated normal household items or arts and crafts; and the buying and selling of commercial or surplus material shall be considered a commercial operation and shall be prohibited except in Districts where permitted and in accord with the requirements of this Ordinance.

503.9 Reserved

503.10 Stables, Private

Private stables are permitted in accord with the Schedule of Uses subject to the requirements of §806.2 of this Ordinance.

503.11 Heliports as an Accessory Use

Private heliports as accessory uses, in addition to all other applicable Ordinance requirements, shall comply with the following standards:

- A. Allowed only in the RA District as a conditional use.
- B. The applicant shall document compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations.
- C. The runway and/or landing pad shall be a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) feet from any residential district or any existing dwelling not located on the parcel for which the airport and/or heliport is proposed.

503.12 Freshwater Ponds

The toe of any embankment for any freshwater pond constructed in association with any residential, agricultural or commercial use shall comply with the property line setbacks as required by the applicable zoning district. However, no fence shall be required.

503.13 Satellite Dish Antennae

All private satellite dish antennae shall be considered structures and shall maintain the setbacks required for accessory structures; however, a permit shall not be required for such antennae twenty-five (25) inches or less in diameter.

503.14 Wind Turbine Generators, Accessory

An accessory wind turbine generator is a wind energy conversion system that converts wind energy into electricity through the use of a wind turbine generator, and includes the nacelle, rotor, tower, and pad transformer, if any, and which is sized and intended to be used to generate electricity for the principal structure to which it is accessory. Accessory wind turbine generators are permitted in all districts only in compliance with the following and other applicable standards of this Ordinance:

- A. Height - The applicant shall demonstrate that the accessory wind turbine generator and support structure is no higher than recommended by the manufacturer's standards.
- B. Setback
 - 1. No part of the wind turbine generator structure shall be located less than 1.1 times the total height of the wind turbine from property lines and public road rights-of-way as measured from the highest point of the rotor plane or support structure, whichever is higher.
 - 2. Guy wire anchors shall not extend closer than ten (10) feet to any property line or road-right-of-way.
- C. Uniform Construction Code; Manufacturer's Standards
 - 1. Applications for accessory wind turbine generators shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the wind turbine structure, including the tower, base, and footings, documenting compliance with the Uniform

Construction Code.

2. The generator and support structure shall be installed in accord with all Uniform Construction Code and manufacturer requirements.
3. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of use by the Zoning Officer the applicant shall provide documentation that the generator and support structure have been installed in accord with all Uniform Construction Code and manufacturer requirements. If deemed necessary by the Zoning Officer, the Zoning Officer may require certification from a registered professional engineer or a representative of the manufacturer.

D. Climb Prevention/Locks/Fence

1. Wind turbines shall not include attached ladders or other such attachments that would allow access to the first fifteen (15) feet of the turbine above ground level.
2. All access doors to wind turbines and electrical equipment shall be locked or fenced, as appropriate, to prevent access by non-authorized persons.

E. Noise and Shadow Flicker

1. Audible sound from an accessory wind turbine generator shall comply with §701.6 of this Ordinance.
2. Best efforts shall be used to minimize shadow flicker on any other parcel.

F. Color and Lighting; FAA - Accessory wind turbine generators and support structures, including rotors, shall be a non-obtrusive color such as white, off-white or gray. Wind turbines shall comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and PA DOT Bureau of Aviation regulations. No wind turbine may be artificially lighted, except as required by FAA requirements.

G. Excess Electricity - Accessory wind generators shall provide power for the principal use and/or accessory use of the property on which it is located and shall not be used for the generation of power for the sale of energy to other users, although this provision shall not be interpreted to prohibit the sale of excess power generated from time to time to the local utility company.

H. Site Plan - A plot plan shall be provided to document all required setbacks.

503.15 Solar Collectors, Accessory

An accessory solar collector is a freestanding or fixed device, or combination of devices, structures, or part of a device or structure that transforms direct solar energy into thermal, chemical, or electrical energy that contributes significantly to a structure's energy supply and which is sized and intended to be used to generate electricity for the principal structure to which it is accessory.

A. Districts; Standards - Accessory solar collectors and associated energy storage facilities are permitted in all districts only in compliance with this §503.15 and other applicable standards of this Ordinance.

B. Excess Electricity - Accessory solar collectors shall provide power for the principal use and/or accessory use of the property on which it is located and shall not be used for the generation of power for the sale of energy to other users, although this provision shall not be interpreted to prohibit the sale of excess power generated from time to time to the local utility company.

- C. Mounting - A solar energy system may be roof mounted or ground mounted.
- D. Height
1. Roof Mounted - A roof mounted system may be mounted on a principal building or accessory building. A roof mounted system whether mounted on the principal building or accessory building, shall not exceed the maximum building height or accessory building height specified for the underlying zoning district.
 2. Freestanding - A freestanding system shall not exceed the maximum building height for accessory buildings.
- E. Setback
1. Roof Mounted - In no instance shall any part of the solar energy system extend beyond the edge of the roof.
 2. Freestanding - Freestanding solar collectors shall comply with the setbacks specified for accessory structures in the underlying zoning district.
- F. Mechanical Equipment - Mechanical equipment shall comply with the setbacks specified for accessory structures in the underlying zoning district and shall be screened from any adjacent property.
- G. Power Lines - All power transmission lines from a freestanding solar energy system to any building or other structure shall be located underground.
- H. Uniform Construction Code; Manufacturer's Standards - The system shall be installed in accord with Uniform Construction Code and manufacturer's standards.
- I. Glare - Solar collectors shall not create glare on adjoining properties.
- J. Removal - The solar collectors and all associated equipment and facilities shall be immediately removed when it is no longer in service for a period of sixty (60) days and failure to do so shall constitute a zoning violation.

503.16 Accessory Recreational Vehicle

The occupancy of a recreational vehicle not located in an approved recreational vehicle park shall not be permitted except as a temporary shelter per §503.7C3 or in accord with the following:

- A. Number - Not more than two (2) one (1) occupied recreational vehicle shall be permitted per parcel.
- B. Accessory Use; Occupancy - The recreational vehicle shall be an accessory use to a single-family detached or two-family dwelling and shall be occupied only by the family or guests of the occupant(s) of the dwelling.
- C. Length of Use - The recreational vehicle shall not be used for permanent residency. periods of more than ten (10) successive days and not more than a maximum of forty (40) days in any calendar year.
- D. Sewage Disposal - The recreational vehicle shall be connected to an approved sewage disposal system with adequate capacity, or use a portable toilet or the toilet installed in the recreation vehicle and maintain an established pumping schedule with a bona fide waste disposal company and submit pumping receipts to the Zoning Officer.

504 Off-Street Parking and Loading**504.1 Availability of Facilities**

Off-street parking, loading, and unloading facilities shall be provided to lessen congestion in the streets. The facilities required herein shall be available throughout the hours of operation of the particular business or use for which such facilities are provided. As used herein, the term "parking space" includes either covered garage space or uncovered parking lot space located off the public right-of-way.

504.2 Size and Design of Parking Spaces

Parking shall be provided in accord with an overall parking plan prepared in accord with the most current Institute of Transportation Engineers Traffic Engineering Handbook, or other generally accepted methodology approved by the Township and which takes into consideration access design and control, size and shape of the parking area, types of vehicles using the parking area, traffic patterns and other applicable considerations. The net parking space per vehicle shall be not less than nine (9) feet wide and eighteen (18) feet long. Garages and carports not in the public right-of-way may be considered parking spaces. Notwithstanding the above, all parking spaces shall be ample in size for the vehicles for which use is intended.

504.3 Illumination

All lighting shall be arranged so to prevent glare into adjoining properties and streets and shall be designed in accord with the recommendations of the American Society of Illuminating Engineers.

504.4 Public Right-of-Ways

Parking, loading and unloading of vehicles shall not be permitted on public rights-of-way, except in designated areas and in accord with Township parking regulations. No parking area shall be designed which requires or encourages parked vehicles to be backed into a public street.

504.5 Reserved**504.6 Number of Spaces To Be Provided**

- A. Any structure or building which is hereafter erected, converted, or enlarged for any of the following uses, or any open area hereafter used for commercial purposes, shall be provided with off- street parking spaces adequate to serve such use but with not less then the minimum spaces, as set forth in the following Table, which spaces shall be readily accessible to the uses served thereby. Fractional numbers of parking spaces shall be increased to the next whole number.
- B. For projects involving more than one use and/or structure the total number of parking spaces required shall be determined by summing the number of spaces for each individual use.
- C. Additional parking for the handicapped shall be provided in accord with §504.16.
- D. In the case of parking for new uses, should the applicant provide evidence deemed adequate by the Zoning Hearing Board that the number of parking spaces required by this §504 is not necessarily required to meet the immediate needs of the proposed use, the number of spaces provided may be reduced as a special exception by a maximum of fifty (50) percent provided sufficient and suitable area is dedicated to future parking to meet the normal standards in this §504 and the applicant shall agree in writing to install the parking at the direction of the Board of Supervisors. The reserve parking areas shall remain undisturbed or shall be landscaped, and shall be included in the calculations of lot coverage area and for stormwater management. Parking facilities used jointly by two (2) or more principal uses may be considered for a parking reduction (See §504.12).

E. For uses not specifically provided in the Table, the Board of Supervisors, with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, shall determine the required number of spaces based upon the similarity of the proposed use to the uses provided and any documentation provided by the applicant.

Note: SFGFA means "square feet of gross floor area". Gross floor area is the sum of the total horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, or from the centerline of a wall separating two buildings, but not including interior parking spaces, loading space for vehicles, or any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six feet.

USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
A. Dwellings	2 per dwelling unit
B. Homes for handicapped or infirm, nursing homes, group care homes, halfway houses and similar uses	3 per every 5 beds
C. Hotels, motels, boarding and tourist homes, bed and breakfast establishments and other uses providing overnight accommodations	1.1 per bedroom
D. Sales and rental of goods, merchandise and equipment	
1. Retail establishments	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public plus 1 per 4,000 SFGFA of warehouse space
2. Wholesale establishments	1 per 800 SFGFA
3. Flea markets	1 per 200 square feet of lot area designated for display or sales
E. Offices, research facilities and services not primarily related to goods	
1. Serving customers or clients on premises such as attorneys, physicians, insurance and travel agents	1 per 200 SFGFA
2. Drive-in banks	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public plus reservoir lane capacity equal to 5 spaces per drive-in window or drive-in ATM
3. Serving little or few customers or clients on premises, such as corporate offices	1 per 250 SFGFA
4. Funeral homes	1 per 50 SFGFA open to the public
F. Manufacturing, processing, renovating, assembling goods, merchandise and equipment	1 per 600 SFGFA
G. Educational, cultural religious social, fraternal uses	
1. Public schools	1.75 per classroom for elementary and middle schools; and 5 per classroom for high schools; plus 1 per seat of any auditorium
2. Trade and vocational schools, colleges	1 per 100 SFGFA open to the public
3. Churches, synagogues and temples	1 per every 4 seats used for services

USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
4. Libraries and museums, social, fraternal clubs and lodges; and similar uses	1 per 300 SFGFA open to the public
H. Recreation, amusement and entertainment	
1. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, indoor athletic or exercise facilities and similar uses	1 per every 3 persons of fully utilized design capacity (if measurable in such fashion), otherwise 1 per 200 SFGFA
2. Movie theaters, stadiums and similar uses with seating accommodations	1 per every 2 seats
3. Public and private outdoor recreation facilities such as golf courses, swimming pools and similar uses	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public plus 1 per every 2 persons of fully utilized design capacity
I. Hospitals, clinics and other medical treatment facilities	1 per bed or 1 per 200 SFGFA, whichever is greater
J. Restaurants, bars, taverns and other eating establishments	1 per 50 SFGFA open to the public plus reservoir lane capacity equal to 5 spaces per drive-in window
K. Vehicle related uses (See definition of "vehicle" in Article III.)	
1. Sales, service, repair	3 per bay plus 1 per full-time employee
2. Gas sales	1 per 250 SFGFA plus sufficient parking area at pumps which does not interfere with other required spaces
3. Car/truck wash	1 per 100 SFGFA plus 2 reservoir spaces in front of each stall for self-serve and 5 reservoir spaces for conveyor type
L. Warehousing and storage	1 per 4,000 SFGFA
M. Miscellaneous uses	
1. Veterinary	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public
2. Nursery schools and day care	1 per 150 SFGFA open to the public
3. Greenhouses	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public
4. Emergency services	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public
5. Junkyards and scrap yards	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public
6. Post office	1 per 200 SFGFA open to the public
<p>Note: SFGFA means "square feet of gross floor area". Gross floor area is the sum of the total horizontal areas of the several floors of a building measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, or from the centerline of a wall separating two buildings, but not including interior parking spaces, loading space for vehicles, or any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six feet.</p>	

504.7 Loading and Unloading Areas

In addition to the required off-street parking spaces the developer of any building erected, converted or enlarged in any district for commercial, office building, hotel, motel, restaurant, manufacturing, wholesale, hospital or other non-residential uses, to provide adequate off-street areas for loading and unloading of vehicles. The applicant shall provide details on the type and frequency of vehicles operating in connection with the proposed use to justify the loading and unloading areas proposed. Each required space shall meet the following dimensions:

Largest Type of Truck Service	Minimum Width (feet)	Minimum Length (feet)
Tractor trailer	14	75
Trucks other than tractor trailers, pick-ups or vans	12	30
Pick-up truck or van	10	20

504.8 Access To Off-Street Parking and Loading Areas

There shall be adequate provisions for ingress and egress to all parking and loading spaces designed for use by employees, customers, delivery services, sales people and/or the general public. Access to and from all off-street parking, loading and vehicle service areas along public rights-of-way shall consist of well-defined separate or common entrances and exits and shall comply with the following provisions:

- A. Width - Unless otherwise required by Penn DOT for access to a state road, the width of the driveway/access way onto a public street at the edge of the cartway shall be as follows:

WIDTH	1-Way Use	2-Way Use
Minimum	12 feet	24 feet
Maximum	35 feet	50 feet

- B. Controlled Access - Each entrance and exit shall be clearly defined with curbing, fencing, landscaping or vegetative screening so as to prevent access to the area from other than the defined entrance and exit.
- C. Highway Occupancy Permits - All new uses shall be required to obtain a highway occupancy permit from the Township or PA DOT, as the case may be. In the case of a change in use or the expansion of an existing use, the Township may require the applicant to obtain a highway occupancy permit or a revised highway occupancy permit. Where a use accesses the public right-of-way via a private road, the highway occupancy permit requirement and criteria shall be applied at the public right-of-way intersection. In making the determination of requiring a highway occupancy permit or a revised highway occupancy permit, the Township shall consider the following criteria:
 1. The anticipated increase in traffic volume. In the case of PA DOT permits, should the traffic increase from one level of permit to a higher level, a revised permit shall be required.
 2. The adequacy of the sight distance at the access to the property.
 3. Effectiveness or lack of existing traffic access controls such as curbing, fencing or landscaping.
 4. The number of parking and loading spaces available and the number required by this Zoning Ordinance.
 5. The occurrence of parking on the public road right-of-way and adjoining properties.
 6. Anticipated future development in the vicinity.
- D. Curbing - Access drives and landscaping shall be defined with concrete curbing, or such alternate material as may be approved by the Township, unless otherwise required by PennDOT for a state highway occupancy permit.

504.9 Parking and Loading Area Setbacks

All parking and loading areas (not including parking decks) and parallel circulation and service lanes serving any nonresidential or multi-family use shall be separated from the any public street or adjoining property lines by a buffer in accord with the following. The side setback buffer shall not be required where adjoining uses share parking in accord with §504.12.

- A. Measurement - The width of the buffer shall be measured from property lines and the legal right-of-way line after development and shall not be less than five (5) feet.
- B. Uses Prohibited - The buffer area shall be maintained in natural vegetative ground cover and shall not include:
 - 1. Paving except for approved driveway/access way crossings
 - 2. Fences unless integral to landscaping
 - 3. Parking, storage or display of vehicles, products, materials or supplies
 - 4. Items for sale or rent
- C. Uses Permitted - The buffer area may include the following:
 - 1. Permitted freestanding signs
 - 2. Pervious storm water facilities
 - 3. Approved driveway/access way crossings
- D. Sidewalks - If sidewalks exist or will be provided, the buffer area may be provided between the sidewalk and the street or between the sidewalk and the parking lot.

504.10 Grading, Wearing Surface, and Drainage

Except for landscaped areas, all wearing surfaces of required parking areas, including driveways, shall be graded, surfaced with suitable material, and drained to the extent necessary to prevent dust, erosion, or excessive water flow across streets or adjoining properties. Surface water flow shall be controlled and managed as per the stormwater control requirements of the this Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

504.11 Off-Lot Parking

Required parking may be provided on a different lot than on the lot on which the principal use is located, provided the parking is not more than four hundred (400) feet from the principal use lot. Off-lot parking areas shall be permitted only in a district where the principal use is permitted. Both parcels shall be under the same control, either by deed or long-term lease, as the property occupied by such principal use, and the owner shall be bound by covenants of record filed in the office of the County Recorder of Deeds requiring the owner and his or her heirs and assigns to maintain the required number of off-street parking spaces during the existence of said principal use.

504.12 Joint Use Parking

In cases where two principal uses share a common property line, shared parking facilities may be utilized. The arrangement for joint-use parking shall be provided by deed restriction for the portion of each parcel included in the shared arrangement. The joint-use parking area may span the common property line thereby eliminating the setback required in §504.9. The standards in §504.6 for number of spaces to be provided shall apply to joint-use parking. To the extent that principal uses operate at different times, the same spaces may be credited to both uses. (Example: If a church parking lot is generally occupied only to ten (10) percent of capacity on days other than a Sunday, another development not operating on a Sunday could make use of the unused church lot spaces on weekdays.)

504.13 Landscaping

All non-residential improved off-street parking areas not entirely contained in a garage or building shall comply with the landscaping requirements of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

504.14 Existing Parking Areas

No existing parking area or any off-street parking shall be eliminated, reduced in size or otherwise altered so that any use is served by less parking than is required by this Ordinance.

504.15 Parking for Residential Use

Off-street parking shall be provided in accord with this §504 for all residential uses in all Districts.

504.16 Handicapped Parking

Handicapped parking shall be provided in accord with the requirements of the U.S. Americans With Disabilities Act and generally accepted design standards.

504.17 Shopping Carts

Establishments furnishing carts shall designate and reserve areas for the return and collection of carts at the rate of at least one (1) return area per every twenty-five (25) parking spaces. Return areas shall be at least one hundred eighty (180) square feet in size.

504.18 Snow Storage and Removal

All plans for proposed parking areas of fifty (50) or more spaces shall include details for adequate snow storage and removal.

**ARTICLE VI
RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS**

601 Conservation Subdivision Design Development (DEVELOPER'S OPTION)

601.1 Concept

A key concept associated with conservation subdivision design is to focus on residential density instead of minimum lot size. In a standard subdivision the land is simply cut into as many lots as possible while meeting the minimum lot size requirement. Under conservation subdivision design, which is based on unit density instead of minimum lot size, the size of individual lots sold can vary in size, provided the total number of lots does not exceed the density which is based on the underlying minimum lot size. In conservation subdivision design, the maximum lot size is the critical element, as it really defines the minimum open space that must be conserved.

601.2 Developer's Option

Conservation design development may be used in accord with this §601 at the developer's option in all zoning districts where single-family dwellings are permitted.

601.3 Purpose, Development Options, Applicability and Design Process

A. Purpose - In addition to the general community development objectives in Article II and the intents for individual zoning districts, it is the purpose of Conservation Subdivision Design Development to:

1. Conserve undeveloped land for the purpose of protecting Primary and Secondary Conservation Areas in contiguous, un-fragmented, commonly managed landscapes to:
 - a. Protect large, intact wildlife habitat areas and connect patches of wildlife habitat to support greater biodiversity, maintain ecosystem processes and allow larger, healthier populations to persist; and
 - b. Minimize edge conditions and associated colonization by invasive plant species.
2. Contribute to the creation of a community-wide Conservation Open Space system for the benefit of present and future residents;
3. Protect productive agricultural and silvicultural soils for continued or future use by conserving blocks of land large enough to allow for efficient production operations;
4. Conserve existing landscape character by minimizing views of new development from existing roads, thereby reducing perceived density;
5. Encourage innovation and promote flexibility, economy and ingenuity in development;
6. Provide multiple development options for landowners to reflect their varying circumstances and the individual characteristics of their properties;
7. Provide for a diversity of lot sizes, building densities, and housing choices to accommodate a variety of age and income groups, and residential preferences;
8. Provide homes with direct views of Conservation Open Space, organized around common greens;

9. Provide for the conservation and maintenance of Conservation Open Space and for active or passive recreational use by residents;
 10. Provide greater efficiency in the siting of services and infrastructure, including the opportunity to reduce length of roads, utility runs, and the impervious cover required for residential development;
 11. Provide a wider range of feasible locations for stormwater and wastewater facilities in order to comply with prevailing state-of-the-art designs and best management practices;
 12. Protect water quality and reduce erosion and sedimentation by retaining existing vegetation and minimizing development on steep slopes;
 13. Implement land use, natural resource conservation, open space, and community policies set forth in the Township's Comprehensive plan.
- B. Conservation Subdivision Design Development Options - In order to achieve the purposes in §601.3.A, this §601.3.B provides for flexibility in designing new residential subdivisions by permitting the following by right (permitted use) development options:
1. Option 1 - Basic Density and Basic Conservation providing for residential lots/units at the density permitted by the Density and Conservation Open Space Table in §601.6 with not less than forty (40) percent of the tract comprised of conservation open space.
 2. Option 2 - Increased Density with Increased Conservation providing residential lots/units at the density permitted by the Density Standards Table in §601.6 with not less than fifty (50) percent of the tract comprised of conservation open space.
 4. Option 3 - Greater Density with Greater Conservation providing residential lots/units at the density permitted by the Density Standards Table in §601.6 with not less than fifty-five (55) percent of the tract comprised of conservation open space.

601.4 General Regulations

The design of all new Conservation Subdivision Design Developments shall be governed by the following minimum standards:

- A. Tract Size and Ownership - The development tract shall be a minimum of five (5) acres and shall be held in single ownership.
- B. Primary Conservation Areas - The proposed design shall conserve the Primary Conservation Areas. Demonstration by the applicant that these features are conserved by the proposed design shall be prerequisite to all preliminary and final plan approvals under the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Primary Conservation Areas include:
 1. Delineated wetlands.
 2. Floodplain (including the floodway) as shown on the Township Flood Insurance Rate Map.
 3. Slopes of twenty-five (25) percent or more.
- C. Secondary Conservation Areas - The protection of Secondary Conservation Areas shall be addressed through the design process governed by the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

601.5 Use Regulations

The following uses shall be permitted in Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3 Conservation Subdivision Design Developments:

- A. Single-family detached dwellings.
- B. Two-family dwelling units or townhouses.
- C. Conservation Open Space with the uses permitted by §601.9.
- D. Home occupations in accord with this Ordinance
- E. Accessory uses on the same lot with and in accord with applicable district regulations.

601.6 Maximum Dwelling Units and Minimum Conservation Open Space

- A. Dwelling Units - The maximum number of dwelling units shall be determined by using the density factor in the Density and Conservation Open Space Table and the formulas in §601.6.D, or by a Yield Plan detailed in §601.6.E. The applicant shall determine which approach is most suitable.

DENSITY AND CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE					
ALL ZONING DISTRICTS WHERE SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ARE PERMITTED					
<u>OPTION 1</u>		<u>OPTION 2</u>		<u>OPTION 3</u>	
Basic Density and Basic Conservation <u>10% density bonus¹</u>		Increased Density with Increased Conservation <u>20% density bonus¹</u>		Greater Density with Greater Conservation <u>30% density bonus¹</u>	
Density Factor (SF ATA / DU ²)	Minimum Conservation Open Space Required ³	Density Factor (SF ATA / DU ²)	Minimum Conservation Open Space Required ³	Density Factor (SF ATA / DU ²)	Minimum Conservation Open Space Required ³
18,000	40% ATA	16,000	50% ATA	14,000	55% ATA
¹ Based on minimum lot size for standard subdivision not using conservation design. Example: 20,000 - (10% x 20,000) = 18,000. ² SF ATA = square feet of Adjusted Tract Area in §601.6.D.3. ³ Plus Constrained Land calculated in §601.6.D.2.					

B. Conservation Open Space

- 1. Minimum - The minimum Conservation Open Space shall be as set forth in the Density and Conservation Open Space Table, regardless of which method is used to determine the maximum number of dwelling units.
- 2. Delineation - Conservation Open Space shall be delineated to include all Primary Conservation Areas and, in addition, sufficient Secondary Conservation Areas that, when added to the Primary Conservation Areas, shall not be less than the minimum required Conservation Open Space.

C. Reserved

- D. Adjusted Tract Area Approach - Determination of the maximum number of dwelling units shall be based upon the following calculations:

- 1. Determine Gross Tract Area - Gross tract area shall equal the acreage within the legally described parcel minus existing public or private road rights-of-way.

2. Determine Constrained Land - Constrained land consists of the resources listed in the Constrained Land Table multiplied by a protection factor and totalled. If two (2) or more resources overlap, only the resource with the highest protection factor shall be used.

CONSTRAINED LAND				
	Resource	Area of Resource (acres)	Protection Factor	Constrained Land (acres)
A	existing utility rights-of-way		x 1.00	=
B	that portion of lands under conservation easement that are restricted from further development		x 1.00	=
C	floodway (if not mapped by FEMA assume 50 feet each side of top-of-bank of stream)		x 1.00	=
D	100-year floodplain (if not mapped by FEMA area is included in floodway above)		x 0.25	=
E	wetlands as determined by a delineation		x 0.95	=
F	prohibitive steep slopes (25% or greater)		x 0.85	=
G	precautionary steep slopes (15% to less than 25%)		x 0.25	=
H	ponds, lakes and streams to the high water mark		x 1.00	=
I	CONSTRAINED LAND = SUM OF A through H =			

3. Determine Adjusted Tract Area (ATA) - Adjusted Tract Area equals the gross tract area minus the constrained land.

ADJUSTED TRACT AREA		
A	gross tract area	_____ acres
B	minus Constrained Land from Constrained Land Table in §601.6.D.2.	- _____ acres
C	equals Adjusted Tract Area	= _____ acres ATA

4. Maximum Number of Dwelling Units - In Options 1, 2 and 3, the maximum number of dwelling units equals the Adjusted Tract Area (ATA) divided by the applicable density factor set forth in the Density and Conservation Open Space Table. Where calculations result in fractional numbers, the fraction shall be rounded down to the next whole number.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS		
A	Adjusted Tract Area (from the Adjusted Tract Area Table in §601.6.D.3 converted to square feet)	_____ SF
B	divided by density factor (from the Density and Conservation Open Space Table in §601.6)	÷ _____
C	equals maximum number of dwelling units	= _____ DU

E. Reserved

- F. Total Number of Dwelling Units - The total number of dwelling units permitted on a development site equals the maximum number of dwelling units permitted in §601.6.D (Adjusted Tract Acreage) or §601.6.F (Yield Plan),

as selected by the applicant.

- G. Preservation of Historic Dwellings - To encourage the preservation of historic dwellings, such preserved dwellings shall not count toward the permitted maximum number of dwelling units, provided:
 - A. Such dwellings are at least seventy-five (75) years old;
 - B. The dwelling is preserved in accord with the National Park Service historic preservation standards; and
 - C. The dwelling is placed in a landscape context that respects its historical status and appearance, as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

601.7 Dimensional and Design Standards for Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3

- A. Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3 - The standards in the following Dimensional Standards for Single-Family Dwellings Option 1, 2 and 3 Table shall apply to Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3.

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3	
Minimum Individual Lot Area	5,000 square feet or as otherwise required to comply with setback, lot coverage, sewage disposal, water supply and other standards
Maximum Depth to Width Ratio	5 to 1
Flag Lots	permitted in accord with provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
Setback Regulations	
- minimum front	20 feet
- minimum rear	20 feet; 15 feet where the rear setback adjoins conservation open space
- minimum side	5 feet and 30 feet aggregate

- B. Maximum Lot Coverage - Maximum lot coverage for single-family dwellings in Options 1 through 4 shall be limited in accord with the following Maximum Lot Coverage table.

MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS Option 1, Option 2, and Option 3	
Lot Area	Maximum Lot Coverage
less than 10,000 SF	50%
10,000 - 19,999 SF	40%
20,000 - 43,560 SF	30%
more than 43,560 SF	reduce limit by 1.5% for each additional acre or fraction thereof but not reduced to less than 10%

- C. Dimensional Standards for Two-Family Dwellings and Townhouses - The standards in the Dimensional Standards for Two-family Dwellings and Townhouses Table shall apply:

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOUSES Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3	
minimum individual lot area	none
separation of principal buildings	35 feet
if individual lots are provided: minimum lot width	18 feet (24 feet if a 2-car garage or parking of two cars side-by-side is provided in the front)
setback from any adjoining internal street, street right-of-way, common parking area or sidewalk	20 feet

- D. Water Supply and Sewage Disposal for Two-Family and Townhouses - Two-family dwellings and townhouses shall be served by a water supply system and a community sewage disposal system.
- E. Dwelling Lots / Conservation Open Space - No part of any dwelling lot shall encroach upon Conservation Open Space.
- F. Setbacks - All new dwelling units shall meet the setback requirements in the following Dwelling Setbacks Table:

DWELLING SETBACKS		
from:	Single-Family	Two-Family & Townhouses
external Township or State road rights-of-way	100 feet	150 feet
other perimeter boundaries of the development tract	50 feet	100 feet
crop land or pasture land not on the development parcel	100 feet	100 feet
buildings or barnyards housing livestock not on the development parcel	300 feet	300 feet
active recreation areas such as courts and play fields not on the development parcel (not including tot lots)	150 feet	150 feet

601.8 Reserved

601.9 Uses Permitted on Conservation Open Space

The following uses are permitted in Conservation Open Space areas:

- A. Open Land - Conservation of open land in its natural state (for example, woodland, fallow field, or managed meadow).
- B. Agriculture and Horticulture - Agricultural and horticultural uses, including raising crops or livestock, wholesale nurseries, associated buildings. Specifically excluded are dwellings, commercial livestock operations involving swine, poultry, mink, and other animals likely to produce highly offensive odors.
- C. Horses - Pasture land for horses used solely for recreational purposes. Equestrian facilities shall be permitted but may not consume more than fifty (50) percent of the minimum required Conservation Open Space.
- D. Forestry - Forestry in keeping with established best management practices for selective harvesting and sustained yield forestry as published by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry.
- E. Neighborhood Open Space - Uses such as village greens, commons, picnic areas, community gardens, trails, and

similar low-impact passive recreational uses.

- F. Recreation - Active non-commercial recreation areas, such as playing fields, playgrounds and bikeways, not requiring supporting structures. Such recreational uses shall meet the following standards:
1. Such areas shall not consume more than fifty (50) percent of the minimum required Conservation Open Space or five (5) acres, whichever is less. The 5-acre limit may be increased to ten (10) acres on development parcels two hundred (200) acres or larger.
 2. Playing fields and playgrounds shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of the tract boundary or a dwelling unit within the development parcel.
 3. Minimum parking facilities for the same, as determined by the Board of Supervisors, may also be permitted. Such lots may be paved with gravel and shall be unlighted, properly drained and provide safe ingress and egress.
- G. Golf Courses - Audubon International Signature Golf Courses and their accessory facilities and parking areas, when permitted by the underlying zoning district, may comprise up to fifty (50) percent of the minimum ATA of the required Conservation Open Space. This use shall not include driving ranges or miniature golf. The gross floor area devoted to sales of golf equipment, clothing, food and other similar items shall not exceed 1,200 square feet. Accessory facilities and parking areas shall not count toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement.
- H. Water/Sewer - Water supply systems, sewage disposal systems, stormwater management systems and associated easements provided the total area does not exceed twenty (20) percent of the minimum ATA required in the Conservation Open Space. The following standards shall apply:
1. Water Supply Systems
 - a. Drainage easements for water lines may be counted toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement.
 - b. Land used for ground-level well structures and associated parking exceeding five thousand (5,000) square feet shall not count toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement.
 2. Sewage Disposal Systems
 - a. Sewage treatment lagoons, structures, structure access areas and parking lots shall not count toward the Conservation Open Space requirement.
 - b. Soil absorption areas shall be appropriate for active or passive recreation.
 - c. Sewage disposal areas in Conservation Open Space shall be appropriate for active or passive recreation or shall be managed as meadows or forests; and may be counted toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirements.
 - d. Absorption fields serving individual dwelling units may be located in the Conservation Open Space, but individual treatment tanks shall be located within the lots they serve.

- e. Each proposed absorption field area located in the Conservation Open Space shall be situated in the closest proximity to the lot served.
 - f. The responsibility for the maintenance of any individual absorption system shall be clearly defined including adequate surety, and an easement for the installation and maintenance of any such system shall be provided.
 - g. Drainage easements for sewer lines may be counted toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement.
3. Stormwater Management Systems - The following stormwater management practices may be counted toward the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement, provided they meet the guidelines in the Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual:
- a. Infiltration basin, provided the berms do not exceed 36 inches in height;
 - b. Subsurface infiltration bed;
 - c. Infiltration trench;
 - d. Rain garden;
 - e. Vegetated swale;
 - f. Infiltration berm, provided the berms do not exceed 24 inches in height.
- I. Easements - Easements for drainage, access, sewer or water lines, or other public purposes.
- J. Utility Rights-of-Way - Underground utility rights-of-way. Above-ground utility and street rights-of-way may traverse conservation areas but shall not count toward the minimum required Conservation Open Space.

§601.10 Conservation Open Space Design and Other Standards

- A. Design - Conservation Open Space in all options shall be identified and laid out in accord with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance beginning with the identification of primary and secondary conservation areas.
- B. Reserved
- C. Layout - The Conservation Open Space shall be in the largest blocks possible and shall be laid out to ensure that an interconnected network of open space will be provided.
- D. Permanence, Ownership and Maintenance - The required Conservation Open Space shall be subject to permanent conservation easements prohibiting future development, prohibiting its use to meet open space requirements for any other development, and defining the range of permitted activities. The Conservation Open Space shall be owned and maintained in accord with the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- E. Use by Development Residents - In no case shall the amount of land available for the common use and enjoyment of the subdivision residents be less than twenty (20) percent of the Adjusted Tract Area. Not less than fifteen (15) percent of the Conservation Open Space shall be free of wetlands, floodway, and slopes over fifteen (15) percent; and, this minimum percentage shall be included in the Conservation Open Space set aside for the common use and enjoyment of the subdivision residents.

- F. Reserved
- G. Buffers for Adjacent Public Park Land - Where the proposed development adjoins public park, state forest or state game land, a natural Conservation Open Space buffer at least one-hundred-fifty (150) feet in width shall be provided within the development along its common boundary with such public land, within which no new structures or other improvements shall be constructed, nor shall any clearing of trees or under story growth be permitted, except as may be necessary for street or trail construction or for the removal of invasive plant species.
1. Where existing vegetation provides an adequate buffer, as determined by the Board of Supervisors, the depth may be reduced to seventy-five (75) feet.
 2. Where the buffer is unwooded, the Board of Supervisors may require vegetative screening to be planted, or that it be managed to encourage natural forest succession through restricted mowing policies and the periodic removal of invasive plant species.
- H. Building lots - No portion of any building lot may be used for meeting the minimum Conservation Open Space requirement.
- I. Access - Pedestrian and maintenance access shall be provided to Conservation Open Space in accord with the following requirements:
1. No more than fifteen (15) lots shall be contiguous to each other without a centrally located access point meeting the following standards:
 - a. The width of the access strip shall not be less than twenty (20) feet.
 - b. The access strip shall extend the full depth of the adjacent lots.
 2. Access to Conservation Open Space used for agriculture or horticulture may be restricted or prohibited for public safety and to prevent interference with agricultural operations.
- J. Landscaping - Conservation Open Space that is not wooded or farmed shall be landscaped in accord with the landscaping requirements and Conservation Open Space management plan standards.
- K. Exterior Views - Views of dwellings from exterior roads and abutting properties shall be minimized by the use of changes in topography, existing vegetation, or additional landscaping which meets the landscaping requirements of the this Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

601.11 Modification of Area and Bulk Standards via Conditional Use

Applicable area and bulk requirements, but not density or open space requirements may be modified up to fifty (50) percent subject to conditional use approval by the Board of Supervisors. Any conditional use approval to permit such modification(s) shall be subject to the following criteria:

- A. Ordinance Consistency - The design and modifications shall be consistent with the purposes and the design standards contained in this Ordinance.
- B. Street System - The design and modifications shall not produce lots or street systems that would be impractical in terms of layout or circulation, or detract from the appearance of the development or surrounding community,

and shall not adversely affect emergency vehicle access.

- C. **Quality of Design** - The applicant shall demonstrate to the Board of Supervisors that the proposed modification(s) will produce equal or better development design and open space conservation results than could be achieved without the requested .
- D. **Burden; Conditions** - If the Board of Supervisors determines that the applicant has met the burden of proof, it may grant a conditional use for the modification of the requirements. The Board of Supervisors may impose such conditions as will, in its judgment, secure the objectives and purposes of this Ordinance.

602 Two Family Dwellings

Where permitted by the Schedule of Uses, two-family dwellings shall comply with the requirements of this §602 and other applicable standards in this Ordinance.

602.1 Common Property Line

In cases where a two-family dwelling is a duplex involving a common (i.e. party) wall and a common property line, said wall shall be located on the common property line separating the adjoining lots. The area and dimensions of each lot shall comply with the Schedule of Development Standards in Article IV.

602.2 Single Parcel

In cases where the two-family dwelling is located on a single parcel and consists of two (2) dwelling units constructed with one(1) unit located on the second floor above a first floor dwelling unit or is a duplex involving a common (i.e. party) wall, the lot area and dimensions shall comply with the Schedule of Development Standards in Article IV. If such a two-family dwelling is proposed on two (2) or more separate lots of record, said lots shall be combined into one (1) lot prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit.

603 Multi-Family Dwellings

Multi-family projects are permitted in certain districts in accord with the Schedule of Uses in order to provide the opportunity for the development of a variety of housing types in the Township.

603.1 Project Design Process and Procedure

- A. **Subdivision and Land Development** - Multi-family projects shall be considered major subdivisions and land developments also subject to the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. This "major subdivision" classification shall apply to all subdivision of property in connection with the development, regardless of whether or not the same are connected with building development, and the approvals required shall be requested and acted upon concurrently as one subdivision.
- B. **Design Process and Procedure** - All multi-family projects shall be designed and processed in accord with the Adjusted Tract Acreage Approach requirements for Conservation Design Developments contained in §601.6D1 of this Ordinance and the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- C. **Site Plan** - A proposed site plan showing all necessary information to include at a minimum, location of all buildings and improvements including roads, parking areas, planting strips, signs, overall grading plan with storm drainage facilities, water supply and distribution systems, sewage treatment and collection systems and the specific areas provided as open space pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance. Building layouts, floor plans and profiles shall also be provided indicating building dimensions, numbers, and sizes of units, common ownership or use areas, lighting and such other information as shall be required to determine compliance with the design standards contained herein and any other building standards which may be applicable in the

Township. Setbacks from property lines, improvements, and other buildings shall also be specifically shown.

