

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-000

AN ORDINANCE OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED OCTOBER 2, 2007, BY AMENDING THE A-3 FORESTRY USE PROVISIONS.

BACKGROUND

- A. On or about October 2, 2007, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township enacted a new Zoning Ordinance establishing Zoning Districts, use regulations for land use types and establishing general zoning regulations for the entire Township.
- B. The Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the interest of the Township to modify the requirements pertaining to the A-3 Forestry Use.
- C. In compliance with the requirements of Section 609(c) and (e) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC"), a copy of this Zoning Ordinance Amendment was forwarded to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Springfield Township Planning Commission on January 26, 2022 for review and comment.
- D. In compliance with the requirements of Section 609(b)(1) of the MPC, this Ordinance was duly advertised in The Intelligencer on April 4, 2022 and on April 11, 2022.
- E. A public hearing was held on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment on April 19, 2022 in compliance with Section 609(b)(1) of the MPC.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Springfield that the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 01:

Section 404.A.(3)(c)8, is deleted and replaced with the following:

(8) A copy of any plan submitted to the Bucks County Conservation District concerning the proposed erosion control facilities, including any reports submitted therewith.

SECTION 02:

Sections 404.A.(3)(d)4)a) through d), is deleted and replaced with the following:

- a) An applicant shall provide proof that buffer distances that are required pursuant to the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations and those recommended in the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences publication entitled *Best Management Practices for Pennsylvania Forests* are included in the forest and erosion and sedimentation control plans.

Sections 404.A.(3)(d)4e) through p) are relettered as **b) through m)** respectively.

SECTION 03:

Section 404.A.(3)(d)6), is deleted and replaced with the following:

(6) The use of clear-cutting must be fully justified by a forestry plan prepared by a qualified professional and shall comply with clause (c)1). Detailed information concerning increased stormwater runoff, erosion control and a plan to assure regeneration shall be provided. A full set of stormwater calculations shall be submitted to show that post-development peak runoff will not exceed pre-development peak runoff.

SECTION 04:

Section 404.A.(3)(d)7), is deleted and replaced with the following:

(7) The forestry plan shall provide for replanting where necessary to continue proper forest management.

SECTION 05:

Section 404.A.(3)(d)8), is deleted and replaced with the following:

(8) Pursuant to 67 Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 189, the Township may require the landowner or operator to furnish a bond to guarantee the repair of roads.

SECTION 06: *Repealer.* This Ordinance hereby repeals any provision inconsistent with the Zoning Ordinance now in effect or of other Ordinances, to the extent of such inconsistency. All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of Springfield Township, not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 07: *Severability.* The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 08: *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this 19th day of April, 2022.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**


James Hopkins, Chairman


Anthony Matzura, Vice-Chair


Raymond Kade, Member


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ATTEST:


Jason Wager, Township Manager