- D. Open Space - Open space area shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible in accord with a schedule or plan, and proposed agreement(s) either with the Township or a property owners' association, for the purpose of preserving the open space in the same manner as required for Conservation Design Developments in §601 of this Ordinance.

603.2 Bulk and Density Standards; Parcel Configuration

The bulk and density factors listed on Table 603.2 shall apply to multi-family dwellings and projects without the application of any density bonuses. All land proposed for a particular multi-family dwelling project shall be part of the same parcel and contiguous.

TABLE 603.2 MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING STANDARDS				
PROJECT STANDARDS	Townhouses	Garden Apartments	Apartment Buildings	Public Elderly Apartment Buildings
Minimum size for project parcel (acres)	based on applicable performance standards			
Maximum Density -- number of dwelling units per acre of useable area (See §601.4,D for adjusted tract acreage and useable land area)	6	6	8	12
Maximum number of dwelling units per building	6	6	8	24
Maximum building height (feet)	35	35	35	35
Maximum lot coverage of project parcel (%)	40	40	40	40
ADDITIONAL TOWNHOUSE STANDARDS				
Minimum lot size for townhouse units for individual sale 1,000 square feet				
Minimum lot width at house location 18 feet				
Minimum front and rear setback 10 feet front / 15 feet rear				
Minimum side setback for end unit 15 feet				
Maximum lot coverage for individual townhouse parcels 90%				

603.3 Design Criteria

The following design criteria shall apply to multi-family projects:

- A. Setbacks - No structure in a multi-family dwelling project shall be constructed within twenty (20) feet of the edge of the shoulder of any access drive (without a designated right-of-way) to or through the development or within ten (10) feet of any parking area. Setbacks of multi-family project buildings from access roads through the project shall meet these minimums, however, setbacks of adjacent buildings shall be varied so that adjacent buildings have a setback variation of not less than five (5) feet. A setback of fifty (50) feet for any structure shall be maintained from all existing or proposed public or private road rights-of-way and the boundary line of the entire project parcel.
- B. Road Standards - Access roads through the development shall comply with the street requirements of the Township Subdivision Ordinance for minor roads. Access drives serving twelve (12) units or less, and in the case of public elderly apartment buildings twenty-four (24) units or less, shall be considered driveways that need not

meet minor road standards. Direct access of individual parking spaces to a minor road shall not be permitted, and any such access drive shall remain private.

- C. Building Separation - All principal multi-family structures shall be separated by a distance as may be required by any applicable building code, but in no case less than twenty (20) feet.
- D. Landscaped Buffers - Buffers, not less than fifteen (15) feet in width shall be provided in accord with §701.1 of this Ordinance where multi-family structures adjoin existing one-family dwellings, two-family dwellings or any R District. In all cases, a landscaping plan shall be prepared and submitted by the developer for approval by the Township.
- E. Pedestrian Access - Walkways of such design and construction as approved by the Township shall be provided from all buildings and/or units to their respective parking area and shall meet the requirements for sidewalks as set forth in the Township Subdivision Ordinance.
- F. Trash Storage - Exterior storage areas for trash and rubbish shall be screened from public view on three sides and shall be contained in covered, vermin-proof containers. Interior storage areas for trash shall at all times be kept in an orderly and sanitary fashion.
- G. Architectural Renderings - Preliminary architectural renderings, models or photos for multi-family dwelling projects of more than ten (10) dwelling units shall be provided at the time of submission of the conditional use application. The exterior appearance of the building(s) shall be unified in type, design, and exterior wall treatment, and so constructed and maintained, in order to retain the residential character of the neighborhood. Fire escapes, when required, shall be in the rear of the building and shall not be located on any wall facing a street unless any building, fire or other code so requires.
- H. Townhouses: Facade Changes - A minimum of two (2) changes in the front wall plane with a minimum offset of four (4) feet shall be provided for every attached grouping of townhouses in one (1) building. This can be met by varying setbacks among different dwellings or varying setbacks along the front of a dwelling, or dwellings set back farther than attached private garages.
- I. Parking - Parking for multi-family dwelling projects shall comply with §504 of this Ordinance.

603.4 Non-Residential Use

Non-residential uses and home occupations which employ other than unit residents shall not be permitted in a multi-family dwelling. Such ancillary facilities as laundry areas, service buildings, recreational facilities and the like for the use of the residents of the project shall be permitted.

603.5 Conversions of Existing Structures

Conversions of any existing structures to multi-family dwelling use, regardless of whether such conversions involve structural alteration, shall be subject to the provisions of this §603, including but not limited to §603.2. (See also §604).

603.6 Common Property Ownership and Maintenance

In cases where the ownership of common property is involved, evidence of arrangements for the continuous ownership and maintenance of same shall be provided by the developer for approval by the Township in accord with Article X of this Ordinance. The developer shall also submit evidence of compliance with the PA Condominium Law or an attorney's opinion that said Law does not apply to the subject project.

603.7 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal

All multi-family dwelling projects shall be served by a community water supply and a community sewage disposal system.

604 Conversion to Dwellings

Any conversion of any building to a residential use or the conversion of any dwelling to accommodate additional dwelling units shall comply with the standards in this §604 and the other requirements applicable to the dwelling type to which conversion is proposed. The conversion of any building into a dwelling or the conversion of any dwelling so as to accommodate an increased number of dwelling units, or families, shall be permitted only within a district in which a new building for similar occupancy would be permitted under this Ordinance, and only when the resulting occupancy will comply with the requirements governing new construction in such district with respect to dwelling unit, living space, lot coverage, dimensions of setbacks and other open spaces, off-street parking, and other applicable standards.

605 Group Homes

Group homes shall be permitted in any lawful single-family dwelling unit in accord with the Schedule of Uses, this §605 and other applicable standards of this Zoning Ordinance.

605.1 Definition

See definition in Article III.

605.2 Supervision

There shall be adequate supervision as needed by an adequate number of person(s) trained in the field for which the group home is intended.

605.3 Certification

The use shall be licensed or certified under an applicable State, County or Federal program for group housing, if applicable. A copy of any such license or certification shall be filed with the Township, and shall be required to be shown to the Zoning Officer in the future upon request. The group home shall notify the Township within fourteen (14) days if there is a change in the type of clients, the sponsoring agency, the maximum number of residents or if an applicable certification/license expires, is suspended or is withdrawn.

605.4 Counseling

Any medical or counseling services provided on the lot shall be limited to residents.

605.5 Parking

One off-street parking space shall be provided for each employee on duty at any one time, and every two (2) residents of a type reasonably expected to be capable of driving a vehicle. Off-street parking areas of more than five (5) spaces shall be buffered from adjacent existing single family dwellings by a planting screen meeting the requirements of §701.1 of this Zoning Ordinance.

605.6 Appearance

If the group home is within a residential district, the building shall be maintained and/or constructed to ensure that it is closely similar in appearance, condition and character to the other residential structures in the area. No exterior signs shall identify the type of use.

605.7 Bulk and Density

The construction of new group homes shall comply with the minimum lot size and other bulk and density requirements applicable to single-family residential dwellings.

605.8 Number of Residents

A maximum number of eight (8) total persons shall reside in a group home, including the maximum number of employees/supervisors and/or care providers routinely in the group home at any point in time.

606 **Reserved****607** **Mobile Home Parks**

Mobile home parks are permitted in certain districts in accord with the Schedule of Uses and shall comply with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

608 **Mobile Homes on Individual Lots**

Mobile homes placed on lots not in a mobile home park shall comply with all Township regulations applicable to the dwelling type and shall comply with the PA Uniform Construction Code.

609 **Functional Families****609.1** Purpose

This §609 is to provide for the regulation of functional families that may request to reside in a dwelling unit and to prohibit larger groups of unrelated persons from residing in dwelling units. Larger groups of unrelated persons have been frequently shown to have a detrimental effect on residential neighborhoods since larger groups of unrelated persons do not live as a family unit and do not have significant economic or emotional ties to the neighborhood.

609.2 Special Exception; Standards

The Zoning Hearing Board shall consider each application for a functional family as a special exception in accord with the standards of §1208.4 and, among others, the following considerations:

A. Tthe proposed occupants:

1. Share a strong bond or commitment to a single purpose (e.g. religious orders);
2. Are not legally dependent on others not part of the functional family;
3. Can establish legal domicile as defined by Pennsylvania law;
4. Share costs of food, rent or ownership, utilities and other household expenses;
5. Prepare food and eat together regularly;
6. Share in the work to maintain the premises;
7. Legally share in the ownership or possession of the premises; and
8. Share the entire dwelling unit or act as separate roomers.

B. Whether the household has stability akin to a permanent family. The criteria used to make this determination may include, among others, the following:

1. The length of stay together among the occupants in the current dwelling unit or other dwelling units;
2. The presence of minor, dependent children regularly residing in the household;
3. Whether the household is a temporary living arrangement or a framework for transient living; and
4. Whether the composition of the household changes from year to year or within the year.

C. Any other factor reasonably related to whether or not the group of persons is the functional equivalent of a family.

609.3 Conditions

The Zoning Hearing Board may impose such additional conditions as it deems necessary for the general welfare, for the protection of individual property rights, and for ensuring that the intent and objectives of this Ordinance will be observed.

610 Bed and Breakfast Establishments

Bed and breakfast establishments shall comply with the following standards in addition to all other applicable standards in this Zoning Ordinance.

- A. Adequate off-street parking is provided in accord with this Ordinance with the minimum number of parking spaces provided as follows: one (1) space for each rentable room; one (1) space for each non-resident employee, and two (2) spaces for the dwelling unit.
- B. Not more than five (5) rentable rooms are provided in the establishment.
- C. The owner or manager of the bed and breakfast must reside on the premises.
- D. Sewage disposal meeting the requirements of the Township and PA DEP is provided.
- E. Bed and breakfast establishments shall not be permitted on lots which are nonconforming in minimum area.

611 Hotels, Motels, and Lodging Facilities

This section is intended to provide specific standards for the development of hotels, motels and other lodging facilities at unit densities that allow full use of the project parcel while at the same time recognizing the limitation of the proposed site. Specific performance standards are provided to allow for flexibility of design and to insure the protection of adjoining properties and the public health, safety and general welfare.

611.1 Density

Density of units and facilities shall be determined by the character of the project parcel and compliance with the standards in this §611 and this Ordinance, and other applicable Township regulations.

611.2 Design Criteria

- A. Setback, building height, lot width and depth, and lot coverage ratios applicable to the District shall be maintained.
- B. All facilities in a hotel, motel or lodging facility project shall be on the same parcel of property and shall not contain any commercial facility unless such commercial facility is otherwise permitted in the District where the subject property is located.

612 Temporary Housing

All dwelling units, whether proposed as permanent dwelling units or for temporary use, shall comply with all applicable requirements for the type of dwelling unit as defined in Article III and regulated by this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VII
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

700 Design of Commercial Establishments and Nonresidential Uses

It is the intent of this §700 to provide standards for the design of commercial establishments and nonresidential uses (referred to as *commercial establishments*) to assure the compatibility of the nonresidential development with the surrounding character of the Township. This shall be accomplished by:

- A. Siting buildings, parking areas and other facilities and improvements based upon the particular topography of development site;
- B. Designing buildings with consideration of architectural style and type of construction material in keeping with the surrounding landscape and development pattern using wood or wood-like siding (exposed cinder-block construction shall not be permitted);
- C. Providing safe and convenient access from the public right-of-way based on the existing area-wide traffic circulation pattern and the expected traffic generated by the proposed use;
- D. Designing parking areas to complement patterns of traffic and pedestrian flow and to provide adequate off-street parking for patrons;
- E. Maintaining to the greatest extent possible natural vegetation and provide landscaping as an integral part of the overall design of the proposed use and parking areas;
- F. Considering the impact of storm water, noise, traffic and lighting on surrounding land uses and providing buffers to minimize adverse impacts; and,
- G. Being consistent with any design guidelines adopted by the Township.

700.1 Land Development

Any proposed commercial establishment shall be considered a "land development" as defined by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and shall comply in all respects with all the requirements for plan submission and content for land developments contained therein, as well as the information which follows. The Township may also require any additional information, studies or reports as it deems necessary to meet the intent of this and other Township Ordinances.

- A. Location, widths, and names of all existing or prior platted streets and utility rights-of-way, parks, and other public open spaces, permanent buildings and structures, houses or permanent easements, and zoning and municipal boundary lines, within five hundred (500) feet of the tract;
- B. A traffic and pedestrian flow chart showing circulation patterns from the public right-of-way and within the confines of the shipping center.
- C. Location and dimensions of vehicular drives, entrances, exits, acceleration and deceleration lanes;
- D. Location, arrangement, and dimensions of automobile parking space, width of aisles, width of bays, angle of parking;
- E. Location, arrangement, and dimensions of truck loading and unloading spaces and docks;

- F. Location and dimensions of pedestrian entrances, exits, walks;
- G. Location, height, and materials of walls, fences, screen plantings, and other landscaped areas.
- H. Preliminary architectural drawings for all buildings;
- I. Location, size, height, and orientation of all signs other than signs flat on building facades;

700.2 Site Design Process

The applicant shall demonstrate to the Township by the submission of the necessary land development site plans, that the commercial establishment has been designed as follows:

- A. Mapping of Primary and Secondary Conservation Areas (see §601.4,D,1) to identify all areas of the site which will remain undisturbed, along with noting site development practices which will be used to assure non-disturbance.
- B. Locating the building site.
- C. Locating required buffers.
- D. Laying out street access, parking/loading areas, and other required or proposed improvements.

701 Performance Standards Applicable to All Uses in All Districts

- A. Intent and Applicability - The intent of this §701 is to regulate the development and operation of all development in the Township and to protect the environment and the public health, safety and general welfare. No land or building shall be used or occupied in such manner which creates any dangerous, injurious, noxious, or otherwise objectionable condition in such amount to adversely affect the surrounding area, and any such activity is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. However, any use permitted by this Ordinance may be undertaken and maintained if it conforms to all applicable requirements of this Ordinance, including the standards in this §701 which are intended to limit nuisance elements. The following performance standards shall apply to all proposed new or expanded nonresidential uses, and residential uses explicitly referenced by a specific section. The standards in this §701 shall not apply to normal agricultural uses unless explicitly referenced by a specific section.
- B. Affidavit
 - 1. With the exception of residential uses, the applicant for a Zoning Permit for any other principal or accessory use shall include with such application an affidavit acknowledging his understanding of the performance standards in this §701 and applicable to such use, and affirming his agreement to conduct or operate such use at all times in conformance with such standards.
 - 2. The Right to Know Law protects certain information submitted in connection with a zoning permit from public disclosure by the Township. §708(3) of the Right to Know Law, 65 P.S. 67.708(3), exempts, "A record, the disclosure of which creates a reasonable likelihood of endangering the safety or the physical security of a building, public utility, resource, infrastructure, facility or information storage system, which may include ... (iii) building plans or infrastructure records that expose or create vulnerability through disclosure of the location, configuration or security of critical systems, including public utility systems, structural elements, technology, communication, electrical, fire suppression, ventilation, water,

wastewater, sewage and gas systems.” Additionally, §708(11) of the Right to Know Law, 65 P.S. 67.708(11), exempts, “A record that constitutes or reveals a trade secret or confidential proprietary information.” An applicant for a zoning permit may designate application material submitted to the Township meeting the exemption criteria of the Right to Know Law as confidential. Such confidential information shall thereafter be protected from public disclosure by the Township to the extent permitted by law.

3. Regardless of whether or not a use is required to comply with the procedure specified in this §701B, every use shall comply with all performance standards.

701.1 Setbacks and Buffers

In the case of conditional uses and special exceptions, landscaped buffers may be required by the Township in any setback in order to assure the protection of adjoining uses by providing visual barriers that block the glare of lights; reduce noise; serve as a protective barrier by blocking physical passage to dangerous areas; and reduce air pollution, dust and litter; and, to otherwise maintain and protect the rural character of the District.

- A. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.
- B. The width of the required buffer, as determined by the Township, shall not be less than five (5) feet.
- C. A mix of ground cover and shrubbery vegetation and canopy trees, of such variety compatible with the local climate, may be required so that a dense screen not less than six (6) feet in height will be formed within three (3) years of planting.
- D. Berms and landscaped walls or fences, compatible with the principal building design, may be incorporated in the required buffer. Front setback buffers shall be provided in the same manner to a height of not less than four (4) feet; however, all clear sight triangles shall be maintained.
- E. In any case, special consideration shall be given to existing residential uses and sites where residential uses are likely to be developed. In cases where the adjoining use is a commercial use, or when two or more adjacent properties are developed under a common site plan, the width and density of the buffer may be reduced if the Township shall determine that the proposed use and adjoining use(s) are not incompatible.
- F. Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered "improvements" for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for "land developments" in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.

701.2 Landscaping

A landscaping plan for the proposed project shall be submitted by the developer for review and approval by the Township. The landscaping plan shall include the overall design of the landscaping proposed, the type and size of vegetation to be utilized, and details of installation. Landscaping shall be installed to the following minimum standards.

- A. All disturbed areas of the site shall be included in the landscaping plan, and those areas immediately adjacent to buildings and walkways shall be given extra consideration.

- B. Adequate pedestrian walkways shall be provided for access from parking areas and to common use areas and shall be an integral part of the landscaping; and shall be consistent with the architectural type of the project and shall be a minimum of four (4) feet in width.
- C. Plants shall be species native to Pennsylvania and of a type which are proven successful in the Township's climate.
- D. Where landscaping is required to serve as a buffer (e.g., between the project and adjoining properties or between buildings and parking areas) the plants used shall be of the evergreen type and of adequate size to provide an effective buffer within five (5) years of project approval or in accord with the time frame as may be established as a condition of approval for conditional uses, special exceptions or variances.
- E. The variety of landscape materials shall be consistent with building architecture and the surrounding area and plant type shall be appropriate for the size and location of the space it is to occupy.
- F. All areas in and around parking areas shall be landscaped.
- G. Attractive natural features of the site, including mature trees, shall be preserved to the greatest extent possible.
- H. Artificial landscape materials shall not be used in place of live trees, shrubs and vegetative ground cover.
- I. All trees to be planted shall have a trunk diameter of at least one (1) inch as measured one (1) foot above the ground.
- J. Ground cover shall be spaced to allow for complete fill-in within one (1) year of the date of planting.
- K. Adequate soil preparation in accord with accepted landscape industry practices shall be required.
- L. All landscaping shall be maintained in good growing condition by the property owner and free of weeds, debris and brush.

701.3 Operations and Storage

All facilities and operations of any principal use (with the exception of nurseries, agriculture and the display for sales purposes of new or used cars, motorcycles, trucks, trailers, vehicles, or farm equipment, in operative condition or other similar uses) including the storage of raw material, finished products, fuel, machinery and equipment and any other materials or supplies shall be enclosed and conducted within a building except as follows:

- A. Sales Area - One outdoor sales area meeting the required setbacks for the district shall be permitted not to exceed the lesser of ten (10) percent of the interior retail sales space or five hundred (500) square feet.
- B. Conditional Use/Special Exception
 - 1. Outdoor storage for other uses may be approved as a conditional use for a use listed as conditional use by the Schedule of Uses and as a special exception for a use listed as a special exception.
 - 2. In the case of a use listed as a principal permitted use by the Schedule of Uses, outdoor storage shall be considered a conditional use.
 - 3. Larger setbacks and/or buffers to afford protection to adjoining uses and any public road rights-of-way

may be required.

- C. Minimum Setback - Unenclosed uses and activities shall, in any case, be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any existing residential structure or any R District, unless a greater setback is required by this Ordinance.
- D. Storage in Setback and Parking Areas - Storage of equipment, supplies, products or any other materials shall not be permitted in any required setback or parking areas.
- E. Motor Vehicles, Truck Trailers or Other Containers - See §503.1C for storage of materials, supplies or products in motor vehicles, truck trailers or other containers normally used to transport materials.

701.4 Fire and Explosion Hazards

All activities involving any manufacturing, production, storage transfer or disposal of, inflammable and explosive materials shall be provided with adequate safety devices against the hazard of fire and explosion and adequate fire-fighting and fire suppression equipment and devices standard in the industry shall be required. Burning of waste materials in open fires is prohibited. The relevant provisions of Federal, State and local laws and regulations shall also apply. Details of the potential hazards and details of planned safety and accident response actions shall be provide by the developer for review by the local fire company(s). In the case of conditional uses and special exceptions, larger setbacks, additional buffer areas or fencing may be required by the Township if the nature of the proposed use as determined by the Township so requires.

701.5 Electromagnetic Radiation and Radioactive Radiation

- A. Electromagnetic Radiation - It shall be unlawful to operate, or cause to be operated, any planned or intentional source of electromagnetic radiation for such purposes as communication, experimentation, entertainment, broadcasting, heating, navigation, therapy, vehicle velocity measurement, weather survey, aircraft detection, topographical survey, personal pleasure, for any other use directly or indirectly associated with these purposes which does not comply with the then current regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and other applicable regulations.
- B. Radioactive Radiation - No activities shall be permitted which emit dangerous radioactivity at any point beyond the property line. The handling of radioactive materials, the discharge of such materials into air and water and the disposal of radioactive wastes shall be in conformance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

701.6 Noise

A. Definitions:

1. A-weighted Noise Level (dBA) - A measure of sound pressure in decibels with the sound pressure scale adjusted to conform with the frequency response of the human ear. A sound level meter that measures A-weighted decibels, designated as dBA, has an electrical circuit that allows the meter to have the same sensitivity to sound at different frequencies as the average human ear (2007, Australian Academy of Science).
2. Equivalent Noise Level (Leq) - The dBA level of a steady state sound which has the same dBA weighted sound energy as that contained in the actual time-varying sound being measured over a specific time period (2003, Eilar Associates, Encinitas, CA).
3. Ambient Noise Level - The average A-weighted Noise Level (Leq) at any specified point which is

representative of the noise level of that environment over an extended period of time. It is a composite of all sounds from sources, both near and far.

4. Noise Source - A single piece of equipment, or a collection of equipment under the control and operation of a single entity (e.g., a wind farm), that produces noise as a consequence of its operation. A collection of equipment may not necessarily be connected or related, if they may be operated simultaneously.
5. Suspect Source - A Noise Source that may be in violation of this chapter, identified by the nature of sounds or a correlation with the times of operation and the alleged violation.

B. Limits

1. Ambient Noise Level Threshold

- a. No Noise Source shall produce an A-Weighted Noise Level at any point in the Township outside the boundaries of the property on which the Noise Source is located (or in the case of a project considered a single Noise Source, the boundaries of the collective project area) at a level in excess of ten (10) dBA above the Ambient Noise Level.
- b. An increase in excess of ten (10) dBA shall be permitted provided the owner/operator of the Noise Source acquires a noise easement in form and content approved by the Township (solely with respect to the noise easement) from the affected property owner which establishes the maximum increase. However no increase shall be permitted for properties separated by any public road right of way and in no case shall the maximum noise level exceed the level established by §701.6.B.3.

2. Ambient Noise Level - For projects being developed, the Ambient Noise Level for the entire project may be established prior to construction of such project for the duration of construction and operation of such project by measuring the noise level near the boundaries of the property on which the project is to be constructed in accordance with §701.6.C below for a continuous two (2)-week period no more than two (2) years prior to the start of construction of such project.

3. Maximum Noise Level - Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this §701.6.B, in no event shall a Noise Source produce an A-Weighted Noise Level outside the boundaries of the property on which the Noise Source is located (or in the case of a project considered a single Noise Source, the boundaries of the collective project area) at a level in excess of the limits established in the following Maximum Sound Levels Table:

Maximum Sound Levels					
Period	Receiving Land Limits (dBA)				
	Existing Dwelling	Zoning District			
		R	RA	C	I
Monday-Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	60	60	60	65	70
Saturday, 9:00 p.m.- Monday. 7:00 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	50	50	55	60	70

C. Measurements

1. Type and Certification - All noise level measurements shall be made using a sound level meter meeting American National Standard Specification for Sound Level Meters (ANSI S1.4-1983 (R2001)/ANSI S1.4A-1985 or the current revision of that standard) for Type 1 instruments. The instrument shall have been laboratory re-certified according to the manufacturer's directions within the periodicity required by the manufacturer (usually 1- or 2-year interval) prior to the measurements.
2. Methods - All measurements shall be taken using the FAST response time and A-weighting.
3. Field Calibration - A field calibration check, using a certified field calibrator, shall be performed at the beginning and end of the measurement period and reported with the other data.
4. Proposed Projects
 - a. For projects establishing an Ambient Noise Level for the project prior to the approval of such project, the average A-weighted Noise Level (Leq) shall be measured at multiple points near the outside boundaries of the property on which the project is to be constructed for a continuous two-week period no more than one (1) year to the start of construction of such project.
 - b. Measurements should be attempted to be performed near outside boundaries which are closest in proximity to where the Noise Source will be located and/or where noise is reasonably expected to be the loudest.
 - c. The measurements must be made by an independent professional using the commonly-accepted measurement procedures specified in ANSI/ASA S1.13-2005 (R2010) standard "American National Standard Methods for the Measurement of Sound Pressure Levels In Air" or the current revision of that standard.

D. Investigation of Complaints

1. Initial Determination
 - a. In the event a complaint is received regarding a Suspect Source, the Zoning Officer shall first determine that the complaint is valid by visiting the site of the complaint and the site of the Suspect Source.
 - b. If the nature of the sound at the site of the complaint is not similar to the nature of the sound produced by the Suspect Source, and if the subjective noise levels do not correlate with the operation of the Suspect Source, then the Zoning Officer shall file a report noting those observations, and shall notify the complainant and the owner/operator of the Suspect Source that the complaint has not been validated.
2. Test Date
 - a. If, by the nature of the sound, or correlation with the operation of the Suspect Source, the Zoning Officer determines a complaint to potentially be valid, the Zoning Officer shall arrange a date and time with the complainant and the owner/operator of the Suspect Source to conduct a test.

- b. The test should be close to the time of day and day of week of the complaint, but shall not represent an unreasonable burden on the complainant or the owner/operator of the Suspect Source.

3. Background Noise Level

- a. The Zoning Officer shall conduct an average background A-weighted Noise Level measurement before and after the operation of the Suspect Source using commonly-accepted measurement equipment and standards; provided that at the election of the owner/operator, the owner/operator may engage an independent professional to conduct such measurements mutually agreed to by the Township, at the cost of the owner/operator.
- b. At the direction of the Zoning Officer, the owner/operator of the Suspect Source shall operate the equipment according to normal operating procedures according to design limits, or the maximum approved limits of the conditional use approval, whichever is lower, for the duration of the test.
- c. The owner/operator may be required to operate the equipment in any mode or for any use that the equipment is normally or occasionally used. The owner/operator shall not be required to operate the equipment in any manner inconsistent with the design or normal use, nor in any unsafe manner.

4. Average Background A-weighted Noise Level

- a. An average background A-weighted Noise Level shall be measured without the Suspect Source in operation. The atmospheric conditions at the time of measurement shall be as near the atmospheric conditions reported at the time of the complaint (wind direction and speed, temperature, temperature gradient, etc.).
- b. Background activities shall be representative of those expected in the environment for the time of day and day of the week.
- c. Measurements of the average background A-weighted Noise Level shall be made for the length of time the Suspect Source will be in operation, but need not be any longer than fifteen (15) minutes. If manual measurements are being taken, the measurements shall be recorded every fifteen (15) seconds. If an automatic recording device is being used, the recording interval shall be one second, or the closest fixed or variable interval allowed by the meter and recording equipment.

5. Measurements

- a. Measurements of the average A-weighted Noise Level (Leq) with the Suspect Source in operation shall be conducted as soon as possible after obtaining the background noise level measurements without the Suspect Source in operation and shall be made for the length of time the source will normally be in operation, but in any case shall not be less than five (5) minutes and need not be any longer than 15 minutes.
- b. If manual measurements are being taken, the measurements shall be recorded every fifteen (15) seconds. If an automatic recording device is being used, the recording interval shall be one (1) second, or the closest fixed or variable interval allowed by the meter and recording equipment.
- c. The equation for deducing the A-weighted Noise Level (Leq) being produced by the Suspect Source (Ls) shall be as set forth below where L1 equals the measured average A-weighted Noise Level (Leq)

of the background without the Suspect Source in operation and L2 equals the measured average A-weighted Noise Level (Leq) of the background with the Suspect Source in operation. Basically, Ls equals L2 minus L1 as shown in log notation below which is the basis for decibel calculations.

$$L_s = 10 \log_{10} \left(10^{\frac{L_2}{10}} - 10^{\frac{L_1}{10}} \right)$$

- E. Report - After completion of the background noise level measurements before and after the operation of the Suspect Source, the report of the Zoning Officer (or the independent professional, if engaged by the owner/operator of the Suspect Source) shall include:
1. The instrument manufacturer, model, type, serial number, and laboratory re-certification date of the sound level meter and the field calibrator.
 2. The level of the field calibration after making any adjustment of the sound level meter.
 3. The location of the noise level measurements, by latitude and longitude or by other descriptive terms that would allow someone unfamiliar with the complaint to locate, unambiguously, the measurement point on the ground, or on a map.
 4. The location of the Suspect Source by latitude and longitude or by other descriptive terms that would allow someone unfamiliar with the complaint to locate, unambiguously, the measurement point on the ground, or on a map.
 5. A description of the Suspect Source in operation, sufficient to allow someone to recreate the conditions of the test.
 6. The weather conditions at the time of measurement, including temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, cloud cover, and an impression of the temperature gradient.
 7. The time at which noise level measurements were started and stopped.
 8. The time at which the operation of the Suspect Source was started and stopped, and when measurements were started and stopped.
 9. For manual measurements:
 - a. a table of lines and sound levels as reported on the meter
 - b. the calculated A-weighted Noise Level for each set of measurements
 10. For automatic measurements:
 - a. a notation of the time the instrument was started and the time stopped
 - b. the reported A-weighted Noise Level
 - c. if the instrument can report each data point, an electronic form of the data, including each measurement time and level, and a description of the data format shall be retained as a supplement to the report
 - d. a calibration mark using the field calibrator

11. A list of witnesses or other persons present during the measurements.
 12. Any additional comments from the complainant, witnesses or the operator/owner of the suspect equipment or sources.
- F. Studies for Proposed Use - Applicants for a specific proposed use shall be required to demonstrate that the proposed use will not violate the standards in this §701.6 by providing reasonable documentary evidence, which may include:
1. Engineering studies which estimate the environmental noise levels from the proposed equipment operations and the impact of mitigation measures applied to the equipment and/or site; and/or
 2. Environmental noise measurements from similar operations and sites (same number and types of equipment, comparable topography and prevailing weather conditions).

Given the inherent vagaries of acoustic predictions and the variability of acoustic measurements, the Board of Supervisors may apply conditions which are more conservative than would be indicated by the studies. In any case, the acceptance of proposed control or mitigation measures does not relieve the applicant from complying with the standards provided in this chapter and/or a conditional use approval.

- G. Exceptions - The standards in this §701.6 do not apply to:
1. Radiated noise levels for vehicles or other operations subject to state or federal preemption; however, the operators of violating sources may offer modifications to radiated noise levels of equipment as a curative means.
 2. The operation of lawn mowers, leaf blowers, string trimmers, chain saws, and other small yard maintenance equipment between 8 AM and 6 PM local time.
 3. Emergency equipment and signals.
 4. Emergency operations of any kind, including, but not limited to, road repairs, utility repairs, response to accidents, injuries, fires, flooding, or hazardous material spills.
 5. Short duration activities, such as construction or repair of facilities or infrastructure.

701.7 Vibration

No vibration shall be permitted which is detectable without instruments at or beyond the property line; and no use shall generate any vibration which is capable of causing damage to buildings, structures, equipment alignment, or structural soundness. This requirement shall not apply to occasional blasting conducted in accord with applicable regulations that may be necessary during construction of streets, structure and utilities.

701.8 Lighting and Glare

The standards of this §701.8 shall apply to all uses including residential and agricultural.

- A. Purpose - This section sets minimum standards for outdoor lighting to:
1. Provide lighting in outdoor public places where public health, safety and welfare are potential concerns.

2. Protect drivers and pedestrians from the glare of non-vehicular light sources that shine into their eyes and thereby impair safe traverse.
 3. Protect the privacy of property owners by limiting the potential for glare and light trespass from poorly aimed, placed, applied, maintained or shielded outdoor lighting installations located on adjacent properties and roadways.
 4. Set forth outdoor lighting requirements which are consistent with lighting industry standards and practices, available technologies, and the lighting sciences.
- B. Application - Outdoor lighting shall be required for safety and personal security in areas of public assembly and traverse, including, but not limited to: multi-family dwellings, commercial, industrial, public recreational, and institutional use. The Township may require lighting to be incorporated for other uses or locations, as it deems necessary. The glare control requirements in this section apply to lighting in all of the above mentioned uses as well as sign, architectural, landscaping, and residential lighting. Lighting shall be controlled in both height and intensity to maintain community character; and lighting designs shall be an inherent part of the project design. The standards of the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) shall be used as a guideline for the said design. The applicant shall provide the specifications of the proposed lighting and its arrangement on the site; and, all required lighting shall be considered improvements for the purpose of regulation by the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

C. Definitions

Candela: Unit of luminous intensity, describing the intensity of a light source in a specific direction.

Candela Distribution: A curve, often on polar coordinates, illustrating the variation of luminous intensity of a lamp or luminaire in a plane through the light center.

Candlepower: Luminous intensity expressed in candelas. A measure of luminous intensity of a light source in a specific direction, measured in candelas.

Cutoff: A light distribution where a negligible amount of light is permitted at a horizontal plane located at the bottom of a luminaire. Light above the horizontal plane at the bottom of a luminaire is not limited; but, cutoff luminaires usually have very little light above the luminaire.

Full Cutoff: A light distribution where no light is permitted at or above a horizontal plane located at the bottom of a luminaire. There will be little or no light at the angles that are usually associated with glare.

Semicutoff: A light distribution where slightly more light is permitted at a horizontal plane located at the bottom of a luminaire than the cutoff distribution. Like *cutoff*, light above the horizontal plane at the bottom of a luminaire is not limited; but, the amount of light above the luminaire is relatively small.

Noncutoff: A light distribution that can produce considerable light above the horizontal plane located at the bottom of a luminaire.

Cut off angle of a luminaire: The angle, measured up from the nadir (i.e., straight down), between the vertical axis and the first line of sight at which the bare source (the bulb or lamp) is not visible.

Floodlight: A fixture designed to "flood" a well-defined area with light.

Footcandle: A unit of illuminance. The English measurement unit of illuminance (or light level) on a surface. One lumen is equal to one footcandle per square foot. A unit of light intensity stated in lumens per square foot and measurable with an illuminance meter, a/k/a footcandle or light meter. One footcandle is equal to 10.76 lux; and, one lux is equal to 0.093 footcandles.

Fully Shielded Light Fixture: A light fixture constructed in such a manner that all light emitted by the fixture, either directly from the lamp or a diffusing element, or indirectly by reflection or refraction from any part of the luminaire, is projected below the horizon.

Glare: Light that hinders or bothers the human eye. The sensation produced by luminances within the visual field that is sufficiently greater than the luminance to which the eyes are adapted to cause annoyance, discomfort, or loss in visual performance or visibility. The degree of glare is described as follows:

1. Blinding Glare: Glare that is so intense that for an appreciable length of time after it has been removed, no object can be seen.
2. Direct Glare: Glare resulting from high luminances or insufficiently shielded light sources in the field of view.
3. Disability Glare: The effects of stray light in the eye whereby visibility and visual performance is significant enough to keep a person from seeing adequately.
4. Discomfort Glare: Glare that produces discomfort. It does not necessarily interfere with visual performance or visibility.
5. Reflected Glare: Glare resulting from reflections of high luminances in polished or glossy surfaces in the field of view.

Illuminance: The quantity of light measured in footcandles or lux. A term that quantifies light striking a surface or a plane point. It is expressed either in lumens per square foot (footcandles/the English unit) or lumens per square meter (lux/the metric unit). The areal density of the luminous flux incident at a point on a surface. One footcandle is equal to 10.76 lux; and, one Lux is equal to 0.093 footcandle.

Illumination: An alternative term for illuminance. Commonly used in a qualitative or general sense to designate the act of illuminating or the state of being illuminated.

Lamp: A generic term for a man-made source of light.

Light: Radiant energy that is capable of exciting the retina and producing a visual sensation. The visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum extends from about 380 to 770 nanometers.

Light Trespass: Light emitted by a lighting installation which extends beyond the boundaries of the property on which the installation is sited. Spill light. Obtrusive light. Undesirable illumination, including the following examples:

1. The classic *light shining in a window*.
2. Unwanted light on an adjacent property.
3. Excessive brightness in the normal field of vision (discomfort glare).

Lumen: Units of measurement of luminous flux representing the quantity of light being produced by a lamp or emitted from a luminaire.

Luminaire: A complete lighting unit consisting of one or more lamps (light sources) together with the parts designed to control the light distribution, and other mechanical and electrical components.

Luminance: A term that quantifies directional brightness of a light source (e.g., a lamp, luminaire, reflecting material) or of a surface that is illuminated and reflects light. The emitted or reflected light from a surface; relates directly to perceived "brightness." The unit of luminance is the candela per square meter (cd/M2). Measurable with a luminance meter.

Lux: A unit of light intensity stated in lumens per square meter. There are approximately 10.76 lux per footcandle.

Nadir: The point directly below the luminaire when the luminaire is pointed down (0-degree angle).

Nighttime: The hours between the end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight. Civil twilight ends in the evening when the center of the sun's disk is six (6) degrees below the horizon, and begins in the morning when the center of the sun's disk is six (6) degrees below the horizon.

Spotlight: A fixture designed to light only a small, well-defined area.

6. Criteria

1. Illumination Levels for Nonresidential Uses - Illumination of nonresidential uses, where required by this Ordinance, shall have intensities and uniformity ratios in accordance with the most current recommended practices of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES NA) Lighting Handbook.
2. Outdoor Light Standards for All Uses
 - a. Any lamp over 2000 initial lumens, installed, shall be fully shielded such that the lamp itself is not directly visible from any other residential property.
 - b. The use of more than one luminaire or lamp of 2000 initial lumens for the purpose of illuminating the same area shall not be permitted.
 - c. Examples of lamp types of 2000 lumens and below are: 100 Watt Standard Incandescent; 15 Watt Cool White Fluorescent; 15 Watt Compact Fluorescent; and 18 Watt Low Pressure Sodium.

E. Lighting Fixture Design

1. Fixtures shall be of a type and design appropriate to the lighting application.
2. For lighting horizontal tasks such as roadways, sidewalks, entrances and parking areas, fixtures shall meet full cutoff criteria (i.e., no light output emitted above 90 degrees at any lateral angle around the fixture).
3. Fixtures shall be equipped with or be modified to incorporate light directing and/or shielding devices such as shields, visors, skirts or hoods to redirect offending light distribution and/or reduce direct or reflected glare.

F. Control of Nuisance and Disabling Glare

1. All outdoor lighting shall be aimed, located, designed, fitted and maintained so as not to present a hazard to drivers or pedestrians by impairing their ability to safely traverse and so as not to create a nuisance by projecting or reflecting objectionable light onto a neighboring use or property.
2. All outdoor lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded in such a manner that no light is emitted above a horizontal plane passing through the lowest point of the light emitting element, so that direct light emitted above the horizontal plane is eliminated.
3. Floodlights and spotlights shall be so installed or aimed that they do not project their output into the windows of neighboring residences, adjacent uses, skyward or onto a public roadway. Floodlights or spotlights must be aimed no higher than forty-five (45) degrees above straight down (i.e., half-way between straight down and straight to the side) when the source is visible from any off-site residential property or public roadway. The use of searchlights or laser source lights for advertising or entertainment purposes is prohibited.
4. Automatic switching devices such as time clocks or combination motion detectors and photocells to control outdoor lighting fixtures are preferable to mitigate nuisance glare and sky-lighting.
5. All illumination for advertising signs, buildings and/or surrounding landscapes for decorative, advertising or esthetic purposes is prohibited between 11:00 p.m. and dawn, except that such lighting situated on the premises of a commercial establishment may remain illuminated while the establishment is actually open for business, and until one hour after closing.
6. Illumination for flagpole lighting may not exceed 10,000 lumens.
7. Vegetation screens shall not be employed to serve as the primary means for controlling glare. Rather, glare control shall be achieved primarily through the use of such means as cutoff fixtures, shields and baffles, and appropriate application of fixture mounting height, wattage, aiming angle and fixture placement.
8. Externally illuminated signs and billboards shall use only fixtures mounted at the top of the sign and aimed downward shall light. Such fixtures shall be automatically extinguished between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and dawn, except as specifically approved by appropriate officers or agents of the Borough.
9. Directional fixtures for such applications as facade, fountain, feature and landscape illumination shall be aimed downward so as not to project their output beyond the objects intended to be illuminated. Additionally, they shall be extinguished between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and dawn.
10. The use of white strobe lighting, flashing, flickering or pulsating for tall structures such as smokestacks, chimneys and radio/communications/television towers is prohibited during nighttime hours, except as may be required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental agency.

- G. Nonconforming Lighting - Unless minor corrective action is deemed by the Borough to be an acceptable alternative, a nonconforming lighting fixture or lighting installation shall be made to conform with the applicable requirements of this Ordinance when:

1. It is deemed by the Borough to create a safety hazard.
2. It is replaced, abandoned or relocated.

H. Exemptions

1. Emergency lighting, used by police, firefighting, or medical personnel, or at their direction, is exempt from all requirements of this Ordinance for as long as the emergency exists.
2. Temporary lighting installations, which include, but are not limited to, seasonal or holiday displays, carnivals, community fairs, and traveling circuses, may be employed on a temporary basis not to exceed thirty (30) days in duration.

701.9 Smoke

No emission of smoke shall be permitted from any chimney or otherwise, except in full compliance with PA Department of Environmental Protection requirements.

701.10 Odors

No emission shall be permitted of odorous gases or other odorous matter except in full compliance with PA Department of Environmental Protection requirements. Because the Township is a rural/agricultural area with many farms, the spreading of manure shall not be considered an offensive odor and shall be exempt from this §701.10; however, this exemption shall not apply to sewage sludge or concentrated animal feeding operations.

701.11 Other Forms of Air Pollution

No emission of fly ash, dust, fumes, vapors, gases and other forms of air pollution shall be permitted except in full compliance with PA Department of Environmental Protection requirements.

701.12 Surface and Ground Water Protection

All activities involving the possible contamination of surface or ground water shall be provided with adequate safety devices to prevent such contamination.

- A. Report - The Township may require the applicant to submit a report from a qualified engineer or geologist detailing:
 1. The geologic structure of the area proposed to be disturbed and identifying the probable impacts on groundwater supply and quality.
 2. The potential hazards (including the groundwater characteristics of the area in which the use is proposed) and details of planned safety devices and contamination response actions.
 3. The use of ground water and any processes that could result in the depletion of ground water supplies.
- B. Large Volume Use - In cases where the use requires the use of ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day or more of groundwater, the developer shall provide appropriate hydro-geologic studies which clearly establish that the proposed use will not cause a reduction in the quantity or the quality of ground water supplies available to other properties located within one thousand (1,000) feet of any portion of the property where the proposed use will be located.
- C. Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions - In the case of conditional uses and special exceptions the Township may require a plan to be submitted for review and approval and may require security for insuring contamination

response. Monitoring wells and water quality testing may also be required by the Township.

701.13 Storm Water Management and Soil Erosion Control

A. Stormwater Management

1. A storm water management plan and soil erosion control plan may be required by the Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors or Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, for review and approval.
2. The plan shall be prepared and implemented pursuant to the standards contained in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance or other applicable Township regulations, County Conservation District standards, and any applicable PA DEP requirements; and shall be based on generally accepted engineering principles and best management practices appropriate for the proposed use.
3. In any area of the Township where a storm water management plan has been prepared and adopted in accord with the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act, the provisions of any applicable storm water control ordinance shall apply.

701.14 Waste Materials

No liquid, solid, toxic or hazardous waste shall be stored or disposed of in any area, either above or below ground level, except for the temporary storage thereof pending removal from the premises. Such temporary storage and handling of waste shall be in a designated area and shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations in order to prevent any water, soil or air contamination and shall be screened from view of adjoining properties and any public road right-of-way by fencing or other buffers. In addition, no waste discharge is permitted into any reservoir, sewage or storm water disposal system, stream, open body of water or onto the ground. All waste materials shall be disposed of only in accord with all applicable state and federal regulations and applications for any use which results in waste materials regulated by the state or federal government shall include a list of all such wastes and the method of temporary storage, handling and disposal.

701.15 Handicapped Access

Handicapped access to all uses shall be provided in accord with all applicable state and federal requirements.

701.16 Settling and/or Storage Ponds and Reservoirs

All ponds, reservoirs or other such storage facilities which are associated with any manufacturing or industrial process, or any sewage or waste disposal process shall be fenced or shall otherwise be physically controlled to prevent access by the public. Said fence shall be not less than four (4) feet high and of a design to restrict access to the area to be controlled. Any such facility which contains any material which is poisonous, toxic or caustic, shall be considered a conditional use, and the Board of Supervisors shall, at a minimum, require that such structure be enclosed by a chain link fence not less than eight (8) feet high.

701.17 Security

In cases where deemed necessary by the Township (correctional facilities, for example), the applicant shall provide a plan addressing security needs to protect the health and safety of the public as well as the occupants of the proposed facility. Such plan shall include a description of the specific services to be offered, type of patients and/or residents, to be served, and the staff to be employed for this purpose. The plan shall identify the forms of security normally required with care of the type to be offered and detail the specific measures to be taken in the construction, development and operation of the facility so as to provide appropriate security. The plan shall, at a minimum, reasonably restrict unauthorized entry and/or exit to and from the property and provide for effective

separation from adjoining residences by means of fencing, signs or a combination thereof. The plan shall also address measures to ensure that lighting and noise is controlled, particularly with respect to loudspeakers or other amplification devices and floodlights.

701.18 Water Supply

All uses shall be provided with an adequate and safe water supply, as demonstrated by evidence to be provided by the applicant, documenting that the siting, density, and design of all proposed residential, commercial, industrial and other developments or uses will assure the availability of reliable, safe and adequate water supplies to support the proposed land use(s) within the capacity of available water resources.

701.19 Sewage Disposal

Sewage disposal shall be provided by a system meeting the needs of the proposed use and the requirements of the Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Discharge to such system shall be limited to normal, domestic and human bodily wastes unless the treatment system has been specifically designed to handle other wastes or the wastes are pre-treated in accord with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or local sewer authority requirements. No discharge of wastes, by-products or materials in any way associated with a production process, health care or veterinary facility medical wastes, funeral home wastes, or other commercial wastes shall be permitted to any subsurface, land application or other soil based sewage disposal system.

701.20 Reserved

701.21 Other Regulations

The Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors or the Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be may require documentation from the Applicant demonstrating that the project complies with all other applicable local, state and federal regulations, and said proposal has obtained all required permits, certifications and authorizations, including but not limited to the PA Department of Transportation, the PA Department of Environmental Protection the PA Department of Labor and Industry, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

701.22 Travel Routes; Access

- A. Travel Routes - The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads proposed to be used to travel to and from the facility and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use.
- B. Access - In cases where a lot has access to a state and Township road, access to the lot shall be from the state road.

702 Placement and Screening of Waste Containers

702.1 Setback

Any solid waste container with a capacity over fifteen (15) cubic feet shall be kept a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line.

702.2 Food Sales

Any use that involves the sale of ready-to-eat food for consumption outside of a building shall provide at least one (1) outdoor solid waste receptacle for customer use at a convenient location outside of the main exit door of the property. The operator of such use shall be responsible for regular emptying and maintenance of such receptacle.

702.3 Enclosed Containers

Solid waste receptacles stored outdoors shall be adequately enclosed and covered to control the attraction of rodent and insects.

703 Reserved**704 Steep Slope Areas**

Steep slopes shall be defined as slopes in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) grade as determined by the Zoning Officer, from United States Geological Survey topographic maps or USDA NRCS maps. In cases where the slope cannot be specifically determined by said means, the Zoning Officer may require the applicant to provide certification from a Professional Engineer or Registered Land Surveyor of the slope in question. Slope shall be measured at the points where any earth will be disturbed or where structures or other improvements are proposed. Any use or development of such steep slope areas shall be considered a conditional use, and in reviewing applications for use of sites partially or wholly included within an area identified as steep-sloped, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission shall be satisfied that the following performance standards have been or will be met:

- A. An accurate map prepared by a Registered Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been submitted showing property boundaries, building and drive locations, contours at two (2) foot intervals and any areas to be graded. The proposed location of other factors shall also be shown including streams, wetlands, areas subject to landslides and extent of vegetative cover.
- B. A grading and drainage plan has been prepared showing existing and proposed ground surfaces, plans for drainage devices, plans for walls or cribbing, etc., map of the drainage area affected, computation of the amount of runoff expected, an erosion control plan and schedule for completion of work.
- C. The total amount of impervious surface that may be installed or maintained on steep slopes shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the maximum amount of impervious surface permitted for such use on any lot in the underlying zoning district. Provision shall be made and approved by the Township Engineer for control of runoff from impervious surfaces to prevent erosion and stormwater damage to downstream properties.
- D. No finished grade where fill is used shall exceed a fifty (50) percent slope.
- E. Where fill is used to later support structures, a minimum compaction of ninety (90) percent of maximum density shall be achieved.
- F. At least fifty (50) percent of the area to be used for any building or construction purposes shall be less than fifteen (15) percent slope.
- G. Soils characterized by the Soil Conservation Service as highly susceptible to erosion shall be avoided.
- H. Roads and utilities shall be installed along existing contours to the greatest extent possible.
- I. Any steep slope areas also characterized by seasonal high water tables shall be avoided.
- J. Removal of, or disturbance to, existing vegetation on the site shall be minimized. The proposed impacts on existing vegetation shall be evaluated in terms of the potentially detrimental effects on slope stability, erosion potential, transpiration and recharge of stormwater, aesthetic and traditional characteristics of the landscape, and existing drainage patterns. Mitigation measures may be required by the Board as it deems appropriate.

- K. In cases where structures are proposed, the applicant shall submit plans to the Zoning Officer detailing how the limitations of slope will be mitigated by the design of the structure(s).

705 Reserved

706 Property Line Buffer Areas

It is the intent of this section to preserve the rural character of the Township by requiring the conservation of trees and other vegetation, especially during the land development process, and by requiring property line buffers. This effort will also minimize the detrimental effects of soil erosion and sedimentation and storm water run-off. The Township's agricultural and other open land are vital to the rural character of the Township, which is the keystone of the local economy, and the preservation of that character will protect and promote the public welfare. This section is not intended to prescribe specific cutting practices; or to prevent or hinder any landowner from realizing financial return from the sale of trees; or to prevent or hinder commercial tree harvesters from operating in the Township. (Note: This §706 shall not apply to agricultural uses and lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Pennsylvania Game Commission.)

In order to minimize soil erosion and storm water run-off, and to preserve the rural character of the Township, natural vegetation shall be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

- A. Clearing of vegetation shall be limited to those areas of the site needed for proposed and required improvements.
- B. Any part of a site where existing vegetation has been disturbed and which is not used for buildings, structures, loading or parking spaces and aisles, sidewalks, designated storage areas or other improvements, shall be provided with an all-season ground cover and shall be landscaped.
- C. In the case of conditional uses and special exceptions, additional landscaping, screening and/or buffers may be required by the Township where the same are determined by the Township as necessary to protect adjoining uses.

707 Reserved

708 Traffic Impact Study (TIS)

Traffic impact studies are required for certain activities to enable the Townships to assess the effect on the transportation system in and around the Townships and to:

- A. Ensure that proposed uses do not adversely affect the transportation network.
- B. Identify any traffic problems associated with site access.
- C. Determine traffic problems on private, Township, County or State roads in the project traffic study area.
- D. Assist in the protection of the safety of the motoring public, air quality, and energy conservation.

708.1 TIS Requirement

- A. Thresholds - A TIS shall be required for all residential and nonresidential proposals that are projected to generate one hundred fifty (150) or more trip-ends per project peak hour or one thousand five hundred (1,500) trip-ends or more per day based on the latest edition of *Trip Generation* published by the Institute of

Transportation Engineers. A TIS shall also be required for additions to a use, changes of use and replacements of nonconforming uses that increase the total traffic (i.e., existing plus new traffic) above the peak hour or daily thresholds.

B. Other Projects - The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, may also, based upon the nature of a project and potential impacts on the Townships, require the developer to prepare and submit to the Township a TIS for the types of developments and uses listed below. The requirements of this §708 may be applied to any other proposed conditional use or special exception, which for reasons of location, design, existing traffic or other community or environmental considerations, as determined by the Township, warrants the application of the study required contained herein in order to determine what conditions should be required to mitigate any adverse effects of the proposed use. The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, or Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, may waive certain components of the TIS should such components be deemed unnecessary for certain uses.

1. Industrial parks
2. Light manufacturing or manufacturing or industrial uses
3. Junkyards
4. Mineral extraction
5. Mineral processing
6. Agricultural products processing
7. Solid waste facilities and staging areas
8. Warehouses and trucking terminals
9. Race tracks
10. Concentrated animal feeding operations
11. Any use involving the initial or cumulative disturbance of 87,120 or more square feet of soil surface areas
12. Any use involving the initial or cumulative construction, installation and/or placement of 43,560 square feet or more of buildings, structures or other impervious surface areas
13. Any use involving development in any flood plain area

708.2 Professional Requirements

The TIS shall be prepared by a registered professional traffic engineer or transportation planner with verifiable experience in preparing such studies.

708.3 Study Requirements

- A. State Roads - In cases where PennDOT requires a TIF for access to a state road, a separate TIS shall not be required by the Township. If PennDOT does not require a TIS and the traffic from the proposed use meets or exceeds the peak hour or daily thresholds, a TIS using PennDOT methodology shall be required.
- B. Township Roads - If a TIS is required for access to a Township road, the TIS shall be prepared in accord with PennDOT methodology.

ARTICLE VIII
STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC USES

In addition to all other applicable standards in this Ordinance, the standards in this Article VIII, which may include larger lot sizes, increased setbacks and other standards more restrictive than established by other Ordinance sections, shall apply to the uses as provided in the following sections. The omission from a section of a reference to other applicable requirements shall not exempt compliance with such requirements.

801 Adult Businesses

801.1 Findings

In adopting these standards which apply to adult businesses, the Township Board of Supervisors has made the following findings in regard to the secondary effects on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of The Township. The findings are based on evidence concerning the adverse secondary effects of adult uses on the community presented in hearings and in reports made available to the Board of Supervisors, and on findings incorporated in the cases of City of Renton v. Playtime Theaters, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986), Young v. American Mini Theaters, 427 U.S. 50 (1976), and Northend Cinema, Inc., v. Seattle, 585 P. 2d 1153 (Wash. 1978), and on studies in other communities including, but not limited to, Phoenix, Arizona; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Saint Paul, Minnesota; Manatee County, Florida; Houston, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Amarillo, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Austin Texas; Seattle, Washington; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Beaumont, Texas; and New York City, New York; and also on findings found in the *Report of the Attorney General's Working Group on the Regulation of Sexually Oriented Businesses*, June 6, 1989, State of Minnesota.

- A. The concern over sexually transmitted diseases is a legitimate health concern of The Township which demands reasonable regulation of adult businesses and adult uses in order to protect the health and well-being of the citizens.
- B. Certain employees of sexually oriented business regulated by this Ordinance as adult theaters and cabarets engage in higher incidents of certain types of sexually oriented behavior at these businesses than employees of other establishments.
- C. Sexual acts, including masturbation, oral and anal sex, occur at sexually oriented businesses, especially those which provide private or semi-private booths or cubicles for viewing films, videos, or live sex shows, as regulated by this Ordinance as adult book stores, adult novelty shops, adult video stores, adult motion picture theaters, or adult arcades.
- D. Offering and providing such space, encourages such activities, which create unhealthy conditions.
- E. Persons frequent certain adult theaters, adult arcades, and other sexually oriented businesses for the purpose of engaging in sex within the premises of such sexually oriented businesses.
- F. At least fifty (50) communicable diseases may be spread by activities occurring in sexually oriented businesses, including, but not limited to, syphilis, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus infection (AIDS), genital herpes, hepatitis B, non B amebiasis, salmonella infections and shigella infections; and, the incidence of many of these diseases is on the increase.
- G. Sanitary conditions in some sexually oriented businesses are unhealthy, in part, because the activities conducted there are unhealthy, and, in part, because of the unregulated nature of the activities and the failure of the owners and the operators of the facilities to self-regulate those activities and maintain those facilities.

- H. Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen is found in the areas of sexually oriented businesses where persons view "adult" oriented films.
- I. Classifying adult businesses as conditional uses is a reasonable means of accountability to ensure that operators of adult businesses comply with reasonable regulations and conditions, and to ensure that operators do not knowingly allow their establishments to be used as places of illegal sexual activity or solicitation.
- J. There is convincing documented evidence that adult businesses, because of their very nature, have a deleterious effect on both the existing businesses around them and the surrounding residential areas adjacent to them, causing increased crime, the downgrading of property values, and the decline of the overall character of the community. A number of municipal studies, including the 1986 Austin, Texas study, have demonstrated this.
- K. It is generally recognized that adult businesses, due to their nature, have serious objectionable operational characteristics, particularly when they are located in close proximity to each other, thereby contributing to neighborhood blight and downgrading the quality of life in the adjacent area. A number of municipal studies, including the 1986 Austin, Texas study, have demonstrated this.
- L. The Township desires to minimize and control these adverse secondary effects and thereby protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry, protect the citizens from increased crime; preserve the quality of life, preserve property values and the character of the surrounding community.

801.2 Intent

It is the intent of this §801 to:

- A. Regulate adult business in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare by minimizing the secondary effects on the community which are associated with such businesses, and which include difficulties for law enforcement, trash disposal, deleterious effects on business and residential property values, increased crime (particularly the corruption of morals of minors and prostitution), and drive residents and businesses to move elsewhere.
- B. Designate a zoning district where adult businesses are permitted, and establish reasonable, content neutral standards applicable to such uses.
- C. Have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials including sexually oriented or adult materials.
- D. Not totally restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented materials or adult materials protected by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.
- E. Not deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of sexually oriented entertainment to their intended market.
- F. Not condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material, or to encourage any violation of the PA Crime Code or PA Obscenity Code.

801.3 Conditional Use

Adult businesses are classified as conditional uses in certain districts, which provides a suitable area for the development of such uses away from areas designated for residential development.

801.4 Standards

In addition to the other applicable general standards and the conditional use criteria contained in this Ordinance, the following standards shall apply to adult businesses:

- A. Setback - Adult businesses shall not be located less than:
1. Fifty (50) feet from any public road right-of-way (or any property line coterminous with or within a public road right-of-way) unless the standards this §801 require larger setbacks;
 2. Forty (40) feet from any property line (not coterminous with or within a public road right-of-way; see §801.4,A,1) unless the standards this §801 require larger setbacks;
 3. Two hundred fifty (250) feet from any R District or RA District.
- B. Similar Businesses - Adult businesses shall not be located within two hundred and fifty (250) lineal feet of any existing adult business.
- C. Measurement - The setback distances established in this §801 shall be as measured from the nearest edge of the building used for the subject use, measured in a straight line (without regard to intervening structures or objects) to the nearest lot line of the premises of a use from which the required setback applies.
- D. Enlargement - An existing, lawful nonconforming adult business may be expanded as a conditional use once in total floor area beyond the floor area that lawfully existed in such use at the time of adoption of this provision of the Zoning Ordinance, but only in accord with Article IX of this Ordinance.
- E. Limit of One (1) Use - It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to cause or permit: the operation, establishment, or maintenance of more than one (1) adult business in the same building, structure or portion thereof, or an increase of floor area of any adult business in any building, structure, or portion thereof that contains another adult business.
- F. Nonconformity - Any adult business lawfully operating on the date of enactment of this Ordinance that is in violation of any of the provisions of this §801 shall be deemed a nonconforming use. Such nonconforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, altered or extended, except: as permitted in Subsection "E" above. The use may be changed to a conforming use. However, under no circumstances shall a non-conforming use as defined and regulated by this Ordinance be changed to any type of adult business.
- G. Location of New Neighboring Uses -An adult business lawfully operating as a conforming use shall not be rendered a nonconforming use if, subsequent to the grant of a conditional use permit, a use from which an adult business is required to provide a setback under Subsection "A" above is developed within the required setback distance. Any additions or expansions of the use shall comply with Subsection "A" above.
- H. Reserved
- I. Visibility and Signs: - No sexually explicit material, signs, display, silhouette or word shall be visible at any time from outside of the building. Exterior signs shall comply with the provisions of Article XI of this Ordinance; however, business identification signs shall be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) square feet and signs attached to the building facade shall be limited to a maximum total of ten (10) square feet. Content of such signs shall be limited to only the text of the name of the business and the hours of operation.
- J. Exemption for Modeling Class: It is a defense to prosecution under this §801 that a person appearing in a state

of nudity did so in a modeling class operated:

1. By a proprietary school, licensed by the State, or an academically accredited college or university;
2. By a private college or university which maintains and operates educational programs in which credits are transferable to a college, junior college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation;
3. In a structure -
 - a. which has no sign visible from the exterior of the structure and no other advertising that indicates a nude person is available for viewing; and
 - b. where, in order to participate in a class, a student must enroll at least three (3) days in advance of the class; and
 - c. where no more than one (1) nude model is on the premises at any one time; or
4. By an organization which qualifies under §501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code as a non-profit organization or foundation.

802 Reserved

803 Agricultural Uses -- Crop Production and Livestock Operations

In addition to the other applicable standards of this Zoning Ordinance, agricultural uses shall be subject to the following requirements:

803.1 Crop Production

Crop production shall be permitted in any district on any size of parcel of land.

803.2 Livestock Operations

Livestock operations shall be permitted only in those districts as designated on the schedule of uses. In the R District a minimum of five (5) acres shall be required and any barn or other indoor or outdoor area used for concentrated confinement of animals or manure storage shall not be less than one hundred (100) feet from any property line or road right-of-way. The setbacks shall not apply where the affected adjoining or neighboring property owner provides a written, notarized letter stating the acceptance of a lesser, specified setback.. (See §810 for *concentrated animal feeding operations*.)

803.3 State Protected Agricultural Operations

Nothing in this Zoning Ordinance is intended to preclude the rights and protections of bona fide agricultural operations afforded by the Pennsylvania Right To Farm Law, as amended; the Pennsylvania Agricultural Securities Area Law, as amended; and other applicable state statutes. Such rights and protections, in terms of limiting the application of the standards in this Zoning Law, shall be afforded to such uses of land which meet the minimum definition of agricultural use as established by the applicable state statute.

803.4 Manure Odors

Because the Township is a rural/agricultural area with many farms, the spreading of manure shall not be considered an offensive odor and shall be exempt from §701.10; however, this exemption shall not apply to sewage sludge or concentrated animal feeding operations.

804 Airports and Heliports

The standards in this §804, in addition to other applicable standards in this Zoning Ordinance, shall apply to all existing and proposed airports and heliports as defined and regulated by this Ordinance.

804.1 Conditional Use

The existence of airport hazard zones limits the uses of surrounding landowners. No airport shall be permitted to make any change which would effect the location of airport surface zones, approach zones, or hazard zones, and

no new airport shall be developed unless conditional use approval has been granted. In addition to the requirements of §1208 of this Zoning Ordinance, the following procedures and criteria shall apply to any airport conditional use application. The following shall constitute changes at an airport requiring conditional use approval prior to the change:

- A. Any extension of a runway's length or location;
- B. Any change in the height of a runway;
- C. The paving of any previously unpaved portions of a runway, if such paving results in any change in airport rating category under 67 Pa. Code §471.5 as amended, effecting or altering the location or extent of any airport hazard zone;
- D. Any change of runway direction or alignment;
- E. Any change in the status of taxiways or holding areas effecting the location areas of airport hazard zones;
- F. Any change in airport rating category under 67 Pa. Code §471.5 as amended, effecting or altering the location or extent of any airport hazard zone.
- G. Any other physical, legal or rating change, or change in methods of operation, flight paths or change in instrumentation or technology resulting in a change in the location or extent of any airport hazard zone.

804.2 Application Contents

The application for conditional use shall contain the following documents and information:

- A. A full narrative description of the airport and any changes proposed.
- B. Plans and maps prepared by a registered professional engineer showing the airport and any changes proposed to the airport.
- C. Plans and maps prepared by a registered professional engineer showing existing and proposed locations of the airport hazard zones.
- D. Copies of all applications, correspondence, documents, maps or plans submitted to FAA and the Bureau of Aviation relating to the proposed change or construction, rating change, or other rating, legal or physical change.
- E. A plan showing of how the lands or air rights negatively affected shall be acquired.
- F. A list of the names and addresses of all landowners negatively affected by the proposed airport or change within a height of seventy-five (75) feet from the surface of said lands by the change in airport hazard zones.
- G. A list of the names and addresses of all landowners adjoining lands owned or leased by the airport owner.

804.3 Engineering Review

The Township Engineer shall review the application and report whether the application to the Planning Commission complies with all applicable ordinances, laws and regulations relating to airport hazard zones. The Township Engineer shall also report how the proposed airport or change will affect neighboring landowners and landowners in airport hazard zones. The Township Engineer shall also review and report on expected obstructions to aircraft resulting from the airport or change, and upon the adequacy, feasibility and practicality of the applicant's plan to

acquire the necessary air rights.

804.4 Costs

Any airport or change to an airport resulting in a change of airport hazard zones shall be considered a land development, and in accord with §503(1) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code the applicant shall be responsible for paying all reasonable and necessary charges of the Township's professional consultants or engineer relating to application review and report under the terms of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

804.5 Notice to FAA, the Bureau of Aviation, and the County

The Zoning Officer shall send a copy of the completed application to the Bureau of Aviation, FAA and the County Planning Department by certified mail, at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing.

804.6 Criteria to Review

In acting on a conditional use, the Supervisors shall consider:

- A. The effect upon reasonable use of properties affected by the proposal.
- B. How the applicant plans to acquire any necessary air rights.
- C. The character of the flying operations expected to be conducted at the airport;
- D. The nature of the terrain within the airport hazard zone area;
- E. The character of the community which is affected by the proposal.
- F. The effect upon roads, development, transportation routes, and other aspects of the Township's Comprehensive Plan;
- G. The provision of hazard lighting and marking;
- H. The importance of aircraft safety.

804.7 Runway and Landing Pad Setbacks

The edges and ends of any runway and/or helicopter landing pad shall be a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) feet from any property line.

805 Reserved

806 Animals, Keeping of

806.1 Kennels and Animal Shelters

Kennels and animal shelters are considered special exceptions in certain districts and shall be subject to §1208 of this Ordinance and the following conditions:

- A. Parcel Size - See Table 806.
- B. Setbacks - Any structure, outdoor kennels, or animal exercise areas used for the keeping of dogs shall meet the setbacks on Table 806.

- C. Parking - Adequate off-street parking shall be provided pursuant to this Ordinance with one space for each non-resident employee and one (1) space per four (4) dogs kept on the premises.
- D. Noise Barrier - A noise barrier consisting of a solid fence not less than six (6) feet in height or a dense vegetative planting of not less than six (6) feet in height shall be provided at a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) feet and fully encircling all kennel areas or animal exercise areas not enclosed in a building.
- E. Hours Outdoors - All animals shall be restricted from using kennel areas not fully enclosed in a building from dusk to 8:00 A.M.
- F. Wastes - All waste materials generated on the premises shall be disposed of at a PA DEP-approved facility, and a detailed plan for the same shall be included with the zoning application. In any case, all animal wastes shall be stored in water-tight containers in an area meeting the setbacks in §806.1,B until disposed of and proof of such disposal shall be provided to the Township.
- G. Nuisances - All animal wastes shall be stored in an area meeting the setbacks in §806.1B and shall be disposed of properly. The kennel shall not create any nuisance due to odor, noise, dust or other factor on any neighboring property.

TABLE 806					
LOT SIZE AND SETBACKS FOR KENNELS/ANIMAL SHELTERS AND STABLES					
Type of Use	Minimum Lot Size (acres)	Number of Horses Permitted	Property Line Setback (ft)	Road* Setback (ft)	Existing Building** Setback (ft)
Private Stables in All Districts	2	2 horses plus 1 horse per each additional full acre	75	75	100
Commercial Stables, Horses for Hire	10	2 horses per full acre	100	75	100
Kennels and animal shelters	5	not applicable	125	100	200
*Applies to any public or private road right-of-way.					
**Applies to any existing principal residential or commercial building not located on the project premises.					

806.2 Stables, Private

Private stables are permitted as an accessory use to a single-family residence in accord with the Schedule of Uses and the following conditions:

- A. Parcel Size - See Table 806.
- B. Number of Horses - See Table 806.
- C. Fences - All horses shall be restricted from grazing or intruding on an adjoining property by adequate fences or other means.
- D. Parking - Adequate off-street parking shall be provided pursuant to this Ordinance.
- E. Setbacks - Any stable building or corral or other indoor or outdoor area used for feeding of animals, concentrated confinement of animals or manure storage shall meet the setbacks on Table 806. These setbacks

shall not apply where the affected adjoining or neighboring property owner provides a written, notarized letter stating the acceptance of a lesser, specified setback.

- F. Existing Structures - On parcels meeting the minimum parcel size requirement, the use of an existing structure for housing of horses, which structure does not meet the required setbacks on Table 806, may be permitted as a special exception provided the applicant can document that no nuisances will be created due to noise, odor or other factors; and, the Township can establish adequate conditions to assure the same.
- G. Nuisances; Manure Management - The operation of the stable shall not create any nuisance due to odor, noise, dust or other factor on any neighboring property, and the applicant shall provide a plan for soil erosion and sedimentation control and manure management for approval by the Township.
- H. Uses Permitted - The following types of uses shall be permitted as part of the operation:
 - 1. Breeding, raising, keeping and sale of horses, and necessary buildings and structures.
 - 2. Training of horses, and necessary buildings and structures, including facilities for training only, which are set back in accord with Table 806.
 - 3. Boarding of horses.

806.3 Stables, Commercial and Horses for Hire

Commercial stables, including horses for hire, shall, in addition to all other applicable requirements of this Ordinance, comply with the following requirements:

- A. Parcel Size - A minimum parcel of twenty-five (25) acres shall be required and a single-family residence for the owner or manager shall be permitted on the premises provided all other sections of this Ordinance and other applicable standards are met.
- B. Number of Horses - See table 806.
- C. Fences - All horses shall be restricted from grazing or intruding on an adjoining property by fences or other means.
- D. Parking - Adequate off-street parking shall be provided pursuant to this Ordinance with one space provided for each non-resident employee and one (1) space per two (2) horses kept on the premises
- E. Setbacks - Any stable building or corral or other indoor or outdoor area used for feeding of animals, concentrated confinement of animals or manure storage shall meet the setbacks on Table 806. These setbacks shall not apply where the affected adjoining or neighboring property owner provides a written, notarized letter stating the acceptance of a lesser, specified setback
- F. Nuisances; Manure Management - The operation of the stable shall not create any nuisance due to odor, noise, dust or other factor on any neighboring property, and the applicant shall provide a plan for soil erosion and sedimentation control and manure management for approval by the Township.
- G. Uses Permitted - The following types of uses shall be permitted as part of the horse farm operation:
 - 1. Breeding, raising, keeping and sale of horses, and necessary buildings and structures.

2. Training of horses, and necessary buildings and structures, including facilities for training only, which are set back in accord with Table 806..
3. Boarding of horses, and necessary buildings and structures.
4. The hire of horses for riding or other use by persons other than the owners of the horses or the owners' guests.
5. Sale of horses other than the horses raised or boarded on the premises.
6. Retail sales of any goods or merchandise which are incidental and accessory to the stable use.

806.4 Zoos, Menageries, and Wild and Exotic Animals

No individual other than a registered veterinarian in the course of his professional duties, or a licensed falconer who keeps and maintains only his own birds, is permitted to maintain, keep or possess within the Township any wild or exotic animal except in an approved menagerie or zoo. Menageries and zoos shall, in addition to all other applicable requirements of this Ordinance, comply with the following requirements:

- A. A minimum parcel size of five (5) acres shall be required.
- B. All animals and animal quarters shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Adequate ventilation shall be maintained.
- C. The permit holder shall use every reasonable precaution to assure that the animals are not teased, abused, mistreated, annoyed, tormented or in any manner made to suffer by any means.
- D. Animals which are enemies by nature or are temperamentally unsuited shall not be quartered together or so near each other as to cause the animals fear or to be abused, tormented or annoyed.
- E. The permit holder shall maintain the premises so as to eliminate offense odors or excessive noise.
- F. The permit holder shall not permit any condition causing disturbance of the peace and quiet of his neighbors.
- G. Animals must be maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape. The permit holder assumes full responsibility for recapturing any animal that escapes from his premises. The permit holder shall make adequate provisions and safeguards to protect the public from the animals.
- H. The operation shall conform to all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations
- I. Any building, corral or other indoor or outdoor area used for feeding of animals, concentrated confinement of animals or animal waste storage shall not be located within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of any adjoining property line and one hundred (100) feet from any public or private road right-of-way.
- J. The applicant shall provide for adequate disposal of all any waste materials generated on the premises, and a detailed plan for the same shall be included with the zoning application.

807 Reserved

808 Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities

In addition to all other applicable standards, bulk fuel storage facilities shall be subject to the specific regulations

and requirements in this section and shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses. The Township shall establish, as part of the conditional use process, such other conditions such as increased setbacks and construction of dikes as necessary to protect the public health safety and welfare.

808.1 Setbacks

Storage tanks shall be located not less than fifty (50) feet from any property line or any road or street right-of-way line.

808.2 Fence

The total tank storage area shall be entirely fenced with an eight (8) foot high industrial type security fence or have an equivalent protection barrier approved by the Township.

808.3 Other Regulations

Bulk fuel storage facilities shall be developed in complete compliance with all applicable local, state, federal and insurance regulations and requirements and the applicant shall provide documentation confirming compliance.

809 Commercial Communication Devices

The following regulations shall apply to commercial communication devices (CCD) including but not limited to, cellular phone antennae, antennae for communication service regulated by the PA Public Utility Commission, and other commercial antennae and associated facilities. Such CCD and support structure and associated facilities shall be permitted only in the districts as provided in this §809 and the Schedule of Uses.

809.1 Purposes

- A. To accommodate the need for communication devices while regulating their location and number in the Townships in recognition of the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. To minimize the adverse visual effects of communication devices and support structures through proper design, siting and vegetative screening.
- C. To avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from communication device support structure failure and falling ice, through engineering and proper siting of support structures.
- D. To encourage the joint use of any commercial communication device support structures and to reduce the number of such structures needed in the future.

809.2 Permits; Use Regulations

A permit shall be required for every CCD and support structure installed at any location and the following use regulations shall apply:

- A. Existing Tall Structures - A CCD site with a CCD that is attached to an existing communications tower, smoke stack, water tower, or other tall structure where the height of the CCD does not exceed the height of the existing structure by more than twenty (20) feet shall be permitted in all districts as an accessory use and conditional use approval shall not be required.
 1. Any subsequent installations above the initial twenty(20)-foot height increase shall be a conditional use.
 2. Building mounted CCD shall not be located on any single-family dwelling or two-family dwelling.
 3. The applicant shall provide the following information:

- a. Evidence from a Pennsylvania registered professional engineer certifying that the proposed installation will not exceed the structural capacity of the Building or other Structure, considering wind and other loads associated with the antenna location.
 - b. Detailed construction and elevation drawings indicating how the antennas will be mounted on the Structure for review by the Township for compliance with the applicable requirements.
 - c. Evidence of recorded agreements and/or easements necessary to provide access to the building or structure on which the antennas are to be mounted so that installation and maintenance of the CCD and associated equipment can be accomplished.
- B. New Structures and CCD Exceeding Twenty (20) Feet on Existing Structures - A CCD site with a CCD that is either not mounted on an existing structure, or is more than twenty (20) feet higher than the structure on which it is mounted shall be permitted only in those districts specified in the Schedule of Uses and shall require conditional use approval in accord with this §809.
- C. Associated Use - All other uses ancillary to the CCD (including a business office, maintenance depot, vehicle storage, etc.) are prohibited from the CCD site, unless otherwise permitted in the zoning district in which the CCD site is located. This shall not prohibit the installation as accessory structures of equipment containers not intended for human occupancy to house only equipment necessary for the operation of the CCD.
- D. CCD as a Second Principal Use - A CCD shall be permitted on a property with an existing use subject to the following land development standards:
1. The CCD facility shall be fully automated and unattended on a daily basis, and shall be visited only for periodic maintenance.
 2. The minimum lot area, minimum setbacks and maximum height required by this Ordinance for the CCD and support structure shall apply, and the land remaining for accommodation of the existing principal use(s) on the lot shall also continue to comply with the minimum lot area, density and other requirements.
 3. The vehicular access to the equipment building shall, whenever feasible, be provided along the circulation driveways of the existing use.
 4. The applicant shall present documentation that the owner of the property has granted an easement filed of record or other legal interest for the land for the proposed facility and that vehicular access is provided to the facility.

809.3 Standards

- A. Location Requirement and Number - The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Township, using technological evidence, that the CCD and support structure must go where it is proposed, in order to satisfy its function in the company's grid system. The number of CCD to be installed at a site by an applicant may not exceed the current minimum necessary to ensure the adequacy of current service required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license held by that applicant. The applicant shall provide information on the general location of other towers/sites planned for the region.
- B. Collocation; New Tower - If the applicant proposes to build a tower (as opposed to mounting the CCD on an existing structure), the Township may require the applicant to demonstrate that it contacted in writing the owners of tall structures within a five (5)-mile radius of the site proposed, asked for permission to install the CCD

on those structures, and was denied. This would include smoke stacks, water towers, tall buildings, CCD support structures of other cellular phone companies, other communications towers (fire, police, etc.) and other tall structures. The Township may deny the application to construct a new tower if the applicant has not made a good faith effort to mount the CCD on an existing structure thereby documenting that there exists no other support structure which can reasonably serve the needs of the owner of the proposed CCD. A good faith effort shall demonstrate that one (1) or more of the following reasons apply to a particular structure:

1. The proposed equipment would exceed the structural capacity of the existing structure and its reinforcement cannot be accomplished at a reasonable cost.
 2. The proposed equipment would cause radio frequency interference with other existing equipment for that existing structure and the interference cannot be prevented at a reasonable cost.
 3. Such existing structures do not have adequate location, space, access or height to accommodate the proposed equipment or to allow it to perform its intended function.
 4. Addition of the proposed equipment would result in electromagnetic radiation from such structure exceeding applicable standards established by the federal communications commission governing human exposure to electromagnetic radiation.
 5. A commercially reasonable agreement could not be reached with the owners of such structures.
- C. CCD Height - The applicant shall demonstrate that the CCD does not exceed the minimum height required to function satisfactorily and provide adequate height for five (5) service providers. The Township may require the tower to be designed and constructed to be *stackable* (structurally capable of being increased in height) so that additional antennae arrays can be accommodated in addition to the arrays on the original tower to facilitate future collocation. CD equipment buildings shall comply with the accessory structure height limitations of the applicable zoning district. The Township may require *stealth* design (typically resembling a common tree) to ensure that the CCD is compatible with the surrounding landscape.
- D. Setbacks - If a new CCD support structure is constructed (as opposed to mounting the CCD on an existing structure) or if the CCD height exceeds the height of the existing structure on which it is mounted by more than twenty (20) feet, the minimum setbacks in this §809.3D shall apply.
1. Separate Parcel - If the parcel on which the CCD and support structure is a separate and distinct parcel, the distance between the base of the support structure and any adjoining property line shall not be less than the height of the CCD structure. The setback for equipment containers, other accessory structures and guy wire anchors shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet.
 2. Lease, License or Easement - If the land on which the CCD and support structure is leased, or is used by license or easement, the setback for any part of the CCD, the support structure, equipment containers, other accessory structures, and guy wire anchors shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet from the line of lease, license or easement. In any case, the distance between the base of the support structure and any adjoining property line (not lease, license or easement line) shall not be less than the height of the CCD structure.
- E. CCD Support Structure Safety - The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed CCD and support structure are safe and the surrounding areas will not be negatively affected by support structure failure, falling ice or other debris, electromagnetic fields, or radio frequency or emergency communications interference. All support structures shall be fitted with anti-climbing devices, as approved by manufacturers. The applicant shall submit certification from a Pennsylvania registered professional engineer that a proposed CCD and support structure

will be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures, published by the Electrical Industrial Association/Telecommunications Industry Association and applicable requirements of any applicable building code. Within forty-five (45) days of initial operation, the owner and/or operator of the CCD and support structure shall provide a certification from a Pennsylvania registered professional engineer that the CCD and support structure comply with all applicable regulations.

- F. Fencing; Guy Wires - A fence shall be required around the CCD support structure and other equipment, unless the CCD is mounted on an existing structure. All guy wires associated with a CCD shall be clearly marked to be visible at all times and shall be located within a fenced enclosure. Any required fence shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height.
- G. Landscaping - Landscaping may be required to screen as much of the support structure as possible, the fence surrounding the support structure, and any other ground level features (such as a building), and in general buffer the CCD and support structure site from neighboring properties. The Township may permit any combination of existing vegetation, topography, walls, decorative fences or other features instead of landscaping, if the same achieves the same degree of screening as the required landscaping. If the CCD is mounted on an existing structure, and other equipment is housed inside an existing structure, landscaping shall not be required. In addition, existing vegetation on and around the site shall be preserved to the greatest extent possible.
- H. Collocation; Other Uses - In order to reduce the number of CCD support structures needed in the community in the future, the proposed support structure shall be required to accommodate other users, including but not limited to other cellular phone companies, and local fire, police, and ambulance companies. The applicant shall provide evidence of written contact with all wireless service providers who supply service within the Townships for the purpose of assessing the feasibility of co-located facilities. The proposed structure, if evidenced by need as determined by the Township, shall be constructed to provide available capacity for other providers should there be a future additional need for such facilities.
- I. Licenses; Other Regulations; Insurance - The applicant must demonstrate that it has obtained the required licenses from the Federal Communications Commission, the PA Public Utility Commission and other agencies. The applicant shall also document compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations. The applicant shall submit the name, address and emergency telephone number for the operator of the CCD; and a Certificate of Insurance evidencing general liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and property damage coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering the CCD and support structure.
- J. Access - Access to the CCD and support structure shall be provided by means of a public street or easement to a public street. The easement shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in width and shall be improved to a width of at least ten (10) feet with a dust-free, all weather surface for its entire length.
- K. Color and Lighting; FAA and PA DOT Notice - CCD support structures under two hundred (200) feet in height should be painted silver or have a galvanized finish retained, in order to reduce the visual impact. Support structures may be painted green up to the height of nearby trees. Support structures two hundred (200) feet in height or taller, those near airports, or those which are otherwise subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations shall comply with the said regulations. No CCD support structure may be artificially lighted except in accord with Federal Aviation Administration requirements. The applicant shall provide a copy of the response to *Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration* forms submitted to the FAA and PA DOT Bureau of Aviation, and the CCD and support structure shall comply with all FAA and PA DOT requirements.
- L. Communications Interference - The applicant shall document that the radio, television, telephone or reception

of similar signals for nearby properties will not be disturbed or diminished.

- M. Historic Structures - A CCD shall not be located on a building or structure that is listed on a historic register or within five-hundred (500) feet of such a structure.
- N. Signs; Lighting - No signs or lights shall be mounted on a CCD except as may be required by the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental agency.
- O. Parking - One (1) parking space shall be provided within the fenced area.
- P. Discontinued Use - Should any CCD or support structure cease to be used as a communications facility, the owner or operator or then owner of the land on which the CCD and support structure is located, shall be required to remove the same within one (1) year from the abandonment of use. Failure to do so shall authorize the Township to remove the facility and assess the cost of removal to the foregoing parties. The Township may also require a financial guarantee for the removal of the structure, such guarantee in an amount deemed adequate by the Township and in a form approved by the Township Solicitor.
- Q. Fire Suppression System - The applicant shall provide details about any fire suppression system installed in any accessory structure or equipment container associated with the CCD.
- R. Site Plan - A full site plan shall be required for all CCD and support structure sites, showing the CCD, CCD support structure, building, fencing, buffering, access, and all other items required in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The site plan shall not be required if the CCD is to be mounted on an existing structure and the CCD does not exceed the height of the existing structure by more than twenty (20) feet.

810 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

This section is intended to provide standards for industrial-like agricultural operations with animal densities which are likely to create effects on the environment and community which exceed those effects normally associated with typical farming. It is not intended to supercede the Pennsylvania Nutrient Management Act in terms of regulation of the storage, handling or land application of animal manure or nutrients or the construction, location or operation of facilities used for the storage of animal manure or nutrients or practices otherwise regulated by the Act. The definitions and calculations in this section are intended to be consistent with the Nutrient Management Act, and all information and studies required by this section shall, at a minimum include the information required by the Act.

810.1 Use Classification

Concentrated animal feeding operations shall be considered special exceptions.

810.2 Definition and Calculations

- A. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) - Any operation which involves the raising of livestock or poultry where the animal density exceeds, on an annualized basis, two (2) animal equivalent units per acre of crop land or land suitable for application of animal manure. Acres suitable for application of manure include owned or rented crop land, hay land or pasture land that (1) is an integral part of the operation and (2) is or will be used for the application of manure from the operation. Farmstead (a minimum deduction of 2 acres is required) and forest land do not qualify.
- B. Animal Equivalent Unit (AEU) - One thousand (1,000) pounds live weight of livestock or poultry, regardless of the actual number of animals. To determine the number of AEU's associated with an operation the following formula shall be used:

$$\# \text{ of AEU's} = \frac{(\# \text{ of animals}^*) (\text{animal weight in pounds}) (\# \text{ of production days per year})}{(365 \text{ days per year}) (1,000 \text{ pounds})}$$

*NOTE: average number on a typical production day

810.3 Standards

The following standards shall be applied to all CAFO's and no conditional use approval shall be granted until all required information and plans have been submitted by the applicant and have been approved by the Township. Failure of the applicant to implement any of the required plans shall constitute a zoning violation subject to the penalties and remedies contained in this Zoning Ordinance.

- A. The minimum parcel size (contiguous owned or rented acres) for a CAFO shall be twenty-five (25) acres for a CAFO involving poultry and one hundred (100) acres for any other CAFO.
- B. CAFO buildings used for housing of animals shall not be less than two hundred fifty (250) feet from any property line and not less than five hundred (500) feet from any existing dwelling not located on the land with the CAFO.
- C. A nutrient management plan shall be prepared in accord with the requirements of Title 25, Chapter 83, Subchapter D, Pennsylvania Code.
- D. A stormwater management plan shall be prepared meeting the requirements of the Township subdivision and land development ordinance.
- E. A conservation plan shall be prepared meeting the requirements of the County Conservation District.
- F. A buffer plan shall be prepared in accord with §701.1 to minimize CAFO visibility from adjoining properties and minimize sound and odor emanating from the property.
- G. Solid and liquid wastes shall be disposed of in a manner to avoid creating insect or rodent problems, and an insect/rodent abatement plan which shall be prepared.
- H. The applicant shall demonstrate that they will meet the operational and management standards as may be set forth in treatises recognized by agricultural authorities or as the same may be produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, or similar entity.
- I. No discharges of liquid wastes and/or sewage shall be permitted into a reservoir, sewage or storm sewer disposal system, holding pond, stream or open body of water, or into the ground unless the discharges are in compliance with the standards of local, state and federal regulatory agencies
- J. The applicant shall prepare an odor abatement plan and document the ability to comply with the plan. It is recognized that certain agricultural activities do produce odors, but the applicant shall show that odors can be reduced to a minimum or abated. The plan shall include such steps as may be necessary to abate odors or to allow odors at times to minimize interference with the public health, safety and welfare.
- K. The applicant shall dispose of solid and liquid waste daily in the manner that will avoid creating insect or rodent problems and minimize odor.
- L. The applicant shall document that the use of pesticides will meet state and federal requirements.

M. No CAFO buildings shall be erected in the one hundred-year flood plain.

811 Contractor Yards and Staging Areas for Equipment/Materials

The intent of this section is to provide standards for access to public roads and setbacks for storage yards for forest products and minerals. (See definition of *contractor yards* and *staging areas for equipment/materials* in Article III.)

811.1 Access to Public Roads

- A. Highway Occupancy Permit - Access roads to Township and State roads shall be in accord with a valid highway occupancy permit.
- B. Stabilization - The access road shall be adequately stabilized with stone, shale or other material to minimize soil erosion and the tracking of mud onto the public road.
- C. Weight Limitations - All operations shall comply with all posted weight limits and road bonding regulations.
- D. Access Routes; Road Conditions - The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads in the Township proposed to be used to access the operation and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use. The Applicant shall also comply with the Township road bonding requirements.

811.2 Setbacks

- A. Property Lines - Contractor yards and staging areas for equipment/materials shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any property line other than a property line along a public road right-of-way.
- B. Public Roads - Contractor yards and staging areas for equipment/materials storage yards shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any public road right-of-way.
- C. Slope - Contractor yards and staging areas for equipment/materials shall be located on gently sloping ground that will provide good drainage. Low spots and poorly drained places shall be avoided.

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816 Explosives and Fireworks Plants or Storage Facilities

Explosives plants or storage facilities and fireworks plants or storage facilities (referred to as *facilities*) shall be allowed only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses. In addition to all other applicable standards of this Ordinance, the requirements of this §816 shall apply.

816.1 Setbacks

Setbacks for the facilities shall comply with state and federal regulations. Accessory facilities such as offices, employee parking, truck parking and loading and accessory structures and uses shall comply with the normal setback requirements applicable to the District.

816.2 Buffer

- A. An undisturbed area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be maintained along all property lines and road rights-of-way to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose except landscaping and crossing of access roads and required utilities and discharge/intake lines. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project

structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.

- B. Any required landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.
- C. Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.

816.3 Parking and Staging Areas

Adequate vehicle parking and staging areas for all facilities shall be provided on site to prevent parking or staging on any public road right-of-way.

816.4 Local, State and Federal Regulations

The facilities shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations.

816.5 Informational Requirements

- A. Application Information - The applicant and/or operator for all facilities shall provide the information required by this §816.5, all other application information required by this Ordinance, and all other necessary information to enable the Township to determine compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. Hazardous Materials Inventory - An inventory of hazardous materials, a drawn-to-scale site plan of their locations, and a brief explanation of the hazards involved, are submitted for use by public safety officials.
- C. DEP Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Rules and Regulations.
- D. Conditions - The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with §1108.4 of this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

816.6 Reporting Requirements

For any facility approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all DEP-required or DEP-issued documents and reports associated with the operation, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

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819 Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Water Withdrawal Facilities

Industrial wastewater treatment facilities and water withdrawal facilities (referred to as *facilities*) shall be allowed only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses. In addition to the performance standards in §701 and all other applicable standards of this Ordinance, the requirements of this §819 shall apply.

819.1 Setbacks

The following setbacks shall be maintained for the facilities and any truck parking or staging areas. Ancillary facilities such as offices, employee parking, and accessory structures shall comply with the buffer requirements in §819.2.

- A. Property Lines, Road Rights-of-Way - Two hundred (200) feet to adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way.
- B. Residential Structures - Three hundred (300) feet to any existing residential structure not located on the project parcel.
- C. Water Bodies - Two hundred (200) feet to any body of water, perennial or intermittent stream, or wetland. This shall not apply to any required discharge or intake structures or facilities at the receiving stream or water supply.

819.2 Buffer

- A. An undisturbed area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be maintained along all property lines and road rights-of-way to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose except landscaping and crossing of access roads and required utilities and discharge/intake lines. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.
- B. Any required landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.
- C. Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.

819.3 Parking and Staging Areas

Adequate vehicle parking and staging areas for all facilities shall be provided on site to prevent parking or staging on any public road right-of-way.

819.4 Local, State and Federal Regulations

The facilities shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations.

819.5 Informational Requirements

- A. Application Information - The applicant and/or operator for all facilities shall provide the information required by this §819.5, all other application information required by this Ordinance, and all other necessary information to enable the Township to determine compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. DEP Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Rules and Regulations.

- C. Conditions - The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with §1208.4 of this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

819.6 Reporting Requirements

For any facility approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all DEP-required or DEP-issued documents and reports associated with the operation, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

820 Junkyards

820.1 Compliance

Junkyards shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses and, in addition to the standards in Article VII, §1108 and other applicable regulations, shall comply with the requirements in this §820.

820.2 Property Owner Responsibility

It shall be the ultimate responsibility of the property owner of the premises upon which any junk is situated and the owner of any such junk to comply with this Ordinance; and to provide for the removal of such junk and remediation of any environmental problems associated with any junk.

820.3 Operating Standards

All proposed junkyards shall be established, maintained, and operated in accord with the following standards:

- A. Federal and State Regulations - Any junkyard located adjacent to a Federal Aid Highway shall comply with all regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, and all junkyards shall meet the licensing and screening requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B. Fencing - All junkyards shall be completely enclosed by a chain link fence not less than eight (8) feet in height. All fences and gates shall be maintained in good repair and in such a manner as not to become unsightly. There shall be no advertising of any kind placed on the fence. The foregoing fencing provisions shall be applicable only to that portion of the premises being immediately used for the storage of junk and shall not be applicable to the balance of the property owned or used by said junkyard operator so long as said remaining portion of land is not being used for the storage of junk as defined in this Ordinance.
- C. Screening - All junkyards shall be screened, to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors, from any adjoining or neighboring property, any public road right-of-way, or any other premises; and, natural vegetative cover shall be maintained in all required setback areas. Vegetative plantings of sufficient height and density, berms, topography or fencing of such design may be used to effect the required screening as determined by the Board of Supervisors. All screening shall be maintained in such fashion as to continue to provide the required screening.
- D. Setbacks - The fence enclosing any junkyard and any structures associated with the junkyard shall be located not less than one hundred (100) feet from any public road right-of-way, one hundred (100) feet to any property line or one hundred and fifty (150) feet from any principal residential or commercial structures existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance. The requirements of this §D shall not apply to junkyards existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance and which fully complied with prior Township regulations applicable to junkyards. However, the expansion of any such existing junkyard into an area already not used for the storage of junk shall comply with this §D.
- E. Dumping - The area used for a junkyard shall not be used as a dump area for any solid waste as defined by this

Ordinance.

- F. Burning - No burning whatsoever shall be permitted on the premises.
- G. Water Bodies - No junkyard shall be located less than two hundred (200) feet from any body of water, stream, wetland or well.
- H. Hazardous Materials - In cases where the junkyard includes ten (10) or more junk vehicles or where the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary to meet the intent of this Ordinance, and to further protect ground water and surface water, all batteries, coolants, gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil, any other petroleum products and any other noxious or potentially contaminating materials must be removed from all junk within two (2) working days after arrival to the premises and shall be disposed of in a manner meeting all state and federal requirements. Such liquids and materials, while stored on the premises, shall be kept separately in leak-proof containers at a central location on the premises.
- I. Water Quality - In cases where the junkyard includes ten (10) or more junk vehicles or where the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary to meet the intent of this Ordinance, the owner of any junkyard shall be required to monitor the ground and surface water in the vicinity of the junkyard. Water testing shall be conducted every three (3) months on any stream located on the premises or any stream within five hundred (500) feet of any area used for the storage of junk if water drainage from the junkyard area is to said stream. For each testing period two (2) samples shall be collected; one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point upstream of the junkyard drainage area and one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point below the junkyard drainage area. In addition, the well located on the premises shall also be sampled every three months. The samples shall be collected and analyzed by a certified water analysis laboratory for hydrocarbons or other parameters deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors, and results shall be provided to the Township. If said samples exceed the limits established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the junkyard shall cease operation until such time as the source of the contamination has been identified and corrected in accord with DEP requirements.
- J. Fire Lanes - Fire lanes of a minimum width of twenty (20) feet shall be maintained so that no area of junk shall span a distance of more than fifty (50) feet.
- K. Hours of Operation - Any activity associated with the operation of the junkyard that produces any noise audible beyond the property line shall be conducted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. During business hours, an adult attendant shall, at all times, remain on the premises.
- L. Stacking of Junk - Junk vehicles or major parts thereof shall not be stacked on top of any other junk vehicle or major part. No junk shall be stacked or piled to a height of greater than six (6) feet.
- M. Nuisances - All premises shall, at all times, be maintained so as not to constitute a nuisance, or a menace to the health, safety, and welfare of the community or to the residents nearby, or a place for the breeding of rodents and vermin. Within two (2) days of arrival on the premises, all glass shall be removed from any broken windshield, window or mirror, and all trunk lids, appliance doors and similar closure devices shall be removed. Grass and weeds on the premises shall be kept mowed.
- N. Waste - Waste shall not be stored outside and shall not be accumulated or remain on any premises except temporarily awaiting disposal in accord with this Ordinance. No junkyard shall be operated or maintained in violation of any state or federal regulations governing the disposal of any solid or liquid waste.
- O. Fireproof Structures - Every structure erected upon the premises and used in connection therewith shall be of

fireproof construction.

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825 Mineral Extraction

In addition to other applicable standards of this Ordinance, this §825 shall apply to minor mineral extraction, major mineral extraction including oil and gas well operations.

825.1 Findings

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code clearly recognizes mineral extraction as a lawful use. Along with other community effects, such uses can have impacts on water supply sources and are governed by state statutes that specify replacement and restoration of affected water supplies. Planning Code §603(l) states that *zoning ordinances shall provide for the reasonable development of minerals in each municipality*. The Code definition of minerals is: *Any aggregate or mass of mineral matter, whether or no coherent. The term includes, but is not limited to, limestone and dolomite, sand and gravel, rock and stone, earth, fill, slag, iron ore, zinc ore, vermiculite and clay, anthracite and bituminous coal, coal refuse, peat and crude oil and natural gas*. The Code, at §603(b) allows zoning ordinances to regulate mineral extraction, but only to the extent that such uses are not regulated by the state Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, and the Oil and Gas Act.

825.2 Intent; Oil and Gas

- A. **Intent** - The intent of this section is to ensure the Township is supplied with all necessary information for making an informed decision about the proposed mineral extraction and, in the case of conditional uses, to establish the foundation for any conditions required to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- B. **Oil and Gas Wells; Horizontal Capture of Natural Gas** - Oil and gas wells shall comply with this §825 and the other applicable requirements of this Ordinance. However, the horizontal capture of natural gas or oil under the surface of a property where no surface disturbance is involved on the horizontal capture property is exempt from regulation by this Zoning Ordinance.

825.3 Use Classification; Minor Mineral Extraction; Mineral Processing a Separate Use

- A. **Use Classification** - Minor mineral extraction, major mineral extraction and oil and gas wells shall be permitted only in those Districts as listed in the Schedule of Uses.
- B. **Minor Mineral Extraction** - The intent of this section is to permit mineral extraction operations limited in area, duration and mechanical operations.
 - 1. **Extent of Operation** - Mineral extraction operations with an open face of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or less which will not result in a total disturbed area of more than two (2) acres on any one parcel over the life of the operation, and which do not involve on-site screening, washing, crushing and grading, and/or any mineral processing or the use of manufacturing equipment, shall be hereinafter referred to as *minor mineral extraction*.
 - 2. **Duration** - The duration of the minor mineral extraction process shall not exceed one-hundred eighty (180) days and reclamation of the entire site shall be completed within one (1) year of the issuance of the zoning use permit.
 - 3. **Subdivision** - The subdivision of a parcel to qualify for additional minor mineral extraction uses shall not be

permitted.

4. Oil and Gas Operations Wells - No oil or gas well shall be considered minor mineral extraction.

C. Mineral Processing (See also §826.)

1. Separate and Distinct Use; Conditional Use in Specified District - Any use which involves the refinement of minerals by the removal of impurities, reduction in size, transformation in state, or other means to specifications for sale or use, and the use of minerals in any manufacturing process such as, but not limited to, concrete or cement batching plants, asphalt plants and manufacture of concrete and clay products, shall be considered *mineral processing*, a separate and distinct use regulated by this Zoning Ordinance.
2. Incidental with Extraction Operation - This shall not preclude the incidental screening, washing, crushing and grading of materials originating on the site as part of a major mineral extraction operation.
3. Conforming Operation - In the RA District, mineral processing shall be permitted only in association with a conforming major mineral extraction operation.

825.4 Standards

In addition to the performance standards in §701 and all other applicable standards of this Ordinance which are not preempted by state statute, minor mineral extraction, major mineral extraction and oil and gas wells shall comply with the following:

A. Parcel Size: The minimum parcel size shall be:

1. Five (5) acres for minor mineral extraction.
2. Twenty (20) acres for major mineral extraction.
3. No minimum parcel size shall be required for oil and gas wells; parcel size is determined by required setbacks. Multiple wells may be permitted on one (1) well pad. Well pads, disturbed areas and production equipment placement shall not cross parcel boundary lines except for crossing of access roads.

B. Setbacks - Setback areas shall be undisturbed to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose associated with the operation except landscaping and crossing of access roads.

1. Major Mineral Extraction and Minor Mineral Extraction - A setback of one hundred (100) feet shall be maintained between any minor mineral extraction or major mineral extraction operation and any associated disturbed areas and adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way.
2. Oil and Gas Wells - A setback of one hundred (100) feet shall be maintained from any oil or gas well pad and any disturbed areas and all adjoining property lines and road rights-of-way.

C. Buffers - In determining the type and extent of the buffer required for conditional uses or special exceptions, the Township shall take into consideration the design of any project activities and/or structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.

1. If required, the landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.

2. Buffers shall be designed in accord with §701.1 of this Ordinance and the design details shall be included on the site plan. Buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for land developments in the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
 3. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.
- D. Access Routes; Road Conditions - The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads in the Township proposed to be used to access the operation and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use. The Applicant shall also comply with the Township road bonding requirements.
1. Highway Occupancy Permit - Access roads to Township and State roads shall be in accord with a valid highway occupancy permit.
 2. Stabilization -The access road shall be adequately stabilized with stone, shale or other material to minimize soil erosion and the tracking of mud onto the public road.
- E. Conditions of Approval - If the Township determines that the standards in §701 which are not pre-empted are not adequate for a conditional use, the Board of Supervisors shall attach such other conditions deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare, provided the conditions do not include requirements which are preempted by state statute. Such conditions imposed by the Board of Supervisors may be related to hours of operation, more stringent noise control, outdoor operations and storage, lighting and glare, stormwater management, security, and other necessary safeguards.

825.5 Local, State and Federal Regulations

Minor mineral extraction, major mineral extraction and oil and gas well operations shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations. Applicable laws and rules and regulations include, but are not limited to the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act and the Clean Streams Law.

825.6 Informational Requirements

The applicant shall provide:

- A. Township Application Information - The applicant shall, at a minimum, provide the information required by this Zoning Ordinance and the information required for land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. In addition the applicant shall submit all other information required to enable the Township to assess the environmental, community and other public health, safety and welfare effects of the proposed operation. The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- B. Surface and Ground Water Protection, Traffic Impact Study and Environmental Impact Statement - The Township may require for major mineral extraction and for minor mineral extraction the applicant to submit details about ground and surface water protection (see §701.12), an Environmental Impact Statement (see §703), and a Traffic Impact Study (see §708).
- C. DEP Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Protection Rules (DEP) Rules and Regulations

- D. Emergency Response - The Applicant shall develop a Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Control Plan in accord with state and federal requirements and generally accepted practice and submit the Plan for review and comment by the Township.

825.7 Reporting Requirements

For any major or minor mineral extraction operations approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all DEP-required or DEP-issued documents and reports associated with the operation, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

825.8 Expansion of Nonconforming Mineral Extraction Operations

Mineral extraction operations which are nonconforming by location in a zoning district where such operations are not allowed by the Schedule of Uses may expand to the limits of the DEP permit in effect at the time the operation became nonconforming. Any such expansion shall comply with the requirements of this §825.

826 Mineral Processing and Mineral Depots

In addition to the performance standards in §701 and all other applicable standards of this Ordinance, the requirements of this §826 shall apply to mineral processing and mineral depots, herein referred to as *facilities*.

826.1 Location Requirements

Mineral processing operations and mineral depots shall comply with the following location requirements:

- A. Setbacks - The following setbacks shall be maintained:

1. RA District - Two hundred (200) feet to adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way, and three hundred (300) feet to any existing residential structure not located on the project parcel.
2. CDistrict - One hundred (100) feet to adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way, two hundred (200) feet to any adjoining zoning district boundary, and three hundred (300) feet to any existing residential structure not located on the project parcel.
3. Water Bodies - Two hundred (200) feet to any body of water, perennial or intermittent stream, or wetland.

- B. Buffer

1. An undisturbed area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be maintained along all property lines and road rights-of-way to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose except landscaping and crossing of access roads. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.
2. Any required landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.
3. Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.

826.2 Local, State and Federal Regulations

All facilities shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations.

826.3 Informational Requirements

The applicant shall provide the information required by this §826.3 and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess the environmental, community and other public health, safety and welfare effects of the proposed facility. The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with §1208.4 of this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Applicant shall provide the following:

- A. Application Information - The information required by this §826, §1202.3,C, and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. Surface and Ground Water Protection, Traffic Impact Study and Environmental Impact Statement - The Township may require for major mineral extraction and for minor mineral extraction the applicant to submit details about ground and surface water protection (see §701.12), an Environmental Impact Statement (see §703), and a Traffic Impact Study (see §708).
- C. DEP Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules (DEP) Rules and Regulations.

826.4 Access Routes; Road Conditions

The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads in the Township proposed to be used to access the facility and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use. The Applicant shall also comply with the Township road bonding requirements.

- A. Highway Occupancy Permit - Access roads to Township and State roads shall be in accord with a valid highway occupancy permit.
- B. Stabilization - The access road shall be adequately stabilized with stone, shale or other material to minimize soil erosion and the tracking of mud onto the public road.

826.5 Reporting Requirements

For any facility approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all DEP-required or DEP-issued documents and reports associated with the facility, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

826.6 Hours of Operation

Any activity associated with the mineral processing facility that produces any noise audible beyond the property line shall be conducted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

826.7 Burning

No burning whatsoever shall be permitted on the premises except as part of an approved mineral processing activity.

827 Mobile Food Service Operations and Mobile Sales Operations

In addition to all other applicable standards of this Ordinance, the requirements of this §827 shall apply to mobile food service operations and mobile sales operations (referred to as *operations*). Such operations conducted as a temporary event by a public use or a semi-public use are permitted in any District as an accessory use and vendors who travel from site to site (e.g., construction sites or manufacturing plants) selling exclusively to customers employed at the visited site are not subject to this §827.

827.1 Location

- A. **Districts** - Such operations shall only be permitted in the Districts specified in the Schedule of Uses. Such operations are also permitted in any District as an accessory use to a public or semi-public use.
- B. **Parcel Size and Number** - A minimum parcel size of ten thousand (10,000) square feet shall be required and one (1) mobile operation shall be permitted on the site. An additional mobile operation for each additional ten thousand (10,000) square feet of lot area, up to a maximum of three (3) operations per site shall be permitted.
- C. **Setbacks** - The District setbacks for principal structures shall be maintained.
- D. **Right-of-Way; Access** - The operation shall not be located in any public right-of-way or in any driveway aisles, no parking zones, parking or loading areas, or lanes, or other location which would impede the on-site circulation of motor vehicles.
- E. **Vending Area** - The vending area includes the space taken up by a portable stand, vehicle, or trailer; signs; equipment; products; and any tents, tarpaulins, canopies, or awnings.

827.2 Operating Standards

- A. **Hours of Operation** - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays.
- B. **Music or Sound** - The use of any sound amplification is prohibited regardless of the intended purpose.
- C. **Signs** - Only the following signs shall be permitted and no signs in the public right-of-way or balloons, banners, streamers or other similar devices to attract customers shall be permitted.
 - 1. The total area of all signs, including menus, affixed to the mobile operation (truck, stand, trailer) shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet.
 - 2. One (1) A-frame menu board of up to nine (9) square feet shall be permitted to be placed by the operation within the vending area. The sign may be displayed only during hours of operations.
- D. **Parking and Access** - A minimum of five (5) parking spaces shall be provided and parking and access shall comply with §504.
- E. **Electric Service Connections** - Electric service connection to an on-site approved outlet shall be permitted in accord with applicable codes provided that no wiring or cables are run beyond the vending area or pose any danger to the patrons.
- F. **Water Supply** - Connection to a water supply shall be permitted in accord with applicable codes and regulations.

- G. Sewage Disposal - Sewage disposal shall be provided in accord with Township requirements.
- H. Trash - Adequate trash receptacles shall be provided and trash shall be disposed of to prevent the dispersal or accumulation.

828 Pipeline Compressor Stations, Metering Stations or Operation/Maintenance Facilities

Pipeline compressor stations, metering stations or operation/maintenance facilities (referred to as *facilities*) shall be allowed only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses. In addition to the performance standards in §701 and all other applicable standards of this Ordinance, the requirements of this §828 shall apply.

828.1 Standards

The facilities shall comply with the following requirements:

- A. Building; Noise - All compressors, engines and any mechanical equipment which requires noise reduction to meet Township standards shall be located within a fully enclosed building with soundproofing and blow down silencers and mufflers adequate to comply with the noise standards established by §701.6 or as otherwise established as a condition of approval. In any case, the operation of the equipment shall not create any noise that causes the exterior noise level to exceed the pre-development ambient noise levels as measured within three hundred (300) feet of the compressor station building(s). The applicant and or operator shall be responsible for establishing and reporting to the Township the pre-development ambient noise level prior to the issuance of the zoning permit for the station.
- B. Setbacks and Buffers
1. Facilities - The following setbacks and buffers shall be applied to any facilities used to compress, decompress, process, heat, alter or transform the pipeline product:
 - a. Setbacks - The following setbacks shall be maintained:
 - (1) Property Lines, Road rights-of-Way - Three hundred (300) feet to adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way.
 - (2) Residential Structures - Three hundred fifty (350) feet to any existing residential structure not located on the project parcel.
 - (3) Water Bodies - Two hundred (200) feet to any body of water, perennial or intermittent stream, or wetland.
 - b. Buffer
 - (1) An undisturbed area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be maintained along all property lines and road rights-of-way to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose except landscaping and crossing of access roads and required utilities and discharge/intake lines. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.
 - (2) Any required landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.

- (3) Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
 - (4) It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.
2. Other Components - Pipeline valves, metering stations, pig launchers/receivers, and other components which are located within the pipeline right-of-way and do not compress, decompress, process, heat, alter or transform the pipeline product shall not be less than twenty-five (25) feet from any adjoining property line not subject to the right-of-way.
- C. Access Routes; Road Conditions - The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads in the Township proposed to be used to access the facility and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use.

828.2 Local, State and Federal Regulations

All facilities and operations shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations.

828.3 Informational Requirements

The applicant shall provide the information required by this §828.3 and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess the environmental, community and other public health, safety and welfare effects of the proposed operation. The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with §1108.4 of this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Applicant shall provide the following:

- A. Application Information - The information required by this §828, all required application information, and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. Additional Information - The Township may require the applicant to submit details about ground and surface water protection (see §701.12), an Environmental Impact Statement
- C. DEP Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules (DEP) Rules and Regulations.
- D. Emergency Response - The Applicant shall develop a Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Control Plan in accord with state and federal requirements and generally accepted practice and submit the Plan for review and comment by the Township.

828.4 Reporting Requirements

For any facility approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all DEP-required or DEP-issued documents and reports associated with the operation, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

829 Power Plants

In addition to all other applicable standards in this Ordinance, the following regulations shall apply to power plants which shall be permitted as conditional uses only in the districts as provided by the Schedule of Uses.

829.1 Purposes

- A. To accommodate the need for power plants while regulating their location and number in the Township in recognition of the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. To avoid potential damage to adjacent properties through engineering and proper siting of such structures.

829.2 Standards

- A. Building; Noise - All turbines, compressors, engines and any mechanical equipment which requires noise reduction to meet Township standards shall be located within a fully enclosed building with soundproofing and blow down silencers and mufflers adequate to comply with the noise standards established by §701.6 or as otherwise established as a condition of approval. In any case, the operation of the equipment shall not create any noise that causes the exterior noise level to exceed the pre-development ambient noise levels as measured within three hundred (300) feet of the building(s). The applicant and or operator shall be responsible for establishing and reporting to the Township the pre-development ambient noise level prior to the issuance of the zoning permit for the station.

- B. Setbacks and Buffers

- 1. Facilities - The following setbacks and buffers shall be applied to any facilities used as part of the electricity generation process:

- a. Setbacks - The following setbacks shall be maintained:

- (1) Property Lines, Road rights-of-Way - Two hundred (200) feet to adjoining properties and public road rights-of-way.
 - (2) Existing Buildings - Seven hundred fifty (750) feet to any existing building.
 - (3) Water Bodies and Wetlands - Three hundred (300) feet to any perennial stream (designated by a solid blue line), spring or body of water as identified on the most current 7 ½ minute topographic quadrangle map of the United States Geological Survey and any wetland greater than one (1) acre in size.

- b. Buffer

- (1) An undisturbed area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be maintained along all property lines and road rights-of-way to provide a buffer and shall not be used for parking, storage or any other purpose except landscaping and crossing of access roads and required utilities and discharge/intake lines. In determining the type and extent of the buffer required, the Township shall take into consideration the design of the project structure(s) and site, topographic features which may provide natural buffering, existing natural vegetation, and the relationship of the proposed project to adjoining areas.
 - (2) Any required landscaped buffer may be installed in the setback area, and shall consist of trees, shrubbery and other vegetation and shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide.
 - (3) Design details of buffers shall be included on the site plan, and buffers shall be considered improvements for the purposes of guaranteeing installation in accord with the requirements for

land developments in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

(4) It shall be the responsibility of the applicant and/or operator and/or property owner to maintain all buffers in good condition, free of rubbish, and replace any dying or dead plants or deteriorating landscape material.

2. Other Components - Pipelines and valves, metering stations, pig launchers/receivers, and other components which are located on the site shall not be less than twenty-five (25) feet from any adjoining property line.
- C. Fencing - A fence may be required around the perimeter of the power plant site unless the design of the structures adequately provides for safety.
- D. Access; Required Parking - Access to the power plant shall be provided by means of a public street or easement to a public street adequate to serve the number and type of vehicles anticipated. The access and parking shall be improved with a dust-free, all weather surface. The number of required parking spaces shall equal the number of people on the largest shift.
- E. Access Routes; Road Conditions - The Applicant shall provide a map showing the public roads in the Township proposed to be used to access the facility and provide an evaluation of the condition of any Township road which will be used and the potential damage which may occur from such use.
- F. Communications Interference - The applicant shall document that the radio, television, telephone or reception of similar signals for nearby properties will not be disturbed or diminished, and this may be accomplished by remedial measures instituted by the power plant developer.
- G. Historic Structures - A power plant shall not be located within five-hundred (500) feet of any structure listed on any public historic register.

829.3 Site Plan

A full land development plan shall be required for all power plant sites, showing all power plant facilities, fencing, buffering, access, and all other items required for conditional uses by this Ordinance and by the Township Subdivision and land development Ordinance.

829.4 Local, State and Federal Regulations

All facilities and operations shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations. No zoning permit shall be issued until such time as the applicant provides evidence of compliance with state and federal regulations.

829.5 Insurance

The applicant shall provide a certificate of insurance evidencing general liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and property damage coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering the power plant.

829.6 Informational Requirements

The applicant shall provide the information required by this §829.6 and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess the environmental, community and other public health, safety and welfare effects of the proposed operation. The findings of the Township based on this information shall serve as a basis for the establishment of conditions of approval in accord with §1108.4 of this Ordinance and §603(c)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Applicant shall provide the following:

- A. Application Information - The information required by this §829, all required application information, and all other necessary information to enable the Township to assess compliance with this Ordinance.
- B. Additional Information - The Township may require the applicant to submit details about ground and surface water protection (see §701.12), an Environmental Impact Statement (see §703), and a Traffic Impact Study (see §708).
- C. State and Federal Application Information - A copy of all applications and information required by the applicable state and federal agencies.
- D. Emergency Response - The Applicant shall submit the name, address and emergency telephone number for the operator of the power plant; and shall develop a Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Control Plan in accord with state and federal requirements and generally accepted practice and submit the Plan for review and comment by the Township and the Wyoming County Emergency Management Agency.

829.7 Reporting Requirements

For any facility approved by the Township, the operator shall submit to the Township copies of all state or federal required or issued documents and reports associated with the operation, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the document or report.

829.8 Discontinued Use

Should any power plant cease to be used, the owner or operator or then owner of the land on which the power plant is located, shall be required to remove the same within one (1) year from the abandonment of use. Failure to do so shall authorize the Township to remove the facility and assess the cost of removal to the foregoing parties. The Township may also file a municipal lien against the land to recover the costs of removal and attorney's fees. In addition, at the time of zoning permit issuance for any power plant, the Township shall require a financial guarantee, in a term, form and amount determined by the Board of Supervisors with the advice of the Township Solicitor, to guarantee the removal of the power plant.

830 - 840 Reserved

841 Self-Storage Facilities

Self-storage facilities shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses and shall comply with the following standards in addition to all other applicable standards of this Ordinance.

841.1 Bulk Requirements

Minimum lot size, lot width and setbacks, and maximum lot coverage and building height shall conform to district standards. Minimum distance between buildings shall be twenty (20) feet.

841.2 Setback Areas

There shall be no storage, use or structure within the setback area, with the exception of the access drive(s).

841.3 Habitation

No storage unit shall be used for habitation or residential purposes and individual mini-warehouse units shall not be served by a water supply or a sewage disposal system.

841.4 Storage Limitations

No storage unit shall be used for any other purpose except storage and shall not be used for any other type of commercial or manufacturing activity. No material, supplies, equipment or goods of any kind shall be stored outside of the warehouse structure, with the exception of the vehicles required for the operation of the warehouse and

boats and recreational vehicles and trailers.

841.5 Lighting

All facilities shall be provided with adequate outdoor lighting for security purposes; and such lighting shall be so directed as to prevent glare on adjoining properties.

841.6 Fire - Water Damage

All storage units shall be fire-resistant and water-resistant.

841.7 Materials Stored

All self-storage facilities shall prohibit the storage of hazardous and explosive materials and all proposals shall include detailed information on the nature of materials to be prohibited on the premises. Proposed space rental agreements shall be submitted with the conditional use application and shall provide specific rules and regulations to insure that the requirements of this §841 are or will be satisfied.

842 to 843 Reserved

844 Shooting Ranges and Archery Ranges -- Outdoor Commercial

This §844 is intended to provide minimum standards to regulate commercial outdoor shooting ranges and commercial outdoor archery ranges (hereinafter referred to as *ranges*) in order to protect neighboring property owners and the public at large from dangers of wild or ricocheting projectiles and from excessive noise and other nuisances. Such ranges shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses.

844.1 Setbacks

- A. All outdoor shooting ranges shall be situated not less than five hundred (500) feet from any property line and not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) feet from any principal residential or commercial structure existing on the effective date of this §844. This shall not apply to structures on the same parcel as the shooting range.
- B. All outdoor archery ranges shall be situated not less than two hundred (200) feet from any property line and not less than three hundred (300) feet from any principal residential or commercial structure existing on the effective date of this §844. This shall not apply to structures on the same parcel as the shooting range.

844.2 Safety Design

All ranges shall be designed and constructed with safety facilities to prevent accidental wild or ricocheting projectiles and stray arrows, and the Township may require such additional safety features deemed necessary to meet the intent of this §844. Such features may include but not be limited to increased setbacks, earthen berms and setbacks, range orientation, and a limitation of hours of operation.

844.3 Noise Reduction

All ranges shall be designed and operated to minimize any noise created by the facility and shall at a minimum comply with the requirements of §701 of this Ordinance unless more restrictive standards are required by the Township as a condition of approval.

844.4 Hours of Operation

No firearm shall be discharged outdoors between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 9:00 AM prevailing local time. However, the Township may establish more restrictive time limits as a condition of approval.

844.5 Fence

Security fencing may be required by the Township of such extent and design to restrict accidental access to any range.

844.6 Posting

A three hundred (300) foot perimeter around any outdoor range shall be posted with warning signs to adequately inform anyone entering the area.

844.7 NRA, State and Federal Regulations

The applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with any applicable National Rifle Association guidelines and state and federal regulations.

845 Reserved**846 Slaughterhouses**

Slaughterhouses shall comply with this §846.

846.1 Setbacks

- A. Buildings - The minimum setbacks for all buildings shall be 100 feet from property lines and road rights-of-way.
- B. Animals - Structures which are not fully enclosed, corrals and other areas for the outdoor confinement of animals shall comply with the following setbacks unless state or federal regulations require a greater setback:
 - 1. Up to 499 animals: 100 feet
 - 2. 500 to 999 animals: 200 feet.
 - 3. 1,000 or more animals: 300 feet.

846.2 Animal Confinement

All animals shall be confined to the slaughterhouse property at all time by fences or other structures

846.3 Wastes

Solid and liquid wastes shall be disposed of in a manner to avoid creating insect or rodent problems, and an insect/rodent abatement plan which shall be prepared. No discharges of liquid wastes and/or sewage shall be permitted into a reservoir, sewage or storm sewer disposal system, holding pond, stream or open body of water, or into the ground unless the discharges are in compliance with the standards of local, state and/or federal regulatory agencies.

846.4 Operating Standards

The applicant shall demonstrate that they will meet the operational and management standards as may be set forth in treatises recognized by agricultural authorities or as the same may be produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, or similar entity.

846.5 Odor (See also §701.)

The applicant shall prepare an odor abatement plan and document the ability to comply with the plan. It is recognized that certain activities do produce odors, but the applicant shall show that odors can be reduced to a minimum or abated. The plan shall include such steps as may be necessary to abate odors or to allow odors at times to minimize interference with the public health, safety and welfare.

847 Solar Power Generation, Commercial

In addition to all other applicable standards in this Ordinance, the following regulations shall apply to commercial solar power generation facilities which shall be permitted only in the districts as provided by the Schedule of Uses.

847.1 Purposes

To accommodate the need for solar power facilities while regulating their location and number in the Township in recognition of the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

847.2 Permits; Use Regulations

- A. Permits - A permit shall be required for every solar power facility installed in the Township.
- B. Associated Use - All other uses ancillary to the solar power facility (including a business office, maintenance depot, etc., greater than 1,000 sq. ft.) are prohibited from the solar power facility, unless otherwise permitted in the zoning district in which the solar power facility is located. This shall not prohibit the installation as accessory structures of equipment containers not intended for human occupancy to house only equipment necessary for the operation of the solar power facility.
- C. Solar Power Facility as a Second Principal Use - A solar power facility shall be permitted on a property with an existing use subject to the following land development standards:
 - 1. The minimum lot area, minimum setbacks and maximum height required by this Ordinance for the solar power facility shall apply, and the land remaining for accommodation of the existing principal use(s) on the lot shall also continue to comply with the minimum lot area, density and other requirements.
 - 2. The vehicular access to the equipment building shall, whenever feasible, be provided along the circulation driveways of the existing use.
 - 3. The applicant shall present documentation that the owner of the property has granted an easement or other legal interest for the land for the proposed solar power facility and that vehicular access is provided to the solar power facility.

847.3 Standards and Design

- A. Height - Solar collectors shall not exceed the principal structure height limitations for the underlying zoning district.
- B. Parcel Size; Setbacks; Separate Parcel - If the parcel on which the solar power facility is a separate and distinct parcel or if the parcel is leased, the zoning district minimum lot size shall apply and in all cases, the lot shall be of such size that all required setbacks are satisfied to the property line and/or lease line. The setback solar collectors, all structures, equipment containers and any associated mechanical facilities shall comply with setback requirements for principal structures of the underlying zoning district.
- C. Fencing - A fence may be required around the facility or portions of the facility for safety reasons.
- D. Landscaping - Landscaping may be required to screen as much of the solar power facility ground features as possible, the fence surrounding the support structure, and any other ground level features (such as a building), and in general buffer the solar power facility ground features from neighboring properties. The Township may permit any combination of existing vegetation, topography, walls, decorative fences or other features instead of landscaping, if the same achieves the same degree of screening as the required landscaping.

- E. Licenses; Other Regulations; Insurance - The applicant must demonstrate that it has obtained the required licenses from governing state and federal agencies, and agreement from the local electric utility. The applicant shall also document compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations. The applicant shall submit the name, address and emergency telephone number for the operator of the solar power facility; and a Certificate of Insurance evidencing general liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and property damage coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering the solar power facility.
- F. Access; Required Parking - Access to the solar power facility shall be provided by means of a public street or easement to a public street. The easement shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in width and shall be improved to a width of at least ten (10) feet with a gravel or better surface for its entire length. If the solar power facility site is fully automated, adequate parking shall be required for maintenance workers. If the site is not automated, the number of required parking spaces shall equal the number of people on the largest shift.
- G. Communications Interference - The applicant shall document that the radio, television, telephone or reception of similar signals for nearby properties will not be disturbed or diminished, and this may be accomplished by remedial measures instituted by the solar power facility developer.
- H. Glare - The applicant shall provide details about anticipated glare from the facility, including the time of day, time of year and direction of peak glare periods and document how potential nuisances to area properties and on public roads will be controlled.
- I. Historic Structures - A solar power facility shall not be located within five-hundred (500) feet of any structure listed on any public historic register.
- J. Standards; Certification - The design of the solar power facility shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute. The Applicant shall submit certificates of design compliance obtained by the equipment manufacturers from Underwriters Laboratories or other similar certifying organizations. The operator shall repair, maintain and replace the solar collectors and associated equipment in like manner as needed to keep the facility in good repair and operating condition.
- K. Uniform Construction Code - To the extent applicable, the solar power facility shall comply with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.
- L. Electrical Components - All electrical components of the solar power facility shall conform to relevant and applicable local, state and national codes, and relevant and applicable international standards.
- M. Warnings - A clearly visible warning sign concerning voltage must be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers and substations. Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy wires and along the guy wires up to a height of ten (ten) feet from the ground.
- N. Signs - No advertising material or signs other than warning, manufacturer and equipment information or indication of ownership shall be allowed on any equipment of structures.
- O. Transmission and Power Lines - On-site transmission and power lines shall, to the greatest extent possible, be placed underground.
- P. Stray Voltage/Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) - The operator shall use good industry practices to minimize the impact, if any, of stray voltage and/or EMF.

- Q. Emergency Services - The applicant shall provide details about any fire suppression system installed in any accessory structure or equipment container associated with the solar power facility. Upon request, the applicant shall cooperate with emergency services to develop and coordinate implementation of an emergency response plan for the solar power facility.
- R. Site Plan - A full site plan shall be required for all solar power facility sites, showing the solar power facility, fencing, screening, buffers, access, and all other items required by this Ordinance.

847.4 Public Inquiries and Complaints

The solar power facility owner and operator shall maintain a phone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project, and the solar power facility owner and operator shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the public's inquiries and complaints.

847.5 Decommissioning

- A. Responsibility - The solar power facility owner and operator shall, at its own expense, complete decommissioning of the solar power facility, or individual components, within (12) twelve months after the end of the useful life of the solar power facility or individual components. The solar power facility or individual components shall be presumed to be at the end of its useful life if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months.
- B. Facilities - Decommissioning shall include removal of collectors, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, foundations to a depth of thirty-six (36) inches, and any other associated facilities.
- C. Grading and Seeding - Disturbed earth shall be graded and re-seeded, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
- D. Cost Estimate - An independent and certified Professional Engineer shall be retained to estimate the total cost of decommissioning (*decommissioning costs*) without regard to salvage value of the equipment, and the cost of decommissioning net salvage value of the equipment (*net decommissioning costs*). Said estimates shall be submitted to the Township after the first year of operation and every fifth year thereafter.
- E. Financial Security - The solar power facility owner or operator, prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, shall provide a financial security bond with the Township as payee in an amount approved by the Governing Body, but not less than \$50,000, from a company and in a form and content acceptable to the Governing Body, to insure the decommissioning within one hundred eighty (180) days of the expiration of the license or lease and/or cessation of use. The bond shall remain in place for as long as the facilities exist at the site.
- F. Type of Security - Decommissioning funds may be in the form of a performance bond, surety bond, letter of credit, corporate guarantee or other form of financial assurance as may be acceptable to the Township.
- G. Landowner Action - If the solar power facility owner or operator fails to complete decommissioning within the prescribed time period, then the landowner shall have eighty (80) days to complete decommissioning.
- H. Township Action - If neither the solar power facility owner or operator, nor the landowner complete decommissioning within the prescribed periods, then the Township may take such measures as necessary to complete decommissioning. The entry into the record and submission of evidence of a participating landowner agreement to the Township shall constitute agreement and consent of the parties to the agreement, their respective heirs, successors and assigns that the Township may take such action as necessary to implement the decommissioning plan.

- I. Release of Security - The escrow agent shall release the decommissioning funds when the solar power facility owner or operator has demonstrated and the Township concurs that decommissioning has been satisfactorily completed, or upon written approval of the Township in order to implement the decommissioning plan.

848 Solid Waste

Solid waste facilities, including transfer stations, and staging areas, herein referred to as facilities, shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses, and shall, in addition to the other applicable standards in this Ordinance, be subject to all applicable state and federal regulations and the requirements of this §848.

848.1 Traffic Study

The applicant shall provide a traffic study in accord with §708 of this Ordinance.

848.2 Setbacks

No part of any facility created after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be located closer than three hundred (300) feet to an existing public right-of-way, property line or stream. The setback areas shall remain unoccupied with no improvements except required fencing and access road(s). A buffer not less than fifty (50) feet in width shall be provided in all setbacks in accord with §701 of this Ordinance. Additional buffers and setbacks may be required in accord with this Ordinance.

848.3 Fencing

All facilities shall be completely enclosed by a chain link fence not less than ten (10) feet in height. The erection of said fence shall be completed within six (6) months after the effective date of this Ordinance for existing facilities and prior to the issuance of a certificate -of-use for a new facility. All gates shall be closed and locked when closed for business. The fence and gate shall be maintained in such a manner as not to become unsightly. There shall be no advertising of any kind placed on the fence.

848.4 Environmental Impact Statement

As part of the conditional use process, the Township may require the applicant to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to §703 of this Ordinance.

848.5 Storage and Loading/Unloading

Storage of materials, supplies or solid waste in motor vehicles, truck trailers or other containers normally used to transport materials shall not be permitted. Any solid waste stored for more than three (3) hours shall be stored in an enclosed building. For any facility other than a sanitary landfill, all transfer, loading and unloading of solid waste shall only occur within an enclosed building with negative pressure, and over an impervious surface which drains into a holding tank that is then adequately treated.

848.6 Effluent Treatment

The facility shall provide for treatment and disposal for all liquid effluent and discharges generated by the facility due to the storage, loading or unloading, transfer, container or vehicle washing, or other activity undertaken in processing or transporting the solid waste. All such activities shall be conducted only over an impervious surface and all drainage shall be collected for treatment. Any water discharge from the facility after being treated by the wastewater treatment system shall meet all applicable Department of Environmental Protection regulations and Sewer Authority requirements.

848.7 Dangerous Materials

No radioactive, hazardous, chemotherapeutic or infectious materials may be disposed of or stored or processed in any way, except for types and amounts of hazardous substances customarily kept in a commercial business for on-site use. Infectious materials are defined as medical wastes used or created in the treatment of persons or animals with seriously contagious diseases.

848.8 Water Quality

The owner of any facility shall be required to monitor the ground and surface water in the vicinity of the facility. Water testing shall be conducted every three months on any stream located on the premises or any stream within five hundred (500) feet of any area used for the storage or disposal of solid waste if water drainage from the facility is to said stream. For each testing period two (2) samples shall be collected; one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point upstream of the solid waste disposal facility drainage area and one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point below the facility drainage area. In addition, the well located on the premises shall also be sampled every three months. The samples shall be collected and analyzed by a certified water analysis laboratory for hydrocarbons or other parameters deemed appropriate by the Township Board of Supervisors, and results shall be provided to the Township. If said samples exceed the limits established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the facility shall cease operation until such time as the source of the contamination has been identified and corrected.

848.9 Emergency Access

The operator of the facility shall cooperate fully with local emergency services. This should include allowing practice exercises on the site and the provision of all information needed by the emergency services to determine potential hazards. Adequate means of emergency access shall be provided.

848.10 Hours of Operation

Under the authority granted to the Township under State Act 101 of 1988, all such uses shall be permitted to operate only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and are not permitted to operate on Sundays, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Memorial Day or Thanksgiving Day. All deliveries of solid waste shall be made during the hours between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and not on Sundays or the above specified holidays.

848.11 Nuisances

Any facility shall be operated in such a manner to prevent the attraction, harborage or breeding of insects, rodents or vectors. The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that the use would not routinely create noxious odors off of the tract. The operator shall regularly police the area of the facility and surrounding street to collect litter that may escape from the facility or truck. The applicant shall provide documentation to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that proposed facility shall operate in such a manner as to not create a general nuisance, endanger the public health, safety and welfare or inhibit the public's use or enjoyment of their property.

848.12 Attendant and Inspections

An attendant shall be present during all periods of operation or dumping. The applicant shall, if granted a Conditional Use Permit, allow access at any time to the facility for inspection by appropriate Township Officials and provide the Township with the name and phone number of a responsible person(s) to be contacted at any time in the event of an inspection.

848.13 State and Federal Regulations and Reporting

The operation and day-to-day maintenance of the facility shall comply with all applicable State and Federal regulations as a condition of the continuance of any permit of the Township. Violations of this condition shall also be considered to be violations of this Ordinance. All solid waste transfer facilities (as defined by this Ordinance) shall be subject to all requirements of 25 PA Code Chapter 279 (as amended) Transfer Facilities, regardless of whether a permit pursuant to said requirement is required. Where a difference exists between applicable State regulations and Township regulations, it is intended for the purposes of this §848 that the more stringent requirements shall apply. A copy of all written materials and plans that are submitted to DEP by the applicant shall be concurrently submitted to the Zoning Officer.

849 Reserved**850 Storage Yards for Forest Products and Minerals**

The intent of this section is to provide standards for access to public roads and setbacks for storage yards for forest products and minerals. (See definition of *storage yards for forest products and minerals* in Article III.)

850.1 Access to Public Roads

- A. Highway Occupancy Permit - Access roads to Township and State roads shall be in accord with a valid highway occupancy permit.
- B. Stabilization - The access road shall be adequately stabilized with stone, shale or other material to minimize soil erosion and the tracking of mud onto the public road.
- C. Weight Limitations - All operations shall comply with all posted weight limits and road bonding regulations.
- D. Use of Public Roads - Felling or skidding on or across any public road shall be prohibited without the express written authorization of the Township or the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, as applicable.

850.2 Setbacks

- A. Residential and Nonresidential Buildings - Storage yards shall not be less than three hundred (300) feet from any existing residential, commercial, institutional, public or semi-public building, other than such building located on the property on which the landing is located.
- B. Property Lines - Storage yards shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any property line other than a property line along a public road right-of-way.
- C. Public Roads - Storage yards shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any public road right-of-way.
- D. Streams, Water Bodies and Wetlands - Storage yards shall not be less than one hundred (100) feet from any stream, water body or wetland.
- E. Slope - Storage yards shall be located on gently sloping ground that will provide good drainage. Low spots and poorly drained places shall be avoided.

851 Swimming Pool, Commercial

Commercial swimming pools shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses and, in addition to all other applicable requirements of this Ordinance, shall comply with the standards in this §851.

851.1 Setback

The water surface shall be not less than fifty (50) feet from any lot line.

851.2 Parcel Size

The minimum lot area shall be two (2) acres.

851.3 Enclosure

A fence, wall or other enclosure not less than six (6) feet high and of a design to restrict access shall completely surround the area of the swimming pool. This enclosure shall be designed to be difficult for children to climb or slip through. All gates or door openings through such enclosure shall be self-closing and include a self-latching device

on the pool side for keeping the gate or door securely closed when the pool is not in use.

851.4 Access

Access to all pools shall be restricted when the pool is not in use.

851.5 Hours of Operation

The hours of operation of outdoor commercial pools shall be limited to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

852 - 855 Reserved

856 Vehicle Related Uses

Vehicle related uses shall be permitted only in those districts as specified in the Schedule of Uses, and in addition to all other applicable standards, shall comply with the standards in this §856.

856.1 Car and Truck Wash Facilities

All car and truck wash facilities shall be subject to the following specific regulations and requirements:

- A. The principal building housing the said facility shall be set back a minimum of sixty (60) feet from the road or street right-of-way line and thirty (30) feet from the side or rear property lines.
- B. Appropriate facilities for the handling of waste water from the washing activities shall be provided including, the prevention of water being dripped onto the adjoining road or street from freshly washed vehicles during periods of freezing weather.
- C. The facility shall have adequate means of ingress and egress to prevent adverse effects to either vehicular or pedestrian traffic. When a wash facility occupies a corner lot, the access driveways shall be located at least seventy-five (75) feet from the intersections of the front and side street right-of-way lines.
- D. The site shall be sufficiently large to accommodate vehicles awaiting washing during peak periods, but in no case shall the waiting area for each stall accommodate less than three (3) automobiles.
- E. Any wash facility located within two hundred (200) feet of any residential district shall not operate between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

856.2 Gasoline Service Stations and Vehicle or Equipment Repair Operations

All gasoline service stations and vehicle or equipment repair operations shall be subject to the following specific regulations and requirements:

- A. All service and repair activities shall be conducted within completely enclosed buildings where adequate measures shall be taken to minimize motor noise, fumes, and glare; except that minor servicing such as changing tires, sale of gasoline or oil, windshield washing and other similar normal activities may be conducted outside the said building.
- B. Only vehicles with current licenses and current registration waiting to be repaired or serviced or waiting to be picked up by the vehicle owner may be stored outdoors.
- C. No area on the lot which is required for the movement of vehicles in and about the buildings and facilities shall be used for complying with the off-street parking requirements of this Ordinance.
- D. All new or used tires and parts shall be stored within a completely enclosed building or area contained by a solid

fence to provide screening and under cover to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. Used tires and parts shall not be stored on the premises in excess of what would normally accumulate in a month of normal operation.

- E. Gasoline pumps and other service appliance may be located in the required front setback but shall not be situated closer than thirty (30) feet from the road or street right-of-way line. Any above ground storage tanks shall not be placed in the front setback area.
- F. No vehicles shall be stored in any required setback areas.
- G. Any operation which is primarily intended to serve trucks with three (3) or more axles or tractor-trailer trucks shall have a minimum lot area of two (2) acres, and all areas for fueling and servicing shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet from any residential district.
- H. All major repair, welding, auto body, painting and similar work shall be performed within a building with a fume collection and ventilation system that directs noxious fumes away from any adjacent buildings. All such systems shall meet all required state and federal health and safety standards.

856.3 Vehicle or Equipment Sales Operations

All vehicle or equipment display and sales operations of new and used automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mobile homes, recreation vehicles, boats, and travel trailers and other vehicles and equipment shall be subject to the following specific requirements:

- A. All principal and accessory buildings and structures shall be in accord with the setback, building height and lot coverage requirements of the district.
- B. The outdoor display of new and used cars, trucks, motorcycles, mobile homes, recreation vehicle and travel trailers shall meet the appropriate front, side and rear setback requirements as for the district.
- C. Activities which are normally accessory to such sales operations, such as engine tuneup and repairs, body repairs, painting, undercoating and other similar activities shall be conducted in accord with the applicable standards in §856.2 above.
- D. Only vehicles with current license and current registration waiting to be repaired or serviced or waiting to be picked up by the vehicle owner may be stored in any exterior area. If a legitimate, bonafide, service station stores more than four (4) vehicles per service stall in exterior areas, it shall comply with the junkyard regulations set forth in this Ordinance. Proof of current license and current registration or ownership of any vehicle will be required upon demand by the Zoning Officer.
- E. No area on the lot which is required for the movement of vehicles in and about the buildings and facilities shall be used for complying with the off-street parking requirements of this Ordinance.
- F. All new or used tires and parts shall be stored within a completely enclosed building or area contained by a solid fence to provide screening and under cover to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. Used tires and parts shall not be stored on the premises in excess of what would normally accumulate in a month of normal operation.
- G. No vehicles shall be stored in any required setback areas.

856.4 Race Tracks

- A. All race tracks for motor driven vehicles, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, go-carts, motorcycles,

motor scooters, dune buggies, water craft, and the like, shall be located not less than one (1) mile from any Residential District.

- B. The track/course shall not be less than five (500) feet from any property line or public road right-of-way.
- C. No race shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 9:00 AM prevailing local time. However, the Township may establish more restrictive time limits as a condition of approval.
- D. All service and repair activities shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building where adequate measures shall be taken to minimize motor noise, fumes, and glare; except that minor servicing such as changing tires, sale of gasoline or oil, windshield washing and other similar normal activities may be conducted outside the said building.
- E. No area on the lot which is required for the movement of vehicles in and about the buildings and facilities shall be used for complying with the off-street parking requirements of this Ordinance.
- F. All new or used tires and parts shall be stored within a completely enclosed building or area contained by a solid fence to provide screening. Used tires and parts shall not be stored on the premises in excess of what would normally accumulate in a week of normal operation.
- G. Gasoline pumps and other service appliance may be located in the required front setback but shall not be situated closer than thirty (30) feet from the road or street right-of-way line. Any above ground storage tanks shall not be placed in the front setback area.
- H. No vehicles, supplies, parts, or any other material shall be stored in any required setback areas normally required for the District.
- I. All major repair, welding, auto body, painting and similar work shall be performed within a building with a fume collection and ventilation system that directs noxious fumes away from any adjacent buildings. All such systems shall meet all required state and federal health and safety standards.

857 Reserved

858 Wind Energy Facilities

In addition to all other applicable standards in this Ordinance, the following regulations shall apply to wind energy facilities which shall be permitted as conditional uses only in the districts as provided by the Schedule of Uses.

858.1 Purposes

- A. To accommodate the need for wind energy facilities while regulating their location and number in the Township in recognition of the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. To avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from windmill structure failure and falling ice, through engineering and proper siting of such structures.

858.2 Permits; Use Regulations

- A. Permits - A permit shall be required for every wind energy facility and windmill installed at any location in the Township.

- B. Associated Use - All other uses ancillary to the wind energy facility (including a business office, maintenance depot,, etc., greater than 1,000 sq. ft.) are prohibited from the wind energy facility, unless otherwise permitted in the zoning district in which the wind energy facility is located. This shall not prohibit the installation as accessory structures of equipment containers not intended for human occupancy to house only equipment necessary for the operation of the wind energy facility.
- C. Wind Energy Facility as a Second Principal Use - A wind energy facility shall be permitted on a property with an existing use subject to the following land development standards:
1. The minimum lot area, minimum setbacks and maximum height required by this Ordinance for the wind energy facility and windmills shall apply, and the land remaining for accommodation of the existing principal use(s) on the lot shall also continue to comply with the minimum lot area, density and other requirements.
 2. The vehicular access to the equipment building shall, whenever feasible, be provided along the circulation driveways of the existing use.
 3. The applicant shall present documentation that the owner of the property has granted an easement or other legal interest for the land for the proposed facility and that vehicular access is provided to the facility.

858.3 Standards

- A. Wind Energy Facility Height - The applicant shall demonstrate that the windmills are at the minimum height required to function satisfactorily . No windmill that is taller than this minimum height shall be approved.
- B. Parcel Size; Setbacks
1. Separate Parcel - If the parcel on which the wind energy facility is a separate and distinct parcel, the zoning district minimum lot size shall apply and in all cases, the lot shall be of such size that all required setbacks are satisfied. No windmill shall be located closer to any property line than its height plus the normal setback for the district. The setback for equipment containers, other accessory structures and guy wire anchors shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet.
 2. Lease, License or Easement - If the land on which the wind energy facility is leased, or is used by license or easement, the setback for any windmill, the support structure, equipment containers, other accessory structures, and guy wire anchors shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet from the line of lease, license or easement. In any case, no windmill shall be located closer to any property line (not lease, license or easement line) than its height plus the normal setback for the district.
 3. Principal Structures - No windmill shall be located less than five hundred (500) feet from any principal residential structure existing prior to the erection of the windmill.
- C. Wind Energy Facility Support Structure Safety - The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed windmills are safe and the surrounding areas will not be negatively affected by structure failure, falling ice or other debris, electromagnetic fields, or radio frequency interference. All windmills shall be fitted with anti-climbing devices, as approved by manufacturers. The applicant shall submit certification from a Pennsylvania registered professional engineer that a proposed Wind energy facility and support structure will be designed and constructed in accord with accepted engineering practices and all requirements of any applicable construction code. Within forty-five (45) days of initial operation, the owner and/or operator of the wind energy facility shall provide a certification from a Pennsylvania registered professional engineer that the wind energy facility and

all structures comply with all applicable regulations.

- D. Fencing - A fence may be required around windmills and other equipment, unless the design of the structures adequately provides for safety.
- E. Landscaping - Landscaping may be required to screen as much of the wind energy facility ground features as possible, the fence surrounding the support structure, and any other ground level features (such as a building), and in general buffer the wind energy facility ground features from neighboring properties. The Township may permit any combination of existing vegetation, topography, walls, decorative fences or other features instead of landscaping, if the same achieves the same degree of screening as the required landscaping.
- F. Licenses; Other Regulations; Insurance - The applicant must demonstrate that it has obtained the required licenses from governing state and federal agencies. The applicant shall also document compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations. The applicant shall submit the name, address and emergency telephone number for the operator of the wind energy facility; and a Certificate of Insurance evidencing general liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and property damage coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering the wind energy facility.
- G. Access; Required Parking - Access to the wind energy facility shall be provided by means of a public street or easement to a public street. The easement shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in width and shall be improved to a width of at least ten (10) feet with a dust-free, all weather surface for its entire length. If the wind energy facility site is fully automated, adequate parking shall be required for maintenance workers. If the site is not automated, the number of required parking spaces shall equal the number of people on the largest shift.
- H.. Color and Lighting; FAA and PA DOT Notice - Windmills shall comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and PA DOT Bureau of Aviation regulations. No windmill may be artificially lighted except as required by FAA requirements. The applicant shall provide a copy of the response to *Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration* forms submitted to the FAA and PA DOT Bureau of Aviation.
- I. Communications Interference - The applicant shall document that the radio, television, telephone or reception of similar signals for nearby properties will not be disturbed or diminished, and this may be accomplished by remedial measures instituted by the wind energy facility developer.
- J. Historic Structures - A wind energy facility shall not be located within five-hundred (500) feet of any structure listed on any public historic register.
- K. Site Plan - A full site plan shall be required for all wind energy facility sites, showing the wind energy facility, windmills, building, fencing, buffering, access, and all other items required for conditional uses by this Ordinance.

858.4 Public Inquiries and Complaints

The solar power facility owner and operator shall maintain a phone number and identify a responsible person for the public to contact with inquiries and complaints throughout the life of the project, and the facility owner and operator shall make reasonable efforts to respond to the public's inquiries and complaints.

858.5 Decommissioning

- A. Time Limit - The facility owner and operator shall, at its own expense, complete decommissioning of the facility, or individual components, within twelve (12) months after the end of the useful life of the facility or individual components. The facility or individual components shall be presumed to be at the end of its useful life if no

electricity is generated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months.

- B. Depth Requirement - Decommissioning shall include removal of collectors, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, foundations to a depth of thirty-six (36) inches, and any other associated facilities.
- C. Disturbed Earth - Disturbed earth shall be graded and re-seeded, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
- D. Professional Engineer - An independent and certified Professional Engineer shall be retained to estimate the total cost of decommissioning (*decommissioning costs*) without regard to salvage value of the equipment, and the cost of decommissioning net salvage value of the equipment (*net decommissioning costs*). Said estimates shall be submitted to the Township after the first year of operation and every fifth year thereafter.
- E. Financial Security Bond - The facility owner or operator, prior to the issuance of a zoning permit, shall provide a financial security bond with the Township as payee in an amount approved by the Board of Supervisors, but not less than \$50,000, from a company and in a form and content acceptable to the Board of Supervisors, to insure the decommissioning within one hundred eighty (180) days of the expiration of the license or lease and/or cessation of use. The bond shall remain in place for as long as the facilities exist at the site.
- F. Funds - Decommissioning funds may be in the form of a performance bond, surety bond, letter of credit, corporate guarantee or other form of financial assurance as may be acceptable to the Township.
- G. Landowner Responsibility - If the facility owner or operator fails to complete decommissioning within the prescribed time period, then the landowner shall have one hundred eighty (180) days to complete decommissioning.
- H. Township Intervention - If neither the facility owner or operator, nor the landowner complete decommissioning within the prescribed periods, then the Township may take such measures as necessary to complete decommissioning. The entry into the record and submission of evidence of a participating landowner agreement to the Township shall constitute agreement and consent of the parties to the agreement, their respective heirs, successors and assigns that the Township may take such action as necessary to implement the decommissioning plan.
- I. Release of Decommissioning Funds - The escrow agent shall release the decommissioning funds when the facility owner or operator has demonstrated and the Township concurs that decommissioning has been satisfactorily completed, or upon written approval of the Township in order to implement the decommissioning plan.

§858.6 Wind Test Towers

Temporary wind test towers may be erected as a conditional use in Districts where wind energy facilities are permitted in accord with other applicable requirements of this Ordinance. Such towers shall be removed within eighteen (18) months of installation.

ARTICLE IX NONCONFORMITIES

901 Purpose, Applicability, Registration, and Continuation and Change

901.1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Article to recognize that if, prior to the adoption of the original Exeter Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced, property was used for a then lawful purpose or in a then lawful manner which the Zoning Ordinance would render thereafter prohibited and nonconforming, such property is generally held to have acquired a vested right to continue such nonconforming use or nonconforming structure. Nevertheless, this does not preclude the Township from regulating the change, alteration, reconstruction, reestablishment, extension, destruction and abandonment of nonconforming uses in accord with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and general case law.

It is also the purpose of this Article to limit the injurious impact of nonconforming uses and/or structures on other adjacent properties within a particular district and the community as a whole, while recognizing that the change, alteration, reconstruction, reestablishment, or extension of non-conforming uses and/or structures may not be contrary to the public interest or the general purpose of this Zoning Ordinance, when failure to allow such change, alteration, reconstruction, reestablishment, or extension would itself lead to neighborhood or district deterioration.

It is further the purpose of this Article to prescribe those standards which are to be applied by the Township in determining the reasonableness of a proposal to change, alter, reconstruct, reestablish, or extend a non-conforming use. The following are regulations which shall apply.

901.2 Applicability

The provisions and protections of this Article IX shall apply only to those nonconforming lots, structures and uses which legally pre-existed the applicable provisions of this Ordinance, as amended, or which are recognized by §903 or §904 of this Article IX. Any lot, structure or use created, constructed or established after the effective date of the original Zoning Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced, which does not conform to the applicable requirements shall be considered an illegal lot, structure or use subject to the penalties prescribed by this Ordinance, and the said lot, structure or use shall not be entitled to any of the protections afforded to legal, pre-existing nonconforming lots, structures or uses.

901.3 Registration

It shall be the responsibility of the party asserting a nonconformity to provide the evidence that the nonconformity is legal. A property owner may request a written statement of nonconformity from the Zoning Officer after providing sufficient evidence. The Zoning Officer may submit any application for a Certificate of Nonconformance to the Planning Commission for the Commission's review and recommendation with regard to the evidence of nonconformity.

901.4 Continuation and Change

A lawful nonconforming lot, structure or use as defined by this Ordinance may be continued and may be sold and be continued by new owners. Any expansion, alteration, extension or change in a nonconformity shall only proceed in compliance with this Article.

902 Definitions

902.1 Nonconforming Lot

Any lot which does not conform with the minimum width, depth and area dimensions specified for the district where

such a lot is situated, such lot having been created and recorded in the office of the Wyoming County Recorder of Deeds prior to the effective date of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

902.2 Nonconforming Structure

A structure or part of a structure which does not comply with the applicable district limitations on structure size and location on a lot, where such structure lawfully existed prior to the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended; and including, but not limited to, non-conforming signs.

902.3 Nonconforming Structure, Alteration or Expansion

As applied to a nonconforming structure, a change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or the moving from one location or position to another.

902.4 Nonconforming Structure, Reconstruction

The rebuilding of a nonconforming structure damaged or destroyed by casualty to the exact or less nonconforming condition which existed prior to the casualty.

902.5 Nonconforming Use

A use, whether of land or of a structure, which does not comply with the applicable use provisions in this Ordinance or amendments hereto, where such use was Lawfully in existence prior to the enactment of this Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

902.6 Nonconforming Use, Change

The conversion of a nonconforming use to a different use classification as enumerated on the Schedule of Uses of this Zoning Ordinance.

902.7 Nonconforming Use, Extension

The expansion of a nonconforming use throughout the structure which the said use partially occupies; or the expansion of a nonconforming use onto property not already occupied by the said use.

902.8 Nonconforming Use, Reestablishment

The reopening or reinstatement of a nonconforming use which has been discontinued by the owner of the said use, such reopening effected prior to the abandonment of the nonconforming use as determined under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance.

903 Nonconformities Under Development

For the purposes of this Article IX, a building, structure or use, legally permitted, planned and substantially under construction in compliance with existing Ordinances prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, or any amendment hereto, and completed within a one-year period after the effective date of this Ordinance or amendment hereto, shall be considered nonconforming.

904 Nonconformities by Variance

A building, structure or use allowed by variance in a district where it is non-conforming with any regulations of this Ordinance, as amended, reenacted and replaced, shall be considered nonconforming for the purposes of this Ordinance.

905 Normal Maintenance and Repair Activities

Normal maintenance and repair, such as painting, replacement of siding, and similar activities is allowed, as well as those interior renovations which do not structurally alter the building or area or result in increased use of the

building or area, or a change of nonconforming, or otherwise create more incompatibility with the surrounding permitted uses. Such maintenance and repair activities shall, however, shall comply with all other applicable standards and permit requirements of this Ordinance.

906 Changes of Nonconforming Uses

906.1 Special Exceptions

All changes of nonconforming uses shall be considered special exceptions subject to the specific procedures and review criteria contained in Article XI of this Ordinance and the review factors in §912 of this Article. A nonconforming use may only be changed to a use of equal or less nonconformity (i.e. more restrictive classification) as determined by the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board in accord with classification of the uses in the Schedule of Uses of this Ordinance. The general standard shall be that no change of a nonconforming use shall be permitted if such change will result in the establishment of a use which is materially different from the existing use in terms of negative affects on the community and the long term application of the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate incompatible uses from specific zoning districts. For example, a change from a nonconforming retail store in an RES District to a bank may be permitted; however, a change to a manufacturing use would not be permitted.

906.2 Conforming Changes and Conversions

- A. **Change** - A change in a nonconforming use to a conforming use shall not be considered a special exception unless the proposed use is classified as a special exception by the Schedule of Uses in this Ordinance. A change of a nonconforming use to a conforming use shall be considered an abandonment of the nonconforming use which shall not thereafter revert to a nonconforming use.
- B. **Conversion** - The conversion of a nonconforming use to a nonconforming use of like classification shall not be considered a special exception. For example, a nonconforming retail establishment selling groceries proposed for conversion to a shoe store would not be considered a change in nonconforming use.

906.3 Other Standards

All changes to nonconforming uses shall also be subject to all other applicable standards in this Ordinance.

907 Extension of Nonconforming Uses

907.1 Special Exceptions

All extensions of nonconforming uses into more area of a structure or onto more area of property shall be considered special exceptions subject to the specific procedures and review criteria contained in Article XI of this Ordinance, and the review factors in §912 of this Article.

907.2 Extension onto Other Properties of Record in the Same Ownership; New Structures

Extensions of a non-conforming use shall be on land contiguous to the existing use and shall be limited to the same parcel of property on which the non-conforming use is situated as said parcel existed on record at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance. For any non-conforming uses not involving a non-conforming structure, no new structures shall be permitted as part of an extension.

907.3 Extension Limitation

In the R District, an extension of land or structure utilized for the nonconforming use shall be limited to a total increase not to exceed fifty (50) percent of land and fifty (50) percent of structure beyond what existed on the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. In all other Districts such extension shall be limited to a total increase

not to exceed seventy-five (75) percent of land and seventy-five (75) percent of structure beyond what existed on the effective date of this Ordinance. All such extensions of a nonconforming use may be permitted in successive increments for a total up to the increase permitted; and each increment shall be a separate application.

907.4 Prohibited Extensions

Should the use proposed for extension be one which is specifically prohibited as a new use in the Township or is a use judged by the Township to be one similar to such a use or of such a nature as to impose health, safety or welfare concerns which cannot be satisfied by the imposition of the conditions permitted under this Ordinance, the requested extension shall be denied. The Board shall consider past operating performance in making its decision.

908 Reconstruction

908.1 Time Limit

If any nonconforming structure or use is damaged by eighty-five (85) percent or less of its appraised fair market value by any cause it may be restored or reconstructed to its preexisting condition of nonconformity provided:

- A. The application for a building permit is submitted and the reconstruction is completed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the casualty.
- B. The nonconformity is not increased and no new nonconformity is created.

908.2 Procedure - Permits

All applicable permits for the reconstruction of a nonconforming use shall be required. Such reconstruction shall be considered a special exception if the reconstruction involves a change or extension of use as regulated by §906 and §907 of this Ordinance, respectively.

908.3 Reconstruction Prohibited

A nonconforming structure that has been damaged or destroyed by more than eighty-five (85) percent of its appraised fair market value by any cause shall not be rebuilt in any nonconforming manner. Any structure not reconstructed within the required eighteen-month period shall be deemed abandoned and any subsequent use of the land or structure shall be for conforming purposes only and said use shall in all respects conform to the applicable provisions of this Zoning Ordinance.

908.4 Extension

The Zoning Officer may grant a one-time extension of not more than one (1) year for the re-establishment of the nonconforming use. Said extension shall only be considered upon written application for same submitted by the property owner.

909 Abandonment and Reestablishment of Nonconformities

909.1 Abandonment

Unless extended in accord with this §909, if a nonconforming use of land or structure ceases operations, is discontinued, is vacated or is otherwise abandoned for a period of eighteen (18) months or more, then this shall be deemed to be an intent to abandon such nonconforming use, and any subsequent use of the land or structure shall be for conforming purposes only and said use shall in all respects conform to the applicable provisions of this Zoning Ordinance. A change of a nonconforming use to a conforming use shall be considered an abandonment of the nonconforming use which shall not thereafter revert to a nonconforming use.

909.2 Extension

The Zoning Hearing Board may, as a special exception and if deemed appropriate by the Board in accord with the Township Comprehensive Plan and the standards in §1208 of this Ordinance, grant a one-time extension of not more than one (1) year for the re-establishment of the nonconforming use. Said extension shall only be considered by the Board upon written application for same submitted by the property owner.

910 Alterations and Expansions of Nonconforming Structures**910.1 Alterations**

The alteration or expansion of nonconforming structures shall be permitted only in accord with this §910.

910.2 Procedure - Permits

All applicable permits for the alteration or expansion of a nonconforming structure shall be required. Such alteration or expansion shall be considered a special exception if the alteration or expansion involves a change or extension of a nonconforming use as regulated by §906 and §907 of this Ordinance, respectively.

910.3 Increase in Area or Bulk Nonconformity

In the case where a proposed alteration or expansion of a nonconforming structure will result in an increased nonconformity of setback, height, lot coverage or other area or bulk standard, a variance shall be required from the Zoning Hearing Board.

911 Use of Nonconforming Lots of Record**911.1 Single-Family Dwelling or Two-Family Dwelling**

A single-family dwelling or a two-family dwelling may be erected or expanded on any lawful nonconforming lot of record in any District, provided:

- A. Setbacks - See Schedule of Development Standards in Article IV which allows a side setback reduction to a minimum of ten (10) feet.
- B. Other Standards - All other applicable standards in this Ordinance are satisfied.
- C. Water Supply - An adequate water supply is provided in accord with Township and other applicable regulations.
- D. Sewage Disposal - Sewage disposal is provided in accord with applicable Township and PA DEP requirements.

911.2 Commercial Uses

A commercial use may be developed on any lawfully existing nonconforming lot where permitted by the Schedule of Uses provided:

- A. Setbacks - All setbacks normally required in the District are maintained.
- B. Lot Size Requirement - This Ordinance does not require a lot size for the specific use which is greater than the lot size for the district.
- C. Water Supply - An adequate water supply is provided in accord with Township and other applicable regulations.
- D. Other Standards - All other applicable standards in this Ordinance are satisfied.

- E. Sewage Disposal - Sewage disposal is provided in accord with applicable Township and PA DEP requirements.

912 Review Factors

In addition to the standards in §1208, Article VII, and other applicable requirements, the Township shall consider any nonconformity special exception application in terms of the effect on the following factors:

912.1 Nuisance Considerations

- A. Traffic generation.
- B. Noise, dust, fumes, gases, odor, glare, vibration, fire and explosion hazards and other nuisances.
- C. Amount and nature of outdoor storage
- D. Hours of operation.
- E. Compatibility with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.
- F. Potential of the expansion to reduce existing congestion and alleviate parking shortages by improved site design, addition of parking and improved loading areas.

912.2 Specific Considerations

- A. Storage of Materials - There shall be no increase in the amount of materials, supplies and/or products that are stored outside a non-conforming facility, as on a lot in a non-conforming use, excepting those types of uses outlined in §B below.
- B. Screening - Where the non-conforming activity is one which necessarily results in the storage of large quantities of material, supplies or products outside (such as a sawmill, farm machinery sales operation or similar operation), the use may only be expanded if a solid fence of wood and/or buffer, not less than six (6) feet in height, is present on all sides of the immediate area in use. Stored material shall not exceed the height of the screening material and nine (9) feet at the maximum. Setbacks and buffers shall be provided in accord with §701.1 of this Ordinance.
- C. Setbacks and Height - No addition, change or expansion of a non-conforming use shall further violate setback and/or height regulations of the district in which it is located.
- D. Parking and Traffic - In no case will a change, addition or expansion of a non-conforming use be allowed which would result in the diversion of traffic, or relocation of a driveway on the site to any point nearer a residential property, or result in violation of any of the parking and unloading requirements of this Ordinance. The Township may require vegetative screening of the parking area from nearby residential areas in accord with §701.1 of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE X
OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF
CONSERVATION OPEN SPACE, OPEN LAND, RECREATION LAND, AND COMMON FACILITIES

This Article X shall apply to any development which involves the ownership and maintenance of conservation open space land, open land, recreation land, or common facilities (referred to as "common area" in this Article) as required by this Ordinance and the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

1001 **Purpose**

The requirements of this Article X are intended to assure in perpetuity the ownership, use and maintenance of common areas. The general principle shall be to assign ownership and maintenance responsibility to that entity which is best suited for the same and which will allocate any associated costs to the individuals which directly benefit from the use of the common area.

1002 **Plan and Legal Documents**

The developer shall submit a plan and proposed legal documents for the purpose of dedicating, in perpetuity, the use, ownership and maintenance of the approved common area. The Plan shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors with the recommendation of the Township Solicitor. The provisions of the approved Plan shall be incorporated into a development agreement with the Township, deed covenants and restrictions, or other legal document which will effect the Plan and which can be enforced by the Township.

1003 **Use Restriction**

The use of any common area shall be limited to those uses which are specifically permitted or required by the applicable sections of this Ordinance and the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

1004 **Development Plan Designations**

The subdivision/land development plan which will be recorded following final approval of the development shall clearly show all common areas and specifically note the use, ownership and maintenance responsibility of the same. Reference to the legal document(s) governing the use, ownership and maintenance of common areas shall be noted on the plan. The plan shall also contain the following statement: Open land, recreation land, and common facilities shall not be sold separately or be further subdivided or developed, nor shall such land be used for density for any other development.

1005 **Methods for Use Dedication and Common Area Ownership and Maintenance**

The use of common areas and common area ownership and maintenance shall be addressed by one or a combination of the methods which follow. In any case, the developer shall document to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that the chosen method(s) will preserve the common area use rights established in accord with this Article and provide for the perpetual ownership and maintenance of all open land, recreation land, and common facilities. All methods shall establish a mechanism for the Township to effect the use dedication and require operation and maintenance of common areas, should the means established by the developer fail to provide the same.

All methods for use dedication and common area ownership and maintenance, and any combination of methods, and any change in method which may be proposed by the ownership and maintenance entity, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors. Operation and maintenance provisions shall include, but not be limited to, capital budgeting for repair and/or replacement of common facilities, working capital, operating expenses, casualty and liability insurance, and contingencies.

1005.1 Property Owners Association or Condominium Agreements

All common areas may be owned and maintained by a property owners association (POA) or condominium agreements (CA) including all lot owners in the development provided:

- A. The POA/CA is established by the developer as a non-profit corporation for the express purpose of ownership and maintenance of the common area, or as otherwise may be required by state statute.
- B. Participation in the POA/CA is mandatory for all lot owners.
- C. Provision is made for the maintenance of common areas during the lot sale period and the orderly transition of responsibility from the developer to the POA.
- D. The POA/CA is empowered to assess POA/CA members to fund the administration of the POA/CA and other costs associated with the common area responsibilities.

1005.2 Transfer to a Private Conservation Organization

In the case of open land and recreation land, the landowner may transfer fee simple title to the said areas, or parts thereof, to a private, non-profit organization among whose purposes is the conservation of open land and/or natural resources; provided that:

- A. The deed contains the necessary covenants and restrictions in favor of the Township to effect the use dedication and common area ownership and maintenance standards of this Article and this Zoning Ordinance.
- B. The organization proposed is a bona fide, operating and stable conservation organization with a perpetual existence, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- C. The conveyance of title contains the necessary provisions for proper retransfer or reversion should the organization be unable to continue to execute the provisions of title.
- D. A maintenance agreement between the developer, organization and Township is executed to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors.

1005.3 Deed Restricted Private Ownership

On privately held lands used for agriculture, forestry enterprises and other uses permitted on open land in accord with this Ordinance, deed restrictions may be used to preserve open land provided such restrictions include a conservation easement in favor of the Township, with provisions for reversion to the Township, POA or trustee holding the remainder of the common area. Title to such restricted lands may be transferred to other parties for use as restricted by the deed.

1005.4 Deed or Deeds of Trust

The landowner may provide, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, for the use, ownership and maintenance of common area by establishing a trust for the same via a deed or deeds. The trustee shall be empowered to levy and collect assessments from the property owners for the operation and maintenance of the development.

1005.5 Conservation Easements Held by the Township

In the case of open lands and recreation lands, the Township may, but shall not be required to, accept title to conservation easements on any such lands. In such cases, the land remains in the ownership of an individual, POA or condominium, while the development rights are held by the Township. The lands may be used for agriculture,

forestry enterprises and other uses permitted on open land in accord with this Ordinance, and title to such lands may be transferred to other parties for use as restricted by the conservation easement.

1005.6 Fee Simple and/or Easement Dedication to the Township

In the case of open lands or recreation lands, the Township may, but shall not be required to, accept in fee, the title to any such lands, or any interests (such as development rights or conservation easements) therein, for public use and maintenance, provided:

- A. There is no consideration paid by the Township.
- B. Such land is freely accessible to the public.
- C. The Township agrees to and has access to maintain such lands.

1006 Failure to Preserve Dedication of Use and Operation and Maintenance of Common Area

Should the method established for the dedication of use and operation and maintenance of common area fail to do so in reasonable order and condition in accord with the approved development plan, the Board of Supervisors shall have the right and authority to take all necessary legal action to effect such use dedication, operation and maintenance. The action of the Board of Supervisors shall be in accord with the following:

1006.1 Notice

The Board of Supervisors shall serve written notice on assigned entity or the property owners in the development setting forth the details of the failure of the entity with regard to use dedication and operation and maintenance of common areas.

1006.2 Correction of Deficiencies

The notice shall include a demand that the deficiencies be corrected in a reasonable period of time which shall be stated in the notice.

1006.3 Public Hearing

A public hearing shall be conducted subsequent to the notice and shall be advertised in accord with the definition of "public notice" contained in this Zoning Ordinance. At such hearing, the Board of Supervisors may modify the terms of the original notice as to the deficiencies and may extend the time for correction of the deficiencies.

1006.4 Failure to Correct

In the event the deficiencies in the notice, as may have been modified at the public hearing, are not corrected in accord with the established time period, the Board of Supervisors may enter upon the common area and maintain the same and/or correct the deficiencies. The Board of Supervisors shall continue such action for such time as may be necessary to correct the deficiencies. Said action shall not constitute a taking or dedication of any common areas, nor vest in the public the right to use any common area.

1006.5 Reinstatement of Responsibility

The responsibility of operation and maintenance shall not be reinstated to the assigned entity until such time as the entity has demonstrated to the Board of Supervisors that the proper steps have been effected to modify the terms of use dedication, operation and/or maintenance; and/or to reorganize or replace the responsible entity so that use dedication and operation and maintenance established by the approved development plan will be assured.

1006.6 Appeal

Any party to the action of the Board of Supervisors may appeal such action to court as provided for zoning appeals

in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended.

1006.7 Public Costs

The costs of the preservation of use dedication and the cost of maintenance and operation of any open land conducted by the Township in accord with this Article, and including any administrative and legal costs, shall be assessed against the properties in the subject development which have a right of enjoyment and/or use of the common areas. The assessment shall be made a lien on the properties, and the Board of Supervisors shall, at the time of the notice in §1006.1 above, shall file the required notice of lien against the properties.

**ARTICLE XI
SIGNS**

1101 Administration

1101.1 Administration

The Purpose of this Article XI is to establish standards for the regulation of signs within the Township in order to safeguard the public interest and:

- A. to preserve the beauty and the unique character of the Township;
- B. to promote and aid in the tourist industry of the Township;
- C. to protect the general public from damage and injury which may caused by the faulty construction of signs;
- D. to protect pedestrians and motorists of the Township from damage of injury caused, or partially attributable to the distractions and obstructions caused by improperly situated signs;
- E. to promote the public safety, welfare, convenience and enjoyment of travel and the free flow of traffic within the Township;
- F. to assure that signage is clear and provides the essential identity or direction to facilities in the community; and,
- G. to enable the fair and consistent enforcement of the sign restrictions throughout the Township.

1101.2 Applicability - Effect

A sign may be erected, placed, established, painted, created or maintained in the Township only in conformance with the standards, procedures, exceptions, and other requirements of this Ordinance. The effect of this Ordinance as more specifically set forth herein is:

- A. to establish a permit system to allow a variety of types of signs in the various zones, subject to the standards and the permit procedures of this Ordinance;
- B. to allow certain signs that are small, unobtrusive, and incidental to the principal use of the respective lots on which they are located, subject to the substantive requirements of this Ordinance, but without a requirement for permits;
- C. to provide for temporary signs without commercial messages in limited circumstances in the public right-of-way; and,
- D. to prohibit all signs not expressly permitted by this Ordinance.

1101.3 Requirement of Conformity

No sign, for which a permit is issued after the effective date of this Ordinance, may be placed or maintained in the Township except as provided herein. All signs maintained contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be nuisances, and as such may be abated as provided by law.

1102 Definitions and Interpretation

Words and phrases used in this Article shall have the meanings set forth in this Section. Words and phrases not

defined in this Section but defined in Article III shall be given the meanings set forth in said Article. Principles for computing sign area and sign height are contained in this section. All other words and phrases shall be given their common, ordinary meaning, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Section headings or captions are for reference purposes only and shall not be used in the interpretation of this Ordinance.

ABANDONED SIGN - A Sign located on a property or premise which is vacant and/or unoccupied for a period of six (6) months, or a sign which is damaged, in disrepair, or vandalized and not repaired within sixty (60) days of the date of the damaging event and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

ADVERTISING SIGN, OFF-PREMISES - A sign which conveys a commercial or noncommercial message unrelated to the activity conducted on the lot where the sign is located or a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment or attraction sold, offered, or existing elsewhere than on the same lot where the sign is located. A structure intended to support or contain such a sign shall also be considered an off-premises advertising sign.

ANIMATION - The movement or the optical illusion of movement of any part of the sign structure, design or pictorial segment, including the movement of any illumination or the flashing or varying of light intensity; the automatic changing of all or any part of the facing of a sign; the movement of a sign set in motion by the atmosphere. Time and temperature devices shall be considered animated signs.

APPLICANT - A person or entity who applies for a sign permit in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

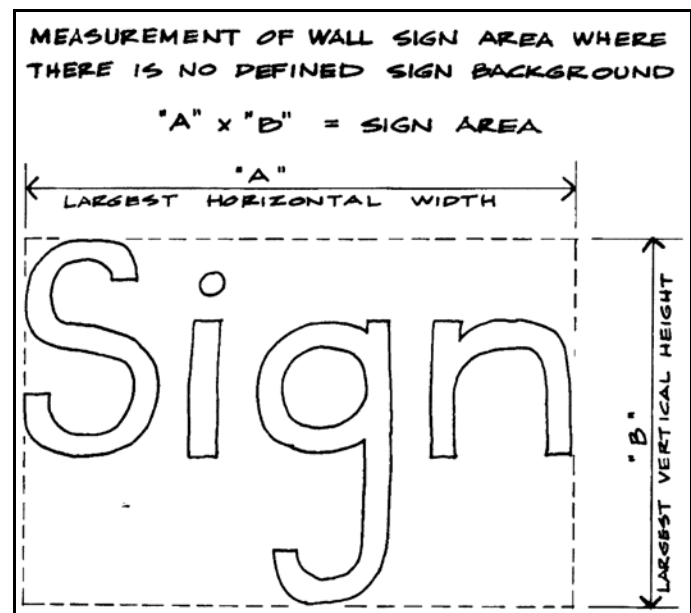
AREA OF SIGN - The area of the rectangle defined by the largest horizontal width and the largest vertical height that will encompass the extreme limits of the message, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed and including any framing, trim or molding, but not including any supporting structure, bracing, or wall.

AREA OF MULTI-FACED SIGNS - The area of all sign faces visible from any one (1) point. When two identical sign faces are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are part of the same sign structure and are not more than forty-two (42) inches apart, the sign area is of one (1) of the faces.

ATTRACTION BOARD - See *changeable panel sign*.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE DIRECTIONAL SIGN - A traffic directional sign which is used to direct pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a parcel to the location of an automated teller machine.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE SIGN - Any sign located on or architecturally associated with the exterior face of an automated teller machine.



AWNING SIGN - Signs which are placed on or integrated into fabric or other material canopies which are mounted on the exterior wall of a building.

BANNER SIGN - Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is permanently mounted to a pole or building by a permanent frame at one or more edges with no enclosing framework. National flags, state or municipal flags of any institution or business shall not be considered banners.

BANNER, DECORATIVE - A banner which contains no text.

BANNER, PUBLIC INFORMATION - A banner which displays graphics and limited text regarding a special event.

BILLBOARD - A type of off-premises advertising sign and which conveys a commercial or noncommercial message unrelated to the activity conducted on the lot where the sign is located, or a sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment or attraction sold, offered, or existing elsewhere than on the same lot where the sign is located. A structure intended to support or contain such a sign shall also be considered a billboard.

BUSINESS - For the purposes of this Article XI, business shall mean any approved non-residential use including commercial, manufacturing, and industrial enterprises; public buildings and uses such as public schools, parks, civic centers, municipal buildings; and semi-public buildings and uses such as churches, fire houses, ambulance buildings, private schools, and libraries.

BUSINESS NAME - The name by which a business is commonly recognized and used by the applicant. The applicant shall provide stationary or other supporting documents illustrating the use of the business name or verification of the official business license or tax name. Slogans or product information shall not be considered as the business name.

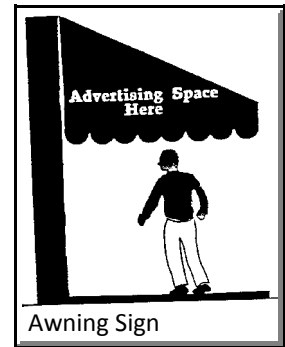
CABINET - A three-dimensional structure which includes a frame, borders and sign panel face and may include internal lighting upon which the sign letters and logos are placed or etched, and is architecturally integrated with the building.

CANOPY SIGN - Any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, canopy or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area. A marquee is not a canopy.

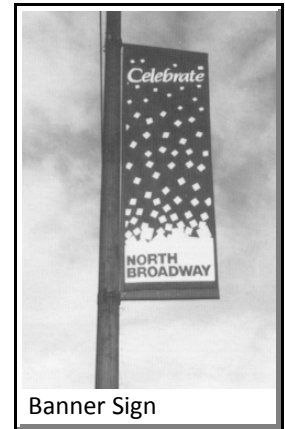
CHANGEABLE PANEL SIGN - A sign designed to allow it's informational content to be changed or altered.

COMMERCIAL MESSAGE - Any sign wording, logo, or other representations that, directly or indirectly, names, advertises, or calls attention to a business, product, service, or other commercial activity.

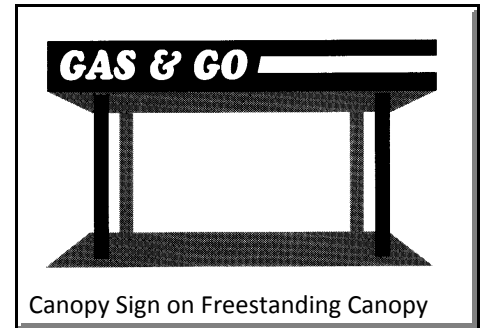
CONSTRUCTION SIGN - A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor,



Awning Sign



Banner Sign



Canopy Sign on Freestanding Canopy



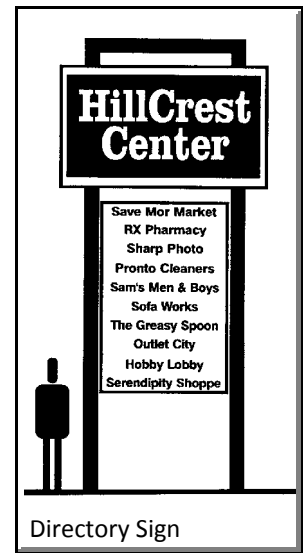
Changeable Panel Sign

subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located.

CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR SIGNS - The temporary signs which identify the contractor or subcontractor engaged in the construction, reconstruction or repair of a building or buildings on a lot or parcel or property.

DEVELOPMENT SIGN - A temporary sign used to identify an approved future development.

DIRECTORY SIGN - A sign which provides a listing of the names of businesses, activities, addresses, locations, uses or places within a building or complex of buildings for the purposes of giving directions, instruction, or facility information and which may contain the name and logo of an establishment but no advertising copy.



DOUBLE-FACED SIGN - A sign with two faces, essentially back to back.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGN - Any sign, or portion of a sign, that displays an electronic image or video, which may or may not include text, where the rate of change is electronically programmed and can be modified by electronic processes. This definition includes television screens, plasma screens, digital screens, LED screens, video boards, holographic displays, and other similar media.

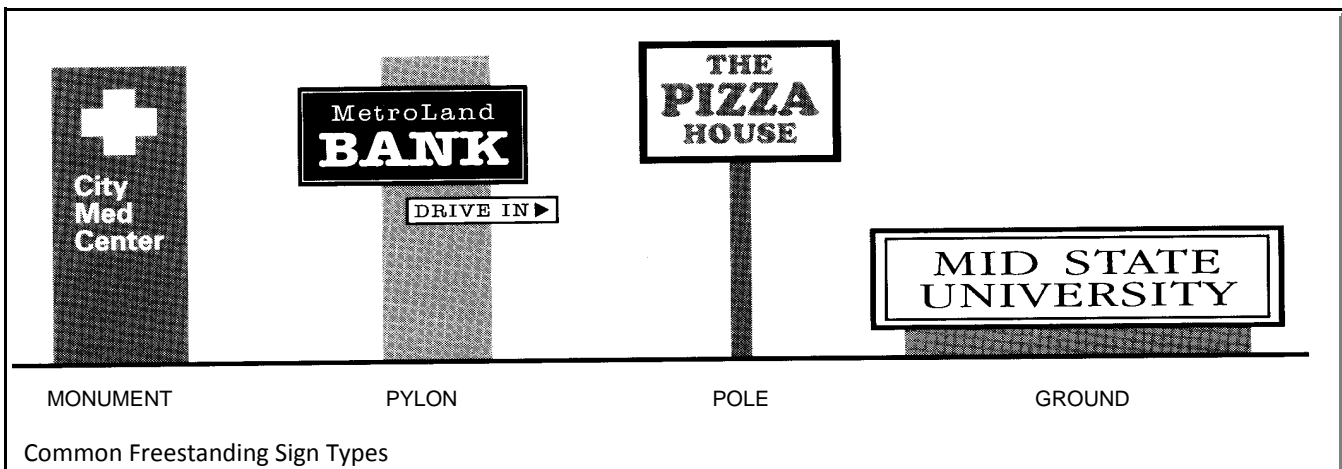
EMERGENCY SIGNS - Emergency warning signs erected by a governmental agency, a public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.

FACADE - Any exterior wall of a building exposed to public view; and any structure or part of a structure attached to, or otherwise mounted parallel to, an exterior wall or other vertical part of the structure.

FLAG - Any fabric, banner, or bunting containing distinctive colors, patterns, or symbols, used as a symbol of a government, political subdivision, or other entity which is mounted on a pole, cable, or rope at one end.

FLAG, DECORATIVE - A flag which contains no text or graphics.

FREESTANDING SIGN - A sign supported permanently upon the ground by poles or braces and that is not attached to any building.



GOVERNMENT SIGN - Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the township, county, state, or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property, or facility.

GRAND OPENING - The introduction, promotion or announcement of a new business, store, shopping center or office, or the announcement, introduction or promotion of an established business changing ownership. A business qualifies for a grand opening sign when it has been closed to the public for a period of thirty (30) days.

GROUND LEVEL - The finished grade of the adjacent street curb or where there is no street curb, six (6) inches above street grade. Ground level shall be the existing natural grade.

GROUND SIGN - A freestanding sign that is architecturally integrated with the building with individually mounted letters and/or logos only. This sign shall be built with continuous background surface built from the ground up.

HEIGHT OF SIGN - The distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade is the lower of (1) existing grade prior to construction, or (2) the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavating solely for the purpose of locating the sign. In cases where the normal grade cannot reasonably be determined, sign height is the elevation of the normal grade at the base of the sign equal to the elevation of the nearest point of the crown of a public street or the grade of the land at the principal entrance to the principal structure on the zone lot, whichever is lower.

ILLEGAL SIGN - Any sign erected without first obtaining an approved sign permit, other than non-conforming signs, and which does not meet the requirement of this ordinance.

ILLUMINATED SIGN - A sign with an artificial light source incorporated internally or externally for the purpose of illuminating the sign.

INCIDENTAL SIGN - A sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the zone lot on which it is located, such as "no parking," "entrance," "loading only," "telephone," and other similar directives. No sign with a commercial message legible from a position off the zone lot on which the sign is located shall be considered incidental.

INDIRECT ILLUMINATION - A source of external illumination located away from the sign, but which is itself not visible to persons viewing the sign from any street, sidewalk or adjacent property.

INDIVIDUAL LETTERS - A cut-out or etched letter or logo which is individually placed on a landscape, screen wall, building wall or ground sign.



Incidental Sign

INTERNAL ILLUMINATION - A source of illumination entirely within the sign which makes the contents of the sign visible at night by means of the light being transmitted through a translucent material but wherein the source of illumination is not visible.

INTERNAL/INDIRECT ILLUMINATION - A source of illumination entirely within an individual letter, cabinet or structure which makes the sign visible at night by means of lighting the background upon which the individual letter is mounted. The letters are opaque, and thus are silhouetted against the background. The source of illumination is not visible.

LOGO - A graphic symbol representing an activity, use or business. Permitted logos shall be registered trademarks or symbols commonly used by the applicant, and may include graphic designs in addition to lettering. The applicant shall provide stationary or other supporting documents illustrating the use of the logo.

MAINTENANCE - The replacing or repairing of a part or portion of a sign necessitated by ordinary wear, tear or damage beyond the control of the owner or the reprinting of existing copy without changing the wording, composition or color of said copy.

MARQUEE - Any permanent roof-like structure projecting beyond a building or extending along and projecting beyond the wall of the building generally designed and constructed to provide protection from the weather.

MENU SIGN - A temporary sign used to inform the public of the list of dishes, foods or entrees available in a restaurant and may include the corresponding prices.

MODIFIERS - A word describing uses and activities other than the business name.

MONUMENT SIGN - A free-standing cabinet or panel sign mounted on, or within a base (above grade), which is detached from any building.

MULTIPLE TENANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING - A commercial development in which there exists two or more separate commercial activities, in which there are appurtenant shared facilities (such as parking or pedestrian mall), and which is designed to provide a single area in which the public can obtain varied products and services. Distinguishing characteristics of a multiple tenant commercial building may, but need not, include common ownership of the real property upon which the center is located, common-wall construction, and multiple occupant commercial use of a single structure.

NAMEPLATE - A small sign which identifies a resident's or home's name and address or the name of a farm, ranch or commercial stable. Such signs may be shingle, building wall or archway-mounted signs.

NONCOMMERCIAL FREE SPEECH SIGN - A sign with no commercial content which expresses personal ideas and values, advocates a position on an issue, or seeks converts and supporters and which does not meet the definition of a *political sign*.

NONCONFORMING SIGN - Any sign which is not allowed under this Ordinance, but which, when first constructed before this ordinance was in effect and for which a sign permit was issued, was legally allowed by the Township.

OCCUPANCY - A purpose for which a building, or part thereof, is used or intended to be used.

OWNER - A person recorded as such on official records. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the owner of property on which a sign is located is presumed to be the owner of the sign unless facts to the contrary are officially recorded or otherwise brought to the attention of the Zoning Officer.

PANEL - A two-dimensional visual background behind the sign letters and logos which is visually separated from the mounting upon which the sign letters and logos are placed by the presence of a border, different colors, different materials, or other technique of visual framing around the letters or logos.

PARAPET - That portion of a building exterior wall projecting above the plate line of the building.

PENNANT - Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind,

suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

PERMANENT SIGN - Any sign which is intended to be and is constructed as to be in lasting and enduring condition remaining unchanged in character, condition (beyond normal wear) and position, and in a permanent manner affixed to the ground, wall or building, provided the sign is listed as a permanent sign in the Ordinance.

PLATE LINE - The point at which any part of the main roof structure first touches or bears upon an external wall.

POLITICAL SIGN - A temporary sign which supports candidates for office or urges action on any other matter on the ballot of primary, general and special elections.

PORTABLE SIGN - Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels, signs converted to A or T-frames, menu and sandwich board signs, balloons used as signs, umbrellas used for advertising and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless said vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.

PROJECTING SIGN - Any sign affixed to a building wall in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than six (6) inches beyond the surface of such building or wall.

PUBLIC PROPERTY - Unless otherwise expressly provided, public property means any and all real or personal property over which the Township or other governmental entity has or may exercise control, whether or not the government owns the property in fee, including, sidewalks, rights-of-ways and improved or unimproved land of any kind and all property appurtenant to it.

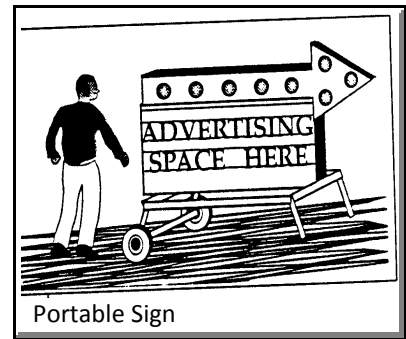
REAL ESTATE SIGN - A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease, or sale.

RIGHT-OF-WAY - No commercial sign shall be erected so as to project beyond a property line, over a public sidewalk or over or within a public right-of-way.

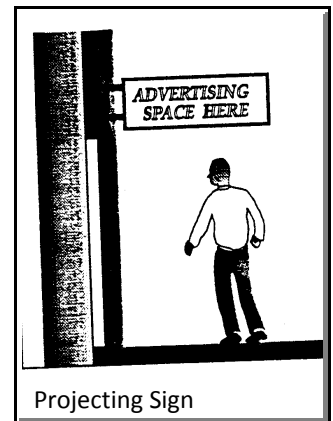
ROOF LINE - The uppermost line of the roof of a building or, in the case of an extended facade or parapet, the uppermost point of said facade or parapet.

ROOF SIGN - Any sign mounted on the main roof portion of a building or on the topmost edge of a parapet wall of a building and which is wholly or partially supported by such building. Signs mounted on mansard facades, pent eaves, and architectural projections such as canopies or marquees shall not be considered to be roof signs. See the following illustration for example of roof signs, and comparison of differences between roof and fascia signs.

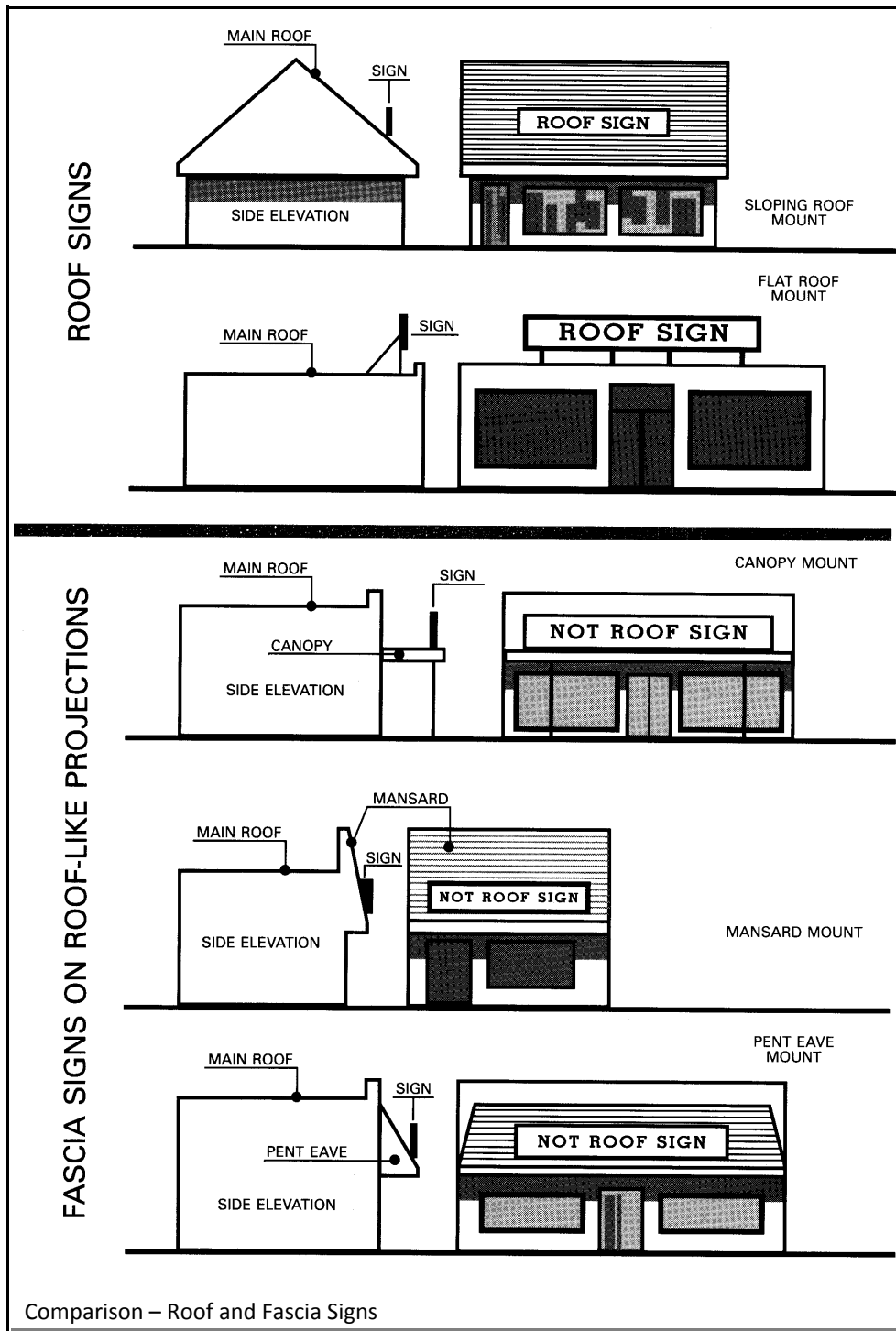
SHINGLE SIGN - A sign suspended from a roof overhang of a covered porch, walkway or horizontal plane surface which identifies the tenant of the adjoining space.



Portable Sign



Projecting Sign



Comparison – Roof and Fascia Signs

SIGN - Any device for visual communication which is used or is intended to attract the attention of the public with a purpose of identifying, when the display of the device is visible beyond the boundaries of the public or private property upon which the display is made. The term “sign” shall not include any flag or badge or insignia of the United States, State of Pennsylvania, Wyoming County, the Township, or official historic plaques of any governmental jurisdiction or agency.

SIGN FACE - The area or display surface used for the message.

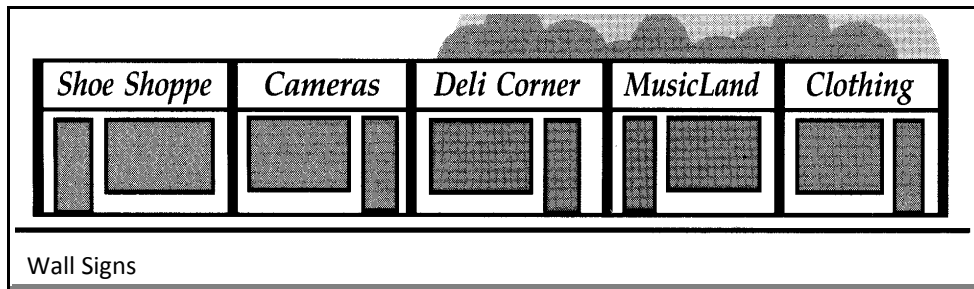
SIGN WALL - Any surface (excluding windows) of a building within twenty-five (25) degrees vertical.

SPECIAL EVENT - A promotional event such as, but not limited to, grand openings, bazaars, street fairs, shows, exhibitions, sporting events, runs, bicycling events, and block parties. This does not include sidewalk sales occurring on private property where merchandise normally sold indoors is transferred from indoors to outdoors for sale.

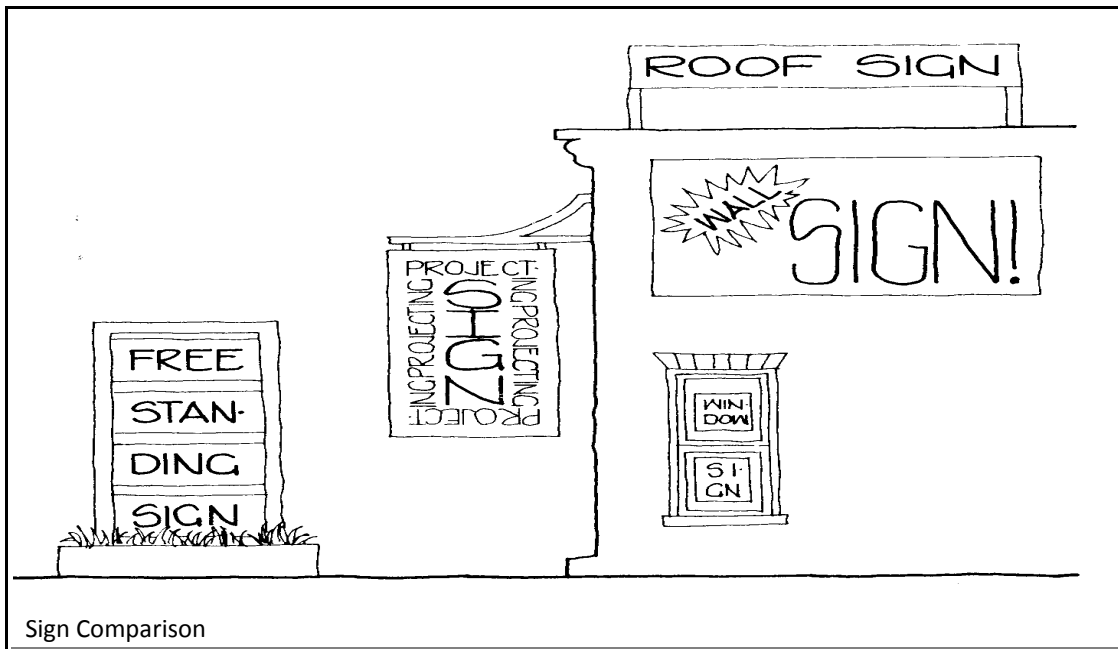
TEMPORARY SIGN - Any sign, banner, pennant, or valance of advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, plastic, wallboard or other like materials, with or without frames; or any sign not permanently attached to the ground, wall or building.

TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGN - Signs used at driveways to improve public safety and to enhance public access to the site from public streets, which provides information to assist the operators of vehicles in the flow of traffic. Such signs may use names, logos, or symbols of buildings, businesses, activities, uses or places as a means of direction.

WALL SIGN - Any sign attached parallel to, but within six inches of, a wall, painted on the wall surface of, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.



WINDOW SIGN - Any poster, cut-out letters, painted text or graphics, or other text or visual presentation affixed to or placed behind a window pane which is intended to be read from the exterior of the building.



1103 Procedures

The procedures included in this §1103 shall apply to all signs requiring permits.

1103.1 Requirement of Permit

A sign permit shall be required before the erection, re-erection, construction, alteration, placing, or installation of all signs regulated by this Ordinance. However, a permit shall not be required for the following signs and actions, provided however, that such signs shall be subject to any and all applicable provisions of this Ordinance.

- A. Exempt signs as specified in §1104.2.
- B. Real estate, temporary construction and contractor signs.
- C. Routine maintenance or changing of the parts or copy of a sign, provided that the maintenance or change of parts or copy does not alter the surface area, height, or otherwise render the sign non-conforming.

1103.2 Permit Application

Applications for sign permits shall be submitted to the Zoning Officer and shall, at a minimum, contain or have attached thereto the information listed in this section. The applicant shall pay the required application fee at the time when the sign application is filed. Two copies of plans and specifications shall be submitted with each application. One copy shall be returned to the applicant at the time the permit is granted. The plans shall include complete details about the size of the sign, the method of attachment or support, locations and materials to be used, and the name, address and profession of the person designing the plans and specifications. If the Zoning Officer determines that the sign will be subject to excessive stresses, additional data shall be required, showing that supporting surfaces and other members of an existing building to which the sign is to be attached are in good condition and are adequately strong to support the load, including the proposed sign.

- A. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the applicant, the owner of the property on which the sign is to be erected or affixed, the owner of the sign, and the person to be erecting or affixing the sign.
- B. The location of the building, structure, or zoning lot on which the sign is to be erected or affixed.
- C. A sketch plan of the property involved, showing accurate placement thereon of the proposed sign.
- D. Two (2) blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications of the sign to be erected or affixed and method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground. Such plans and specifications shall include details of dimensions, color, materials, and weight.
- E. If required by the Zoning Officer, documentation of compliance with the PA Uniform Construction Code.
- F. The written consent of the owner of the building, structure, or property on which the sign is to be erected or affixed.
- G. Such other information as the Zoning Officer may require to determine full compliance with this and other applicable ordinances of the Township.

1103.3 Issuance of Permits

Upon the filing of an application for a sign permit, the Zoning Officer shall examine the plans, specifications, and other submitted data, and the premises upon which the sign is proposed to be erected or affixed. If it appears that the proposed sign is in compliance with all the requirements of this Ordinance and other applicable ordinances of

the Township and if the appropriate permit fee has been paid, the Zoning Officer shall issue a permit for the proposed sign.

1103.4 Expiration

If the work authorized under a sign permit has not been completed within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, the permit shall become null and void, unless otherwise extended by the Zoning Officer for a single additional ninety (90) day period.

1103.5 Permit Fees

Each sign required by this Ordinance requiring a sign permit shall pay a fee as established pursuant to a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

1103.6 Inspections

All signs for which a permit is required shall be subject to the following inspections:

- A. Footer inspection on all free standing signs. However, the Zoning Officer may waive the required inspection for signs five (5) feet or less in height.
- B. Inspection of braces, anchors, supports and connections and wall signs.
- C. Site inspection to insure the sign has been constructed according to the approved application and valid sign permit.

1104 General Requirements

1104.1 Prohibited Signs

All signs not expressly permitted or exempted under this Ordinance from regulation are prohibited in the Township. Such prohibited signs include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. "A" Frame or Sandwich Board Signs - "A" frame or sandwich board and sidewalk, or curb signs, except as a temporary sign as provided for in §1105 of this Ordinance.
- B. Light Strings, Banners, Pennants, and Balloons - Strings of lights not permanently mounted to a rigid background, except those exempt under the §1104.2, banners, pennants, streamers, balloons, and other inflatable figures, except as a temporary sign as provided for in §1105 of this Ordinance.
- C. Animated, Moving and Flashing Signs - Signs which flash, revolve, rotate, swing, undulate, or move by any means, or otherwise attract attention through the movement or flashing of parts, including automatic, electronically controlled copy changes (except as permitted in §1112), or through the impression of movement or flashing except for time and temperature indicators whose movement is either digital or analog, and flags as permitted by this Ordinance.
- D. Mirrors - Signs which use a mirror or similar device to attract attention by reflecting images or otherwise reflecting light.
- E. Portable and Wheeled Signs - Portable and wheeled signs, except as a temporary sign per §1105 or until a permanent sign is installed following the issuance of the permit for the permanent sign but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

- F. Projecting Signs - Signs which are attached or otherwise affixed to a building and project more than fifteen (15) inches beyond the wall surface of such building to which the sign is attached or otherwise affixed thereto.
- G. Signs on Parked Vehicles - Signs placed on or affixed to vehicles and/or trailers which are parked on a public right-of-way, public property or private property, so as to be visible from a public right-of-way where the apparent purpose is to advertise a product or direct people to a business, organization or activity.
- H. Signs on Utility Poles or Trees - Signs which are attached or otherwise affixed to utility poles, or trees or other vegetation. This shall not apply to political signs not in a public right-of-way or noncommercial free speech signs not in a public right-of-way.
- I. Signs Which Imitate Traffic Control Devices - Signs which imitate, interfere with, obstruct the view of, or can be confused with any authorized traffic control sign, signal, or other device.
- J. Emissions - No sign shall be permitted to emit any sound, odor or visible matter such as smoke.

1104.2 Exempt Signs

The following signs are hereby exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, excepting for such instances where any sign listed herein is found to be unsafe or unlawful as provided for in other Sections of this Ordinance.

- A. Awning, Canopy, and Marquee Signs - Signs, not exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of four (4) square feet, indicating only the name of the activity conducted on the premises on which the sign is to be located and/or a brief generic description of the business being conducted by the activity. Advertising material of any kind is strictly prohibited on signs affixed to awnings, canopies, and marquees.
- B. Civic and Religious - Civic and religious organization signs indicating only the organization insignia, name, meeting place, and time. Such signs shall not exceed two (2) square feet for each exposed surface area.
- C. Directional or Instructional Signs - Signs, not exceeding four (4) square feet in aggregate gross surface area, which provide direction or instruction to guide persons to facilities intended to serve the public, providing that such signs contain no advertising of any kind. Such signs include those identifying rest rooms, public telephones, public walkways, affiliation with motor clubs, acceptance of designated credit cards, and other similar signs providing direction or instruction to persons using a facility, but not including those signs accessory to parking areas. Advertising material of any kind is strictly prohibited on directional and instructional signs.
- D. Non-Commercial Signs - Flags, emblems, and insignia of political, professional, religious, educational, or fraternal organizations providing that such flags, emblems, and insignia are displayed for non-commercial purpose.
- E. Governmental Signs - Governmental signs for control of traffic, emergency response, and other regulatory purposes, street signs, warning signs, railroad crossing signs, and signs of public service companies indicating danger and aids to services or safety which are erected by, or at the order of a public officer or employee in the performance of the officer's or employee's duties.
- F. Holiday Decorations - Signs or other materials temporarily displayed on traditionally accepted civic, patriotic, or religious holidays related to observance of the civic, patriotic, or religious holiday.
- G. Interior Signs - Signs not affixed to a window and visible from outside and which are fully located within the interior of any building or stadium, or within an enclosed lobby or court of any building, and signs located within

the inner or outer lobby court or entrance of any theater and which are not displayed to be visible from outside.

- H. Memorial Signs - Memorial plaques or tablets, grave markers, statutory, or other remembrances of persons or events that are non-commercial in nature.
- I. Name and Address Plates - Wall signs, one (1) per street frontage and not exceeding one and one-half (1.5) square feet in surface area, indicating the name of the occupant, the address of the premises, and identification of any legal business or operation which may exist at the premises.
- J. No Trespassing, No Hunting, No Fishing, No Dumping, No Parking, No Towing, and Other Similar Signs - No trespassing, no hunting, no fishing, no dumping, no parking, towing and other similar signs (as set forth in Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code and its regulations and as set forth in Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and its regulations) not exceeding two (2) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face nor exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of four (4) square feet.
- K. Parking Lot Directional and Instructional Signs
 - 1. Directional Signs - Signs designating parking area entrances and exits limited to one (1) sign for each entrance and/or exit and not exceeding four (4) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face. Parking lot directional signs shall not project higher than five (5) feet in height, as measured from the established grade of the parking area to which such signs are accessory.
 - 2. Instructional Signs - Signs designating the conditions of use or identity of parking areas and not exceeding eight (8) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face nor exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of sixteen (16) square feet. Parking lot instructional signs shall not project higher than ten (10) feet for wall signs and seven (7) feet for ground signs, as measured from the established grade of the parking area(s) to which such signs are accessory.
- L. Patron Advertising Signs - Signs erected on the perimeter of an organizational sponsored youth athletic field for the sole purpose of sponsoring or contributing to the organized youth athletic sport. Signs erected for this purpose shall be one sided with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet of gross aggregate surface area. Sponsors advertising on score boards may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the surface area of the score board.
- M. Plaques - Plaques, nameplates, or memorial signs, directly attached or affixed to the exterior walls of a building, not exceeding four (4) square feet in aggregate gross surface area.
- N. Public Notices - Official notices posted by public officers or employees in the performance of the officer's or employee's duties
- O. Government Signs - Signs required by governmental bodies or specifically authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute, or ordinance. Such signs may be of any type, number, area, height, location, or illumination as required by law, statute, or ordinance.
- P. Signs on Vehicles - Signs placed on or affixed to vehicles and/or trailers where the sign is incidental to the primary use of the vehicle or trailer. However, this is not in any way intended to permit signs placed on or affixed to vehicles and/or trailers, which are parked on a public right-of-way, public property, or private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way where the apparent purpose is to advertise a product or direct people to a business or activity located on the same or other property.

- Q. Symbols or Insignia - Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies, or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies not exceeding two (2) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding four (4) square feet in aggregate gross surface area.
- R. Vending Machine Signs - Permanent, non-flashing signs on vending machines, gasoline pumps, ice or milk containers, or other similar machines indicating only the contents of such devices, the pricing of the contents contained within, directional or instructional information as to use, and other similar information as to the use, and other similar information not exceeding four (4) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face not exceeding an aggregate gross surface area of eight (8) square feet on each machine.
- S. Warning Signs - Signs warning the public of the existence of danger, but containing no advertising material; to be removed within three (3) days upon the subsidence of danger. Such warning signs may be of any type, number, area, height, location, or illumination as deemed necessary to warn the public of the existence of danger.
- T. Tourist Signs - Tourist orientation directional signs when erected in accord with a permit issued by PennDOT.

1104.3 Construction Requirements

All signs permitted by this Ordinance shall be constructed in accord with the National Electrical Code and the the Township Building Code and the provisions of this §1104.3.

- A. Obstruction to Exit - No sign shall be erected, constructed, or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window, door opening, or wall opening intended as a means of ingress or egress.
- B. Obstruction to Ventilation - No sign shall be erected, constructed, or maintained so as to interfere with any opening required for ventilation.
- C. Clearance from Electrical Power Lines and Communication Lines - All signs shall be located in such a way that they maintain horizontal and vertical clearance of all electrical power lines and communication lines in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Code. However, in no instance shall a sign be erected or constructed within eight (8) feet of any electrical power line, conductor, or service drop, or any communication line, conductor, or service drop.
- D. Clearance from Surface and Underground Facilities - All signs and supporting structures shall maintain clearance and non-interference with all surface and underground facilities and conduits for water, sewage, gas, electricity, or communications equipment or lines. In addition, the placement of all signs and their supporting structures shall not interfere with natural or artificial drainage or surface or underground water.
- E. No Obstruction to Any Existing Warning or Instructional Sign - No sign shall be erected, constructed, or maintained so as to interfere with any existing warning or instructional sign.
- F. Traffic Hazards - No sign shall be erected in such a way as to interfere with or to confuse traffic, to present any traffic hazard, or to obstruct the vision of motorists, and all signs shall comply with the clear sight triangle requirements of this Ordinance.
- G. Public Right-of-Way - Unless specifically permitted by another section, no sign may be erected or maintained in the public right-of-way unless an encroachment permit has first been obtained for the sign.

1104.4 Maintenance

Each sign shall be maintained in good order and repair at all times so that it does not constitute any danger or hazard to public safety, or a visual blight, and is free of peeling paint, major cracks, or loose and dangling materials.

1104.5 Illumination

All signs permitted by this Ordinance may be illuminated in accord with the provisions of this §1104.5.

- A. Type of Illumination - Illumination may be by internal, internal indirect or by indirect means.
- B. Flashing - Flashing signs are prohibited in accord with §1104.1.
- C. Glare - All signs shall be so designed located, shielded, and directed so as to prevent the casting of glare or direct light from artificial illumination upon adjacent publicly dedicated roadways and surrounding property.
- D. Illumination of Buildings, Structures, and Areas
 - 1. The use of unshielded lighting, including incandescent light bulbs hung or strung on poles, wires, or any other type of support, to illuminate buildings, structures, outdoor sales areas, or outdoor storage area is prohibited except during the month of December for areas in which Christmas trees are offered for sale and on a temporary basis for areas in which carnivals, fairs, or other similar activities are held;
 - 2. A building or other structure may be illuminated, but all lighting used for this purpose must be designated, located, shielded, and directed in such a manner that the light source is fixed and not directly visible from any adjacent publicly dedicated roadway and surrounding property.

1104.6 Signs on Roof

No sign attached to a building shall be placed on nor shall extend above any part of the building roof.

1104.7 Awning, Canopy, and Marquee Signs

- A. Number - There shall not be more than one (1) awning, canopy, or marquee sign exceeding an aggregated gross surface area of four (4) square feet for each principal building. Awning, canopy, and marquee signs which are four (4) square feet or less in aggregate gross surface area are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, as specified in §1104.2,A.
- B. Area - The gross surface area of an awning, canopy, or marquee sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet, but shall be limited to not more than fifty (50%) percent of the gross surface area of the face of the awning, canopy, or marquee to which such sign is affixed.
- C. Height - Any awning, canopy, or marquee sign shall not project higher than the top of the awning, canopy, or marquee to which such sign is to be affixed.
- D. Illumination - Only the face area of the letters or logos may be illuminated and all illumination must be internal behind the surface of the awning, canopy or marquee.
- E. Awning Valance - If sign letters or logos are place on the awning valance, no letters or logos may be placed elsewhere on the awning.

1104.8 Changeable Panel Signs

One (1) changeable panel sign board may be erected on the lot containing one (1) or more commercial, manufacturing, industrial, public or semi-public use, referred to as *business* in this section, subject to the following:

- A. Type - The changeable panel sign shall be a ground sign or may be attached to the same support of the permitted business identification ground sign.
- B. Number - One (1) changeable panel sign may be erected on the business parcel identifying special, unique, limited activities, services, products, or sale of limited duration occurring on the premises on which the changeable panel sign is located.
- C. Area - The gross surface area of a changeable panel sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet for each exposed face.
- D. Location - A changeable panel sign shall maintain side and rear setbacks, and shall not extend within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
- E. Height - If the changeable panel sign is separate from the main freestanding sign, the changeable panel sign may not project higher than ten (10) feet, as measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher. The changeable panel sign shall be separated by a minimum of twelve (12) inches from the main ground pole sign.
- F. Fuel Prices - Establishments engaged in the retail sale of fuel may also erect one additional changeable panel sign on the same frame as the main business identification sign to list fuel prices, and said sign shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet for each exposed face.

1104.9 Sign Faces

All signs may be multi-faced.

1104.10 Wall Signs

Wall signs as permitted by this ordinance shall be securely attached to the wall; and each sign shall be parallel to and in the same plane as the wall to which the sign is attached and shall not extend more than six (6) inches from the wall, nor above or beyond the top and ends of the wall.

1104.11 Noncommercial Free Speech Signs

- A. Definition - A *noncommercial free speech sign* is a sign with no commercial content which expresses personal ideas and values, advocates a position on an issue, or seeks converts and supporters, and which does not meet the definition of a *political sign*.
- B. Permit - A permit shall not be required.
- C. Clear Sight; Hazards - No sign shall violate the clear sight requirements of §502.3 or otherwise be erected in such manner as would constitute a public hazard.
- D. Private Property Outside Right-of-Way - The provisions of §1105.5.E shall not apply to noncommercial free speech signs erected on private property outside a public right-of-way.
- E. Public Rights-of-Way - Noncommercial free speech signs erected within a public right-of-way shall comply with

the following:

1. Road Setback - No sign shall be located less than five (5) feet from the edge of the shoulder or curb line of any public road.
2. Size - No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet for each exposed face.
3. Support - Each sign shall be erected on its own support and shall not be attached to any of the following: trees, vegetation, utility poles, fences, guide rails, other signs or sign posts, or other structures.

1105 Temporary Signs

Temporary signs may be erected and maintained in accordance with the provisions contained in this §1105..

1105.1 General Conditions

- A. Permit Required - No person shall erect, construct, repair, alter, or relocate within the Township any temporary sign without first obtaining a permit from the Zoning Officer, unless such sign is specifically exempted from permit requirements.
- B. Materials and Methods - The Zoning Officer shall impose as a condition of the issuance of a permit for temporary signs such requirements as to the material, manner of construction, and method of erection of a sign as are reasonably necessary to assure the health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the public.
- C. Illumination - Temporary signs may be illuminated in accord with this Ordinance.
- D. Sign Types - Temporary signs shall be limited to non-projecting wall signs, attached ground signs, or portable and wheeled signs.

1105.2 Temporary Business Signs

Temporary business signs in association with an approved use identifying a special, unique, or limited activity, service, product, or sale of limited duration shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number - There shall not be more than two (2) permits for temporary business signs issued for the same premises within one (1) calendar year. Each temporary business sign permit may be erected and maintained for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and shall be removed within three (3) days of the termination of the activity, service, project, or sale. Or, alternatively, a temporary business sign permit may be applied for a maximum of five (5) times during one (1) calendar year for the same premises; each permit shall be issued for a maximum of seven (7) days. It is expressly stated that temporary business sign permits shall be issued under one method or the alternative and that the methods may not be used jointly or in combination during any one (1) calendar year.
- B. Area - Temporary business signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face.
- C. Location - Temporary business signs shall be located only upon the premises upon which the special, unique, or limited activity, service product, or sale is to occur. Such signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
- D. Height - Temporary business signs shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the average

grade of the associated principal use or structure.

1105.3 Temporary Development Signs

Temporary development signs in association with an approved use identifying the parties involved in the development to occur or occurring on the premises on which the sign is placed shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number - There shall not be more than one (1) temporary, construction sign for each project or development, except that where a project or development abuts two (2) or more streets, additional such signs, one (1) oriented to each abutting street, shall be permitted.
- B. Area
 - 1. R Residential Districts - In R Residential Districts, temporary construction signs shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face.
 - 2. Other Districts - In all other districts, temporary construction signs shall not sixteen (16) exceed square feet in gross surface area for each exposed face.
- C. Location - Temporary construction signs shall be located only upon the premises upon which construction either is about to occur, or is occurring. Such signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access from a public roadway.
- D. Height - Temporary construction signs shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.
- E. Special Conditions - Temporary construction signs shall be permitted only as accessory to an approved building permit for a project or development. Temporary construction signs may be erected and maintained for a period not earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of construction of the project or development and must be removed prior to an occupancy permit being issued or if no occupancy permit is required, the sign shall be removed upon project completion.

1105.4 Temporary Event Signs (including Banners)

Temporary event signs announcing a campaign, drive, activity, or event of a civic, philanthropic, educational, or religious organization for non-commercial purposes shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number, Area, Height, and Location - The permitted number, area, height, location, and construction of temporary event signs shall be determined by the Zoning Officer with consideration given to the public intended purpose. In any event, no sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet for each exposed face.
- B. Timing - Temporary event signs may be erected and maintained for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days prior to the date of which the campaign, drive, activity, or event advertised is scheduled to occur and shall be removed within three (3) days of the termination of such campaign, drive, activity, or event.
- C. Limit on Number of Permits - No more than four (4) permits for temporary event signs shall be issued for the same premises within one (1) calendar year.

1105.5 Temporary Political Signs

- A. Definition - A *political sign* is a temporary sign which supports candidates for office or urges action on any other

matter on the ballot of primary, general or special elections.

- B. Permit - A permit shall not be required.
- C. Clear Sight; Hazards - No sign shall violate the clear sight requirements of §502.3 or otherwise be erected in such manner as would constitute a public hazard.
- D. Private Property Outside Right-of-Way - The provisions of §1105.5.E shall not apply to political signs erected on private property outside a public right--of-way. (See §1104.11 for noncommercial free speech signs.)
- E. Public Rights-of-Way - Political signs erected within a public right-of-way shall comply with the following:
 - 1. Timing - The signs shall not be posted more than sixty (60) days in advance of the election to which the signs pertain and shall be removed within seven (7) days following the election for which the signs were posted.
 - 2. Road Setback - No sign shall be located less than five (5) feet from the edge of the shoulder or curb line of any public road.
 - 3. Size - No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet for each exposed face.
 - 4. Support - Each sign shall be erected on its own support and shall not be attached to any of the following: trees, vegetation, utility poles, fences, guide rails, other signs or sign posts, or other structures.
 - 5. Township Removal - Each sign that is erected or displayed in violation of this §1105.5.E shall be subject to immediate removal by the Township Zoning Officer.

1105.6 Temporary Real Estate Signs (permit not required)

Temporary real estate signs advertising the sale, lease, or rent of the premises upon which such sign is located shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number and Location - There shall be not more than one (1) temporary real estate sign for each lot except that where a lot abuts two (2) or more streets, one (1) additional sign, oriented to each abutting street, shall be permitted. Such sign(s) shall be located only upon the premises for sale, lease, or rent. In addition, one (1) additional sign not located on the premises and not exceeding six (6) square feet for each exposed face shall be permitted to provide direction to the premises. The signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
- B. Area
 - 1. R Districts - In all residential districts, temporary real estate signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet for each exposed face.
 - 2. RA and C Districts - In RA and C Districts, temporary real estate signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet for each exposed face.
- C. Height - Temporary real estate signs shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.

- D. Special Conditions - Temporary real estate signs shall be removed within seven (7) days of the sale or lease of the premises upon which the sign is located.

1105.7 Temporary Contractor or Subcontractor Signs (permit not required)

Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs for the sole purpose of designating the contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) engaged in the development of a property shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number - There shall be not more than one (1) temporary contractor or subcontractor sign for each contractor or subcontractor working on the premises.
- B. Area - Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet for each exposed face.
- C. Location - Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs shall be located only upon the premises where the contractor or subcontractor is working. Such signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
- D. Height - Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs shall not project higher than ten (10) feet, as measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.
- E. Special Conditions - Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs shall be removed immediately upon completion of the contractor's or subcontractor's work.

1105.8 Temporary Seasonal Farm Product Signs (permit not required)

Temporary seasonal farm product signs for the sole purpose of advertising the availability of seasonal farm products grown on the premises shall be subject to the following:

- A. Number - There shall be not more than two (2) temporary seasonal farm product sign for each premises.
- B. Area - The surface area of each sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet for each exposed face.
- C. Location - Temporary seasonal farm product signs shall be located only upon the premises where the seasonal farm products are sold. Such signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
- D. Height - Temporary contractor or subcontractor signs shall not project higher than ten (10) feet, as measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.
- E. Special Conditions - Temporary seasonal farm product signs shall not be erected more than fifteen (15) days before the harvest of the produce and shall be removed within thirty (30) days from the end of the harvest.

1106 Residential Uses

For all residential uses, only the following signs are permitted and then only if accessory and incidental to a permitted residential use.

1106.1 Building Name and Address Signs

Name and address signs of buildings containing six (6) or more residential units indicating only the name of the building, the name of the development in which it is located, the management thereof, and/or address of the premises shall be subject to the following:

- A. Type - Building name and address signs may be either wall signs or ground signs.
- B. Number - There shall not be more than one (1) name and address sign for each building except that where a building abuts two (2) or more streets, one (1) additional sign oriented to each abutting street shall be permitted.
- C. Area - Building name and address signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area for exposed face.
- D. Location - Building name and address signs shall not be located closer than one-half the minimum setback required for the zoning district in which the sign is to be erected or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway. The location and arrangement of all building name and address signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Zoning Officer.
- E. Height - Building name and address signs shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet for wall signs and five (5) feet for ground signs, as measured from base of sign or building to which the sign is to be affixed or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway whichever is higher.

1106.2 Residential Development Road Entrance Signs

Residential development road entrance signs for developments with two (2) or more buildings with a total of twenty (20) or more dwelling units indicating only the name of the development, including single-family, two-family, and multi-family developments and mobile home parks, the management or developer thereof, and/or the address or location of the development shall be subject to the following:

- A. Type - The residential development road entrance signs shall be ground signs.
- B. Number - There shall not be more than two (2) residential development road entrance signs for each point of vehicular access to a development
- C. Area - Residential development road entrance signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in gross surface area.
- D. Location - Residential development road entrance signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access from a public roadway. The location and arrangement of all residential development signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Zoning Officer.
- E. Height - Residential development road entrance signs shall not project higher than five (5) feet, as measured from base of sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.
- F. Sign Faces - Residential development road entrance signs may be double-faced only when one (1) such sign is used at a road entrance.

1106.3 Exempt Signs

Exempt signs as specified in §1104.2 of this Ordinance.

1106.4 Temporary Signs

Temporary signs as specified in §1105 of this Ordinance.

1107 Commercial, Manufacturing, Public Use And Semi-public Use Signs

For all commercial, manufacturing, industrial, public and semi-public uses, referred to as *business* in this section, only the following signs are permitted and then only if accessory and incidental to a permitted use, and such signs shall be subject to the requirements of this §1107 and any other special provisions contained in this ordinance:

1107.1 Individual Business Identification Signs

The provisions of this §1107.1 shall apply to parcels upon which an individual business is located.

A. Building Wall Signs

1. **Number** - There shall be not more than one (1) wall sign for each principal building except that where the building abuts two (2) or more streets, one (1) additional such sign oriented to each abutting street shall be permitted.
2. **Area** - The surface area of a wall sign shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the area of the building wall, including doors and windows, to which the sign is to be affixed or sixty-four (64) square feet, whichever is smaller. The surface area of a wall sign may be increased by ten (10) percent if such wall sign consists only of individual, outlined alphabetic, numeric, and/or symbolic characters without background, except that provided by the building surface to which the sign is to be affixed, and if illuminated, such illumination is achieved through shielded spot lighting, but not any lighting where the light source is visible or exposed on the face or sides of the characters.
3. **Location** - A wall sign may be located on the outermost wall of any principal building. The location and arrangement of all wall signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Zoning Officer.
4. **Height** - A wall sign shall not project higher than the parapet line of the wall to which the sign is to be affixed or fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the base of the building wall to which the sign is to be affixed, whichever is lower.

B. Freestanding Business Identification Signs - Freestanding business identifications signs shall be subject to the following:

1. **Number** - There shall not be more than one (1) freestanding business identification sign for each lot.
2. **Area** - The surface area of a freestanding business identification sign shall not exceed forty (40) square feet.
3. **Location** - A freestanding business identification sign shall maintain side and rear setbacks, and shall not extend within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
4. **Height** - A freestanding business identification sign shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the average grade at the base of the sign or the grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is lower.

1107.2 Shopping Center and Multiple Occupant Business Identification Signs

The provisions of this §1107.2 shall apply to developments in which two (2) or more businesses are housed in one (1) or more principal structures.

A. Building Wall Signs

1. Number - There shall be not more than one (1) wall sign for each principal business occupant except that where a principal occupant abuts two (2) or more streets, one (1) additional such sign oriented to each abutting street shall be permitted.
 2. Area - The surface area of a wall sign shall not exceed ten (10) percent of the occupant's proportionate share of the area of the building wall, including doors and windows, to which the sign is to be affixed or sixty-four (64) square feet, whichever is smaller. The surface area of a wall sign may be increased by ten (10) percent if such wall sign consists only of individual, outlined alphabetic, numeric, and/or symbolic characters without background, except that provided by the building surface to which the sign is to be affixed, and if illuminated, such illumination is achieved through shielded spot lighting, but not any lighting where the light source is visible or exposed on the face or sides of the characters.
 3. Location - A wall sign may be located on the outermost wall of any principal building. The location and arrangement of all wall signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Zoning Officer.
 4. Height - A wall sign shall not project higher than the parapet line of the wall to which the sign is to be affixed or fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the base of the building wall to which the sign is to be affixed, whichever is lower.
- B. Freestanding Business Identification Signs - Freestanding business identifications signs may be ground signs or monument signs used solely for the identification of the development and shall be subject to the following:
1. Number - There shall not be more than one (1) freestanding business identification sign for each development.
 2. Area - The surface area of a freestanding business identification sign shall not exceed a maximum of forty (40) square feet.
 3. Location - A freestanding business identification sign shall maintain side and rear setbacks, and shall not extend within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access to a public roadway.
 4. Height - A freestanding business identification sign shall not project higher than fifteen (15) feet, as measured from the average grade at the base of the sign or the grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is lower.
 5. Individual Occupant Identification - The freestanding business identification sign shall not contain the name of any individual business occupant of the premises unless such tenant or occupant occupies thirty percent (30%) or more of the total development. Each freestanding business identification sign may include affixed directly to it a directory indicating only the names of the business occupants of the development in which the sign is to be located. The directory shall include the names of all business tenants/occupants on one sign and shall not be comprised of individual signs. The gross surface area of a directory sign shall not exceed ten (10) square feet for each exposed face for each occupant in the development.

1107.3 Business Subdivision Road Entrance Signs

Business subdivision road entrance signs for developments with two (2) or more commercial, manufacturing, industrial, public and semi-public buildings, referred to as *business* in this section, indicating only the name of the development shall be subject to the following:

- A. Type - The business subdivision road entrance signs shall be ground signs.

- B. Number - There shall not be more than two (2) business subdivision road entrance signs for each point of vehicular access to a development
- C. Area - Business subdivision road entrance signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in gross surface area.
- D. Location - Business subdivision road entrance signs may be located in any required setback, but shall not extend over any lot line or within fifteen (15) feet of any point of vehicular access from a public roadway. The location and arrangement of all residential development signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Zoning Officer.
- E. Height - Business subdivision road entrance signs shall not project higher than five (5) feet, as measured from base of sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is higher.
- F. Sign Faces - Business subdivision road entrance signs may be double-faced only when one (1) such sign is used at a road entrance.

1107.4 Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) Signs

ATM signs shall be permitted in association with an approved commercial use subject to the following:

- A. Location - Such sign shall be located on the face of the machine and may only identify the individual business name, logo, time, and principal services offered at the ATM.
- B. Area - The area of any such sign shall not exceed ten (10) square feet. The bezel and architectural border of an ATM sign shall not be included in the sign area unless they contain sign characters, logos, or other sign graphics. The area of any ATM signage not visible beyond the boundaries of the property shall not be deducted from the sum total area permitted for the use. Wording, symbols, and graphics which instruct persons on the use of the ATM shall not be considered part of the sign area unless they are visible beyond the boundaries of the property and attract the attention of the public.
- C. Permit - No sign permit shall be required for such sign.

1107.5 Business Directional Signs

The intent of this section is to allow commercial, manufacturing, industrial, public and semi-public uses, referred to as *business* in this section, located in the Township and which do not front on Route 92 or Route 292 to erect signs directing the public to the *business*.

- A. Number - There shall not be more than four (4) directional signs for each parcel of land eligible for such signs. In the case of multi-businesses on the same parcel, each business shall not be eligible for signs; instead, the directional signs shall refer to the parcel as a whole.
- B. Area - The surface area of each sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet for each exposed face.
- C. Height - A directional sign shall not project higher than ten (10) feet, as measured from the average grade at the base of the sign or the grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is lower.
- D. Sign Information - The information on the sign shall be limited to the business name, logo, telephone number and directional information.

- E. Property Owner Permission - The person making application for the erection of a business directional sign shall provide a written statement of permission signed by the owner of the property upon which the sign is proposed.
- F. Permit - A permit shall be required for the placement of the directional signs and shall establish the number and location of all the signs.

1108 Reserved

1109 Off-Premises Advertising Signs and Billboards

The intent of this §1109 is to limit the number, size and location of off-premises advertising signs and billboards to reduce visual clutter in the Township, prevent the distraction of drivers, and maintain the character of the community. Off-premises advertising signs and billboards, as defined in Article III, may be erected and maintained only in C Districts in accord with the requirements of this §1109 and all other applicable requirements of this Zoning Ordinance, and applications for such signs shall be considered conditional uses.

1109.1 Principal Use

Off-premises advertising signs and billboards shall be considered principal uses and shall not be permitted on a lot with any other principal use.

1109.2 Illumination

Off-premises advertising sign or billboard may be illuminated, but flashing lights or devices and animation shall be prohibited.

1109.3 Setbacks

The applicable zone district side setbacks for principal structures shall be maintained. for off-premises advertising signs and billboards and the front setback shall be ten (10) feet.

1109.4 Height of Signs

No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall project above the maximum height limit for buildings or other structures for the Zone District in which the sign is located. The height of the sign shall be measured from the base of the support structure.

1109.5 Maximum Area of Off-Premises Advertising Signs and Billboards

- A. The maximum area for any one off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet with a maximum height of twelve (12) feet and a maximum length of twenty-five (25) feet.
- B. A sign structure shall contain only one (1) sign per facing.

1109.6 Spacing of Off-Premises Advertising Signs and Billboards:

- A. No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall be permitted within two hundred (200) feet of another off-premises advertising sign or billboard, measured in all directions. The separation distance shall be measured between the closest points of the two (2) signs in question.
- B. No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall be permitted within two hundred (200) of any dwelling or R Residential District in the Township or any adjoining municipality. The separation distance shall be measured between the closest points of the proposed sign and the residential lot or R Residential District in question.

- C. No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall be permitted within two hundred (200) feet of any park, recreational area, trail system, public or parochial school, municipal building, library, church, hospital, or similar institutional use. The separation distance shall be measured between the closest points of the proposed sign and the parcel of land on which the building or use in question is located.
- D. No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall be erected within one hundred (100) feet of the public street intersection. The separation distance shall be measured between the closest point of the proposed sign and the nearest intersection of the right-of-way lines of the streets in question.
- E. No off-premises advertising sign or billboard shall be constructed at an angle of less than forty-five (45) degrees to the right-of-way upon which it faces.

1109.7 Engineering Certification

Any applications for an off-premise advertising sign or billboard shall be accompanied by certification under seal by a Professional Engineer registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the sign as proposed will not present a structural safety hazard.

1110 Nonconforming Signs

1110.1 Legal, Nonconforming Signs

Any sign lawfully existing or under construction on the effective date of this Article, which does not conform to one (1) or more of the provisions of this Article, may be continued in operation and maintained as a legal nonconforming use.

1110.2 Maintenance and Repair

- A. Area - The total area of any nonconforming sign shall not be increased.
- B. Removal and Reconstruction - The removal and reconstruction of a nonconforming sign shall only be permitted in accord with the requirements of §908 applicable to other nonconforming structures.
- C. Damage or Destruction - A nonconforming sign which is damaged or destroyed may be rebuilt in a nonconforming fashion only in accord with §908 applicable to other nonconforming structures.
- D. Improvements and Maintenance - Nonconforming signs may be repainted, repaired or modernized, provided such improvements do not increase the dimensions, height or position of the existing nonconforming sign or change the sign, message or business being advertised.
- E. Conversion to Electronic Message Sign
 - 1. Any nonconforming sign which is converted to an electronic message sign shall be made conforming to the requirements of this Article.
 - 2. A sign which is nonconforming as to zoning district location shall not be converted to an electronic message sign.

1111 Removal of Certain Signs**1111.1 Abandoned Signs**

- A. Removal - Any sign, whether existing on or erected after the effective date of this Ordinance, which advertises a business no longer being conducted or a product no longer being offered for sale in or from the premises on which the sign is located, shall be presumed to be abandoned and shall be removed within eighteen (18) months from the cessation of such business or sale of such product by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial interest in the building or premises on which such sign is located.
- B. Enforcement - Enforcement of a violation of §1111.1 shall be in accord with §1216.

1111.2 Nuisance Signs

- A. Violation - The maintenance of any sign which is unsafe or insecure, or is a public nuisance, shall be considered a violation of this Article.
- B. Enforcement - Enforcement of a violation identified in §1111.2A shall be in accord with §1216.
- C. Immediate Peril - Notwithstanding, the foregoing provisions, the Zoning Officer is authorized to cause any sign to be removed summarily and without notice, at the expense of the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial interest in the building or premises on which such sign is located, whenever the Zoning Officer determines that such sign is an immediate peril to persons or property.

1111.3 Illegal Signs

If the Zoning Officer shall find that any sign is displayed in violation of this Ordinance, he shall proceed with an enforcement action in accord with §1216.

1112 Electronic Message Signs in the C - Commercial District**1112.1 Types of Signs**

In the C - Commercial District the following types of signs may be an electronic message sign:

- A. Changeable panel sign (§1104.8).
- B. Individual freestanding business identification sign (§1107.1.B).
- C. Shopping center and multiple occupant business freestanding identification sign (§1107.2.B).
- D. Off-premises advertising sign or billboard (§1109).

1112.2 Standards

In addition to the other applicable requirements of this Ordinance, electronic message signs shall comply with the following:

- A. One Sign - Only one (1) electronic message sign shall be permitted per development parcel. If the sign structure has two (2) sign faces, each sign face may be an electronic message sign.
- B. Size - The electronic message sign shall not exceed eighty (80) percent of the maximum allowable size of a non-electronic message sign of the same type.
- C. Message Display

1. Motion - Electronic message sign motion shall be limited to the transition from one message to another. The image shall be static, with no animation, streaming video, flashing, scrolling, fading, or other illusions of motion.
 2. Transition - Transitions for electronic message signs shall fade and content shall not change more than once every ten (10) seconds with a transition time not exceeding one (1) second.
 3. Continuation - The images and messages displayed shall be complete on display without continuation in content to the next image or message or to any other sign.
 4. Projection - Images or messages projected onto buildings or other objects shall be prohibited.
- D. Luminance - Electronic message signs shall not display light of such intensity or brilliance to cause glare, hazard or impair the vision of the motorist, or interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, device or signal.
1. Maximum - Electronic message signs shall have a maximum luminance of 5,000 nits during daylight hours. During the nighttime, such signs shall be limited to a maximum luminance of 150 nits.
- LUMINANCE - A measure of the brightness of a surface which is emitting or reflecting light. The unit of measurement is candelas per square meter or nits (1 nit = 1 cd/m²).
 NIT - A unit of measure of Luminance.
2. Dimmer Control - All electronic message signs shall be equipped with both a dimmer control and a photocell that automatically adjusts the display's luminance according to natural ambient light conditions.
 3. Light Trespass - Electronic message signs shall comply with the light and glare requirements of §701.8. The maximum light trespass limit at the boundary line of R and RA, Districts, lot lines of existing residential structures and permanent open space shall be 0.1 foot-candles, and 1.0 foot-candles at other property lines.
 4. Measurement - Surface luminance measurements shall be made directly with a calibrated luminance meter in accord with manufacturer's specifications. Readings shall be taken from the area from which the sign will be visible, usually the road, and which is closest to being directly in front of the sign where the luminosity output is most focused. This reading shall be the measurement of an all-white image display to evaluate the worst-case scenario. With an all-white display, a maximum of two-hundred (200) nits shall be permitted during nighttime.
 5. Certification - Prior to issuance of a sign permit, the applicant shall provide written certification from the sign manufacturer that the sign luminance has been factory pre-set to not exceed five thousand (5,000) nits and that the intensity has been protected from end-user manipulation by password-protected software.
- E. Height - The electronic message sign shall not exceed the maximum allowable height of a non-electronic message sign of the same type.
- F. Structural Support - No more than one (1) electronic message sign or billboard may be installed on a single structural support; that is, signs shall not be stacked vertically or horizontally

- G. Setback - In addition to the other required setbacks, an electronic message sign shall maintain a setback of not less than one hundred (100) feet from a R District or the property line of a lot with an existing dwelling.

- H. Emergency Messages - The applicant shall be required to coordinate and permit message access from local, regional, state and national emergency services during emergency situations and such messages shall not be required to conform to the message standards in this §1112.

**ARTICLE XII
ADMINISTRATION**

1200 Applicability

1200.1 Conformance

Any activity regulated by this Ordinance shall only occur or be undertaken and be continued in conformance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

1200.2 Authorization

This Ordinance regulates all matters and activities authorized by Article VI of the Pennsylvania MPC (hereinafter referred to as MPC).

1200.3 Regulated Activities

Any of the following activities or any other activity or matter regulated by this Zoning Ordinance shall only be undertaken after the required permit or approval has been obtained in full compliance with this Ordinance:

- A. Erection, construction, movement, placement or extension of a structure, building or regulated sign;
- B. Change in the type of use or expansion of the use of a structure or area of land; and/or,
- C. Creation of a lot or alteration of lot lines.

1200.4 Repairs and Maintenance

Ordinary repairs, structural strengthening, facade improvements and maintenance to existing structures that do not infringe upon a required setback may be made without a zoning permit provide such activity does not involve 1) a change in use; 2) an expansion, construction or placement of a structure; 3) an increase in the number of dwelling units or boarding house units; and/or 4) any other activity regulated by this Ordinance.

1201 General Procedure for Permits

1201.1 Principal Permitted Use

Within ninety (90) days of receiving a proper and complete application for a principal permitted use (permitted by right), the Zoning Officer shall either:

- A. Issue the permit under this Ordinance; or,
- B. Refuse the permit, indicating at least one applicable reason, in writing, to the applicant or his/her representative.

1201.2 Reviews

Certain activities require approval of the Zoning Hearing Board and/or of the Board of Supervisors, and/or the recommendations of the Planning Commission. In such case, the Zoning Officer shall not issue a Zoning Permit until such required review or approval occurs.

1201.3 Appeal

See §1205.2 which describes processes to appeal actions of the Zoning Officer to the Zoning Hearing Board.

1201.4 Timing

After a zoning permit has been received by the applicant, the applicant may undertake the action permitted by the permit under this Ordinance provided the work complies with other Township Ordinances. However, it is recommended that applicants wait thirty (30) days to begin construction if there is a possibility of an appeal by another party to have the permit revoked. Any commencement of construction or a use within this thirty (30) day appeal period shall be at the risk of the applicant. (See use permit process in §1202.7)

1202 Permits and Certificates

1202.1 Applicability See §1200.

1202.2 Types of Uses

- A. Principal Permitted Uses (Permitted by Right Uses) - If a use is listed as a principal permitted use by this Ordinance and meets the requirements of this Ordinance, the Zoning Officer shall issue a permit in response to a complete application.
- B. Special Exception Use or Application Requiring a Variance - A permit under this Ordinance for a use requiring a Special Exception or Variance shall be issued by the Zoning Officer only upon the written order of the Zoning Hearing Board.
- C. Conditional Use - A permit under this Ordinance for a Conditional Use shall be issued by the Zoning Officer only upon the written order of the Board of Supervisors.

1202.3 Applications

- A. Applications - Any request for action by the Zoning Hearing Board, application for a conditional use, or for a permit under this Ordinance shall be made, in writing, on a form provided by the Township and in accord with the procedures established by the Township. Such completed application, with any required fees, and with any required site plans or other required information, shall be submitted to the Township employee responsible for processing such application. The applicant is responsible to ensure that a responsible Township official notes the date of the official receipt on the application.
- B. Number of Copies - Unless waived by the Zoning Officer, five (5) copies of a site plan shall be submitted if an application requires action by the Zoning Hearing Board or Board of Supervisors; and, two (2) copies shall be submitted if action by the Zoning Hearing Board or Board of Supervisors is not required.
- C. Information Required - Any application to the Zoning Officer, Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors shall include the following information:

In the case of an application involving the construction of any new structure or any addition to an existing structure, all of the information required in this §1202.3 shall be provided by the applicant. However, the Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or the Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, may determine, as part of the review process, that certain information is not required for a particular application, and upon such determination, the specified information need not be provided by the applicant.

In the case of an application which does not involve the construction of any new structure or any addition to an existing structure, a narrative providing details of the project shall be provided as required by this subsection. However, a plot plan, as required by Subsection 6 which follows, shall not generally be required unless the

Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or the Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, deems such plot plan necessary to evaluate and make a decision on the application. The Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or the Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, shall determine, as part of the review process, the type of information and level of detail of the plot plan if such plot plan is required.

In any case, the Zoning Officer, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or the Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, may require any other additional information or any level of detail deemed necessary to determine compliance with this Ordinance or to identify any impacts of the proposed use.

1. Names and address of the applicant, or appellant; and, the name and address of the owner of the affected property.
2. A description of the existing and proposed use(s) of the property, including numbers of dwelling units, minimum square feet of proposed dwelling units and number of proposed business establishments, if any.
3. A description of any proposed nonresidential operations and storage in sufficient detail to indicate potential nuisances and hazards regarding noise, large truck traffic, glare, odors, dust, fire or toxic or explosive hazards, or other significant public health and safety hazards.
4. If a principal nonresidential use is proposed within close proximity to dwellings, a description of hours of operation and proposed methods of storing garbage outdoors on-site.
5. A listing of any specific sections of this Ordinances being appealed, with the reasons for any appeal and
6. A plot plan legible in every detail and drawn to scale, but not necessarily showing precise dimensions, which includes the following information:
 - a. Name of the development.
 - b. Name and address of land owner and/or land developer. (If a corporation, list names of officers.)
 - c. Location map.
 - d. North arrow, true or magnetic.
 - e. Graphic scale.
 - f. Written scale.
 - g. Date plot plan was completed.
 - h. Names of adjacent property owners and tax map numbers, including those across adjacent roads.
 - i. Proposed and existing street and lot layout, including street names and right-of-way widths.
 - j. Existing and proposed man-made and/or natural features:
 - (1) Water courses, lakes and wetlands (with names).
 - (2) Rock outcrops, ledges and stone fields.
 - (3) Buildings, structures, signs and setbacks required by the Zoning Ordinance.
 - (4) Approximate location of tree masses.
 - (5) Utility lines, wells and sewage system(s).
 - (6) Entrances, exits, access roads and parking areas, including the number of spaces.
 - (7) Drainage and storm water management facilities.
 - (8) Plans for any required buffer plantings.
 - (9) Any and all other significant features.
7. Location of permanent and seasonal high water table areas and 100 year flood zones.
8. Tract boundaries accurately labeled.
9. The total acreage of the tract and extent of the areas of the site to be disturbed and percentage lot coverage when the project is completed.
10. Location and type of rights-of-way or other existing restrictive covenants which might affect the subdivision and/or development.
11. A statement of the type of water supply and sewage disposal proposed.
12. The present Zoning District and major applicable lot requirements.

- D. Other Laws - The Zoning Officer may withhold issuance of a permit under this Ordinance if there is clear knowledge by the Zoning Officer that such a use would violate another Township, State or Federal law or regulation.
- E. Ownership - No person other than a landowner or their specifically authorized agent or a tenant or lessee with written permission of the landowner shall submit a zoning application. (See definition of "landowner" in Article III.)
- F. Advisory Reviews - The Zoning Officer may submit a copy of any plan and application to any appropriate agencies and/or individuals (such as the Planning Commission, the Wyoming County Planning Commission, the County Conservation District or Township Engineer) for review and comment.
- G. Subdivision Approval - Applications for uses which also necessitate approvals under the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance shall be processed in the manner provided for plat approval under that Ordinance. Such applications shall also contain all information or data normally required for a submission under that Ordinance. A zoning permit shall not be issued until the proposed use has been granted a Preliminary Approval under that Ordinance. However, no building or property shall be occupied or used until final subdivision approval has been granted and a Certificate of Use has been properly issued pursuant to §1202.7 of this Ordinance.

1202.4 Issuance of Permit

- A. At least two (2) copies of any permit required under this Ordinance shall be made.
- B. One (1) copy of any such permit shall be retained in Township files; and, one (1) copy shall be retained by the applicant. A copy of any such permit shall be shown by the applicant to the Zoning Officer upon the Zoning Officer's request.
- C. The Zoning Officer shall issue or deny a permit for a principal permitted use within a maximum of ninety (90) days after a complete, duly filed application and fees are submitted.
- D. No owner, contractor, worker or other person shall perform building or construction activity of any kind regulated by this Ordinance unless a valid zoning permit has been issued and posted for such work, nor shall such persons conduct such work after notice that a zoning permit has been revoked.

1202.5 Revocation of Permits

The Zoning Officer shall revoke a permit or approval issued under the provisions of this Ordinance in case of:

- A. Any false statement or misrepresentation of fact in the application or on the plans on which the permit or approval was based: (The Pennsylvania Criminal Code provides for penalties for providing false information to a municipal employee in the carrying out of his/her duties); or,
- B. Violation of any condition lawfully imposed upon a special exception, variance or conditional use; or,
- C. Any work being accomplished or land or structures being used in such a way that does not comply with this Ordinance or an approved site plan or approved permit application; or,
- D. Any other just cause set forth in this Ordinance.

If a zoning permit is revoked, the person holding the permit shall immediately surrender such permit and all copies to the Zoning Officer.

1202.6 Changes to Approved Plans

- A. After the issuance of a permit and/or approval under this Ordinance by the Township, an approved application shall not be changed without the written consent of the Township, as stated in Subsection B below.
- B. Changes to an approval by the Zoning Hearing Board as a special exception use or by the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use shall require re-approval of the changes by such bodies if the Zoning Officer determines that such changes affect matters that were within the scope of approval of such body. Such approval by the Zoning Hearing Board or the Board of Supervisors is not required for clearly minor technical adjustments or matters that are solely corrections of information that do not affect any of the significant features of the site plan or the intensity of the use, as determined by the Zoning Officer.
- C. A copy of such adjustment or correction shall be provided, in writing, to the Chairperson of the Planning Commission, the President of the Board of Supervisors or the Chairperson of the Zoning Hearing Board, as appropriate, if the change concerns a plan approved by such bodies.

1202.7 Certificate of Use

- A. A Certificate of Use shall be required by the Township upon a change of use or completion of work authorized by a permit or approval under this Ordinance. It shall be unlawful to use and/or occupy a structure, building and/or land or portions thereof until such Certificate has been issued. A new Certificate of Use shall be required if a change in use of the property is proposed; and then such Certificate shall be issued only after all required approvals are obtained.
- B. An application for a Certificate of Use shall be made on an official Township form. If the use is in conformance with Township ordinances and approvals, such Certificate shall be issued, in duplicate, within ten (10) business days of a properly submitted and duly filed application. A minimum of one (1) copy shall be retained in Township records.
- C. The Zoning Officer shall inspect such structure or land related to an application for a Certificate of use. If the Zoning Officer determines, to the best of his/her current knowledge, that such work conforms with this Ordinance and applicable Township codes, approvals and permits, then such Certificate of Use shall be issued.
- D. The applicant shall show a valid Certificate of Use to the Zoning Officer upon the Officer's request.

1203 Fees

1203.1 Application Fees

As authorized by §617.3(e) and §908(1.1) of the MPC, the Board of Supervisors shall establish a uniform schedule of fees, charges and expenses, as well as a collection procedure, for zoning permits, conditional use permits, Zoning Hearing Board proceedings and other matters pertaining to this Ordinance. Permits, certificates, conditional use permits, special exception permits and variances shall be issued only after all fees have been paid in full; and, the Zoning Hearing Board shall take no action on appeals until all fees have been paid in full.

1203.2 Stenographer Fees

The appearance fee for a stenographer shall be shared equally by the applicant and the Township as required by

§908(7) of the MPC. The cost of the original transcript shall be paid by the Township if the transcript is ordered by the Township or shall be paid by the person appealing from the decision of the Township if such appeal is made, and in either event the cost of additional copies shall be paid by the person requesting such copy or copies. In other cases the party requesting the original transcript shall bear the cost thereof.

1204 Zoning Officer

1204.1 Appointment

The Zoning Officer shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors in accord with §614 of the MPC. The Zoning Officer(s) shall not hold any elective office within the Township, but may hold other appointed offices not in conflict with the MPC.

1204.2 Duties and Powers

The Zoning Officer shall:

- A. Administer the this Ordinance.
- B. Provide information to applicants regarding required procedures.
- C. Receive and examine all applications required under the terms of this Ordinance, and issue or refuse permits in accord with this Ordinance.
- D. Receive written complaints of violation of this Ordinance, and issue a written notice of violation to any person violating any provision of this Ordinance.
- E. Keep records of applications, permits, certificates, written decisions and interpretations issued, of variances and special exceptions granted by the Zoning Hearing Board, of conditional uses approved by the Board of Supervisors, of complaints received, of inspections made, of reports rendered, and of notices or orders issued.
- F. Make all required inspections and perform all other duties in accord with this Ordinance.
- G. Not have the power to permit any activity which does not conform to this Ordinance, or all other Ordinances of the Township known to the Zoning Officer.

1204.3 Qualifications

Pursuant to §614 of the MPC, the following minimum qualifications shall apply to any Zoning Officer appointed to serve the Township after the adoption of this Ordinance, unless such mandatory qualifications are waived by motion of the Board of Supervisors:

- A. The person shall demonstrate a working knowledge of municipal zoning.
- B. The person shall have one of the following combinations of education and experience:
 - 1. A high school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of four (4) years responsible experience in administering and enforcing municipal zoning and/or subdivision and land development ordinances; or,
 - 2. A high school diploma or equivalent and two (2) additional years of continuing education, such as an Associate Degree (preferably should be in a field such as law enforcement, community planning and/or public administration) and a minimum of two (2) years responsible experience in administering and enforcing municipal zoning and/or subdivision and land development ordinances; or,

3. A college or university Bachelor's degree in a field related to zoning (such as law enforcement, community planning and/or government administration) and a minimum of eight (8) months responsible experience in administering and enforcing municipal zoning and/or subdivision and land development ordinances.
- C. The person shall be familiar with Constitutional issues concerning search and seizure and with the process of filing actions with the District Justice.
- D. The person shall exhibit an ability to thoroughly evaluate site plans and building plans.
- E. The person shall demonstrate competent oral and written communication skills.
- F. The person shall be familiar with the MPC.

1205 Zoning Hearing Board

1205.1 Membership and Qualifications

- A. Membership - The Board of Supervisors shall create a Zoning Hearing Board, which shall have the number of members and alternate members with such powers and authority, and which shall conduct all proceedings as set forth in Article IX of the MPC.
- B. Recommended Qualifications - Each Zoning Hearing Board member ought to.
 1. Become familiar with the MPC and the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
 2. Attend at least one (1) seminar and/or workshop pertaining to municipal planning and/or zoning within each calendar year.
- C. Vacancies - The Board shall promptly notify the Board of Supervisors of any vacancies which occur. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be only for the unexpired portion of a term.
- D. Removal of Members - See §905 of the MPC.
- E. Organization.
 1. Officers - The Board shall elect officers from its own membership who shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves.
 2. Quorum - For the conduct of any hearing and the taking of any action, a quorum shall be not less than a majority of all members of the Board, except that the Board may appoint a hearing officer from its own membership to conduct any hearing on its behalf and the parties may waive further action by the Board as provided by §908 of the MPC. The quorum may be met by alternate members, serving as permitted by the §906(b) of the §617.3(e) and §908(1.1) of the MPC.
 3. Rules - The Board may make, alter, and rescind rules and forms for its procedure, consistent with all applicable Township ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1205.2 Jurisdiction

In accord with §909.1(a) of the MPC, the Zoning Hearing Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and render

final adjudications in the following matters:

- A. Substantive challenges to the validity of any land use ordinance, except those brought before the governing body pursuant to §609.1 (Landowner Curative Amendments) and §916.1(a) (2) (Validity of Ordinances) of the MPC.
- B. Appeals from the determination of the Zoning Officer, including, but not limited to, the granting or denial of any permit, or failure to act on the application therefor, the issuance of any cease and desist order or the registration or refusal to register any nonconforming use, structure or lot.
- C. Applications for variances from the terms of this Ordinance pursuant to §910.2 of the MPC.
- D. Applications for special exceptions under this Ordinance pursuant to §912.1 of the MPC and the requirements of this Ordinance.
- E. Appeals from the Zoning Officer's determination under §916.2 (Preliminary Opinion) of the MPC.
- F. Appeals from the determination of the Zoning Officer or Township Engineer in the administration of any land use ordinance or provision thereof with reference to sedimentation and erosion control and storm water management insofar as the same relate to development not involving Subdivision and Land Development applications.
- G. The Zoning Hearing Board shall not, under any circumstances, have the authority to order any specific change in or amendment to the Zoning Map or to allow any use of property substantially different from those permitted under the Schedule of Use Regulations for the particular District.

1206 Zoning Hearing Board -- Hearings and Decisions

The Zoning Hearing Board shall conduct hearings and make decisions in accord with §908 of the MPC, and the provisions of this §1206. The hearings shall be conducted by the Board, or, the Board may appoint any member or an independent attorney as a hearing officer. The decision, or, where no decision is called for, the findings, shall be made by the Board; however, the appellant or the applicant, as the case may be, in addition to the Township, may, prior to the decision of the hearing, waive decision or findings by the Board and accept the decision or findings of the hearing officer as final.

1207 Variances

The Zoning Hearing Board shall hear duly filed requests for variances.

1207.1 Standards

The Board may grant a variance only in accord with the requirements of §910.2 of the MPC. **The applicant shall have the burden of proof to show compliance with such standards.** As of January 2003, the MPC provided that **all** of the following findings are made where relevant in a given case:

- A. That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of this Ordinance in the neighborhood or District in which the property is located.
- B. That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

- C. That such unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant.
- D. That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.
- E. That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

1207.2 Re-Application

The Zoning Officer shall refuse to accept a proposed application that is not materially or significantly different from an appeal on the same property that was denied by the Board within the previous year.

1207.3 Variance Conditions

In granting any variance, the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the MPC and this Ordinance, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

1208 Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions

1208.1 Applications

Applications for conditional uses and special exceptions shall, at a minimum, include the information required in §1208.6. In addition, the Township Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or the Zoning Hearing Board shall require any other information deemed necessary.

1208.2 Conditional Uses

Uses specified as conditional uses shall be permitted only after review and approval by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the express standards as provided for specific conditional uses in this Ordinance, in §1208.4, and any other applicable standards in this Ordinance.

- A. Expansions - Expansions or additions to uses classified as conditional uses shall also be considered conditional uses. The addition of an accessory structure shall not be considered a conditional use.
- B. Procedure
 - 1. Submission - The applicant shall submit five (5) complete sets of any required plans and information to the Zoning Officer. The Zoning Officer shall refuse to accept an application which does not provide sufficient information to determine compliance with this Ordinance.
 - 2. Distribution - The Zoning Officer shall distribute copies of the site plan to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. A minimum of one (1) copy shall be retained in the Township files. The Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company shall be given an opportunity for a review, if deemed appropriate by the Planning Commission.
 - 3. Zoning Officer Review - The Zoning Officer shall report, in writing or in person, to the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors stating whether the application complies with this Ordinance. The Zoning Officer may recommend a review by the Township Engineer.
 - 4. Planning Commission Review

- a. The Planning Commission shall be provided with an opportunity to review any proposed conditional use. The Commission, at its option, may provide a written advisory review.
 - b. If such review is not received by the Board of Supervisors within the time limit within which the Board of Supervisors must issue its decision, or within thirty (30) days of such application being sent to the Planning Commission, then the Board of Supervisors may make its decision without having received comments from the Planning Commission.
5. Board of Supervisors Action - The Board of Supervisors shall conduct hearings and make decisions in accordance with §908 and §913.2 of the MPC. In granting a conditional use, the Board of Supervisors may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards, in addition to those expressed in this Ordinance, as it determines are necessary to implement the purposes of the MPC and this Ordinance, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

1208.3 Special Exceptions

Uses specified as special exceptions shall be permitted only after review and approval by the Township Zoning Hearing Board pursuant to the express standards and criteria as provided for specific special exceptions in this Ordinance and in §1208.4.

- A. Expansions - Expansions or additions to uses classified as special exceptions shall also be considered special exceptions. The addition of an accessory structure shall not be considered a special exception.
- B. Procedure
1. All applicants for a special exception use shall submit five (5) sets of plans for the proposed use to the Zoning Officer together with a written application.
 2. All applications shall contain the information required in §1208.6.
 3. Township Procedures:
 - a. The Zoning Officer shall forward the application to the Zoning Hearing Board, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Hearing Board's solicitor. A minimum of one (1) copy shall be retained in the Township files.
 - b. The Zoning Officer shall, prior to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting at which the application will be discussed, review the application to determine compliance with this Ordinance and report these findings to the Zoning Hearing Board.
 4. Planning Commission Review of Special Exception Uses.
 - a. The Planning Commission shall be provided with an opportunity to review any proposed special exception use. The Planning Commission, at its option, may provide a written advisory review.
 - b. If such review is not received by the Zoning Hearing Board within the time limit within which the Board must issue its decision, or within thirty (30) days of such application being sent to the Planning Commission, then the Zoning Hearing Board may make a decision without having received comments from the Planning Commission.

5. Zoning Hearing Board Action on Special Exception Uses

- a. The Board shall hear and decide a request for a special exception use under the procedures in §1206 of this ordinance and §908 of the MPC.
- b. In granting a special exception, the Zoning Hearing Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards, in addition to those expressed in this Ordinance, as it determines are necessary to implement the purposes of the MPC and this Ordinance, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

1208.4 Standards and Criteria

The standards and criteria applied to conditional uses and special exceptions are intended to ensure that the proposed use will be in harmony with the purposes, goals, objectives and standards of this Ordinance and other ordinances of the Township. In addition to the applicable general provisions of this Ordinance and to the standards and criteria provided in this Ordinance for specific conditional uses and specific special exceptions, the following standards and criteria shall be applied in the review of applications for conditional uses and special exceptions:

- A. The proposed use shall be in harmony with the purposes, goals, objectives and standards of the Township's Comprehensive Plan, this Ordinance, and all other ordinances of the Township.
- B. The proposed use shall also be evaluated as to the degree to which the proposed location may be particularly suitable or unsuitable for the proposed use in terms of the physical characteristics of the site.
- C. The proposed use at the proposed location shall not result in a substantial or undue adverse effect on adjacent property, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, parking, public improvements, public sites or rights-of-way, adjacent property values, or other matters affecting the public health, safety, and general welfare, either as they now exist or as they may in the future be developed as a result of the implementation of this Ordinance, or any other plan, program, map or ordinance of the Township or other government agency having jurisdiction to guide growth and development.
- D. The proposed use shall not impose an undue burden on any of the improvements, facilities, utilities, and services of the Township, whether such services are provided by the Township or some other entity. The applicant shall be wholly responsible for providing such improvements, facilities, utilities, and services as may be required to adequately serve the proposed use when the same are not available or are inadequate to serve the proposed use in the proposed location. As part of the application and as a condition of approval of the proposed use, the applicant shall be responsible for establishing ability, willingness, and binding commitment to provide such improvements, facilities, utilities, and services in sufficient time and in a manner consistent with this and other Ordinances of the Township. The permit approval shall be so conditioned.
- E. The following additional factors shall be considered:
 1. Location, arrangement, size, design and general site compatibility of buildings, lighting, and signs.
 2. Adequacy and arrangement of vehicular traffic access and circulation, including intersections, road widths, pavement surfaces, dividers, and traffic controls.
 3. Location, arrangement, appearance and sufficiency of off-street parking and loading.
 4. Adequacy and arrangement of pedestrian traffic, access and circulation, walkway structures, control of

intersections with vehicular traffic and overall pedestrian convenience.

5. Adequacy of storm water and drainage facilities.
 6. Adequacy of water supply and sewage disposal facilities.
 7. Adequacy, type and arrangement of trees, shrubs, and other landscaping constituting a visual and/or noise buffer between the applicant's and adjoining lands, including the maximum retention of existing vegetation.
 8. Adequacy of fire lanes and other emergency zones and the provision of fire hydrants.
 9. Special attention to the adequacy and impact of structures, roadways, and landscaping in areas with susceptibility to ponding, flooding and/or erosion.
- F. No application shall be approved unless it is found that, in addition to complying with all of the standards and criteria enumerated above, all of the applicable standards contained in this Ordinance shall be met. In instances where the supplemental standards contained herein do not adequately protect the general health, safety, and welfare of parties affected, all conditions and safeguards deemed necessary by the Board of Supervisors or Zoning Hearing Board to protect the general health, safety, and welfare as well as to implement the purposes of this Ordinance and the MPC shall be imposed as conditions of approval in accord with §912.1 or §913.2 of the MPC, as the case may be.

Conditions which may be imposed can include, but not be limited to, provisions for additional parking, traffic control, landscaping, setbacks, special measures addressing sales period activities, environmental controls and other measures which mitigate any potential adverse impact the use may have on adjoining uses.

The applicant shall supply evidence regarding compliance with the express standards and criteria contained herein; and data or evidence may be accepted from protestants. Such evidence shall be evaluated relative to the injurious impact on the public health, safety, and welfare; and, the proposed use shall be approved with appropriate conditions or denied based on said evaluation.

1208.5 Limitation of Approval

Any conditional use approval granted by the Board of Supervisors and any special exception approval granted by the Zoning Hearing Board shall expire one (1) year from the effective date of such approval if no building construction as approved has taken place or the use is not otherwise established as a functional and constructive activity prior to the expiration date. Upon such expiration, the said approval, and any permit issued subsequent thereto, shall be deemed null and void and the developer shall be required to submit another application for the same. The Board of Supervisors or Zoning Hearing Board, as the case may be, may grant an extension of the time limitations for good cause.

1208.6 Information Required

The applicant shall supply the information required by §1202.3,C, of this Ordinance and evidence regarding compliance with the express standards and criteria contained herein; and, data or evidence may be accepted from protestants. Such evidence shall be evaluated relative to the injurious impact on the public health, safety, and welfare; and, the proposed use shall be approved with appropriate conditions or denied based on said evaluation.

1209 Time Limits on Permits and Variances

1209.1 Zoning Permit

After a variance is approved or a conditional or special exception approval is officially authorized under this Ordinance, then a Zoning Permit shall be secured by the applicant within twelve (12) months of such approval; otherwise, such approval shall be deemed null and void and the developer shall be required to submit another application for the same.

1209.2 Review Completion

If the applicant submits complete plans for a subdivision or land development approval or special exception or conditional use approval that is related to the variance or issuance of a permit under this Ordinance within the above time limits, then such time limits shall begin after such plan review is completed or such plan approval is granted.

1209.3 Extension

For good cause the Zoning Officer may, upon application, in writing stating the reasons therefore, extend, in writing, the twelve (12) month application period to up to eighteen (18) months.

1209.4 Expiration

If an applicant fails to obtain the necessary permits within the above time period, or after having obtained the permit fails to diligently commence substantial construction within twelve (12) months, or allows interruptions in substantial construction of longer than six (6) months, it shall be conclusively presumed that the applicant has waived, withdrawn or abandoned the approval, and all such approvals, variances and permits shall be deemed automatically rescinded.

1209.5 Completion

Any building construction shall be completed within twelve (12) months of issuance of an applicable permit, unless a written extension is granted by the Zoning Officer for good cause. Otherwise, a permit shall be considered to have automatically expired at the end of such twelve (12) month period.

1210 Mediation

Parties to proceedings authorized by this Ordinance and the MPC may use the Mediation Option as authorized by and in accord with §908.1 of said Code.

1211 Time Limits for Appeals

The time limitations for appeals shall be as follows:

1211.1 Zoning Hearing Board -- County Court

No person shall be allowed to file any appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board later than thirty (30) days after the officially issued decision of the Zoning Officer, or appeal to the County Court of Common Pleas later than thirty (30) days after the officially issued decision of the Board of Supervisors or the Zoning Hearing Board, except as may be provided under §914.1 of the MPC.

1211.2 Temporary Permits

This thirty (30) day time limit for appeal shall not apply to the revocation of a permit issued by the Zoning officer under §1202.5.

1211.3 Subdivision or Land Development Approval

The failure of an aggrieved person, other than the landowner, to appeal an adverse decision directly related to a preliminary subdivision or land development plan shall preclude an appeal from a final plan approval, except in the case where the final submission substantially deviates from the approved preliminary plan.

1212 Appeals to Court and Other Administrative Proceedings

Appeals to Court and other administrative proceedings shall be governed by Article X-A and Article IX of the MPC, respectively.

1213 Public Utility Corporation Exemptions

See §619 of the MPC.

1214 Limited Township Exemption

The minimum lot area requirements of this Ordinance shall not apply to uses or structures owned by the Township for uses and structures that are intended for a legitimate governmental, recycling, public recreation, storm water control or public health and safety purpose.

1215 Amendments

The Board of Supervisors may amend this Ordinance by complying with the requirements set forth in Article VI of the MPC. A landowner who desires to challenge on substantive grounds the validity of an ordinance or map or any provision thereof which prohibits or restricts the use or development of land in which he has an interest may submit a curative amendment to the Board of Supervisors with a written request that his challenge and proposed amendment be heard and decided as provided in §609.1 and §916.1 of the MPC.

1216 Violations**1216.1 Compliance**

Failure to comply with any provision of this Ordinance; failure to secure or comply with a decision of the Board of Supervisors or Zoning Hearing Board; or the failure to secure a permit, when required, prior to or (when ordered) after the erection, construction, extension, or addition to a building or prior to or after the use or change of use of land; or failure to secure a Certificate of Use Permit, shall be violations of this Ordinance.

1216.2 Complaints

Whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs, any person may file a complaint in regard thereto. All such complaints must be in writing and shall be filed with the Zoning Officer, who shall record receipt of the said complaint and investigate and report thereon.

1216.3 Enforcement Notice

When written notice of a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance is served by the Zoning Officer, personally or by certified mail, in the manner prescribed by §616.1 of the MPC and set forth in this §1216.3, such violation shall be discontinued or corrected as set forth in said notice.

- A. If it appears to the Township that a violation of this Ordinance has occurred, the Township shall initiate enforcement proceedings by sending an enforcement notice as provided in this §1216.3,B.
- B. The enforcement notice shall be sent to the owner of record of the parcel on which the violation has occurred, to any person who has filed a written request to receive enforcement notices regarding that parcel, and to any other person requested, in writing, by the owner of record.
- C. An enforcement notice shall state at least the following:
 1. The name of the owner of record and any other person against whom the municipality intends to take action.
 2. The location of the property in violation.

3. The specific violation with a description of the requirements which have not been met, citing in each instance the applicable provisions of the ordinance.
 4. The date before which the steps for compliance must be commenced and the date before which the steps must be completed.
 5. That the recipient of the notice has the right to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board within a prescribed period of time in accordance with procedures set forth in this Ordinance.
 6. That failure to comply with the notice within the time specified, unless extended by appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board, constitutes a violation, with possible sanctions clearly described.
- D. In any appeal of an enforcement notice to the Zoning Hearing Board, the Township shall have the responsibility of presenting its evidence first.
- E. Any filing fee paid by a party to appeal an enforcement notice to the Zoning Hearing Board shall be returned to the appealing party by the Township if the Zoning Hearing Board, or any court in a subsequent appeal, rules in the appealing party's favor.

1217 Penalties and Remedies

1217.1 Causes of Action

In case any building, structure, landscaping, or land is, or is proposed to be, erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted, maintained or used in violation of any provisions of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors or, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, an officer of the Township,, or any aggrieved owner or tenant of real property who shows that his property or person will be substantially affected by the alleged violation, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such building, structure, landscaping, or land, or to prevent, in or about such premises, any act, conduct, business or use constituting a violation. When any such action is instituted by a landowner or tenant, notice of that action shall be served upon the Township at least thirty (30) days prior to the time the action is begun by serving a copy of the complaint on the Board of Supervisors. No such action may be maintained until such notice has been given.

1217.2 Enforcement Remedies

- A. Any person, partnership or corporation who or which has violated or permitted the violation of any of the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance shall, upon being found liable therefor in a civil enforcement proceeding commenced by the Township, pay a judgment of not more than \$500 (state law) plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township as a result thereof. No judgment shall commence or be imposed, levied or payable until the date of the determination of a violation by the District Justice. If the defendant neither pays nor timely appeals the judgment, the Township may enforce the judgment pursuant to the applicable rules of civil procedure. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation, unless the District Justice determining that there has been a violation further determines that there was a good faith basis for the person, partnership or corporation violating this Ordinance to have believed that there was no such violation, in which event there shall be deemed to have been only one such violation until the fifth (5th) day following the date of the determination of a violation by the District Justice and thereafter each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.
- B. The Court of Common Pleas, upon petition, may grant an order of stay, upon cause shown, tolling the per diem fine pending a final adjudication of the violation and judgment.
- C. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed or interpreted to grant to any person or entity other than the Township, the right to commence any action for enforcement pursuant to this section.

1218 Liability

Neither the approval nor the granting of any review, issuance of permit or approval related to construction, activity within the flood plain, site plan review, subdivision or land development approval, erosion control, storm water runoff, activity on steep slopes, or any other review or permit of this Ordinance, by an officer, employee, consultant or agency of the Township, shall constitute a representation, guarantee or warranty of any kind by the Township, or its employees, officials, consultants or agencies, of the practicality or safety of any structure, use or subdivision, and shall create no liability upon, nor a cause of action against such public body, official, consultant nor employee for any damage that may result pursuant thereto.

If the Zoning Officer mistakenly issues a permit under this Ordinance, the Township shall not be liable for any later lawful withdrawal of such permit for valid cause shown.

**ARTICLE XIII
ADOPTION**

This Ordinance ordained and enacted this ____ Day of _____, 2016, by the Board of Supervisors of Exeter Township, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, to be effective immediately.

Richard Wilbur, Supervisor

Ann Marie Willis, Supervisor

Robert Montross, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Nancie Hopkins, Township Secretary