

**READING TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 2022 - 4

**AN ORDINANCE OF READING TOWNSHIP AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-2
CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 21 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, PART 2 ROAD
OCCUPANCY AND DRIVEWAY PERMITS, TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND SIGHT
DISTANCE REGULATIONS AND TO DELETE SIGHT TRIANGLE REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, Reading Township has adopted Ordinance 2005-2, codified as Chapter 21 Streets and Sidewalks, Part 2 Road Occupancy and Driveway Permits for the regulation of driveways under the police powers of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of the Township will be better served and protected by the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Reading Township:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Ordinance 2005-2, codified in 2014 by Ordinance 2014-01, as Chapter 21 Streets and Sidewalks to amend and provide specific regulation of driveways.

Section 2. Enabling Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling authority of Sections 1506 and 2322 of the Second Class Township Code.

Section 3. Amendments

Language to be removed is stricken; language to be added is indicated by italics; language to be retained unchanged is indicated by ellipses. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the existing code provisions shall be renumbered as necessary.

(Definitions) Amend Section 21-204 definition of “access drive or driveway” as follows: ~~Access drive or driveway every entrance or exit used by vehicular traffic to or from properties abutting a public road. The term includes proposed streets lanes, alleys courts, and ways.~~ *an improved surface, other than a street or driveway, which is privately owned and maintained and intended to provide vehicular access from a street, whether public or private, to a lot or development.*

(Definitions) Delete Section 21-204 definition of “clear sight triangle.”

(Definitions) Add definition of “driveway” as follows: ~~Driveway~~ *an improved surface that is privately owned, constructed and maintained and that provides vehicular access to a single principal use.*

(Definitions) Add definition of “sight distance” to read as follows: ~~Sight distance~~ *the length of roadway at any given point on the roadway visible to the driver of a passenger vehicle and free of visual obstruction (excepting public safety signage, utility poles and mailboxes).*

(Plans Required) Amend Section 21-206.D. as follows: ~~Sight distance measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70 in each direction from each proposed driveway intersecting with a public street.~~

(Design Standards) Amend Section 21-217. H. as follows: ~~Sight distance measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70 shall be provided for all driveways intersecting with a public street. shall have a minimum safe sight distance in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations. Furthermore, All driveways which access to Township roads shall be required to obtain a driveway permit from Reading Township. Plans A plan accompanying the application for driveway permit shall indicate the following information:~~

- (1) ~~Location of proposed driveway(s).~~
- (2) ~~Minimum (limiting) site sight distances along each proposed lot, where applicable.~~
- (2) ~~The location of proposed driveways.~~

~~———— (3) Field run grades along the Township road in both directions from each lot.~~

(4) Speed limit of existing road in each direction.

(5) Location of trees and other visual obstructions which affect sight distance.

If sight distances cannot be met, the Township may:

(1) prohibit left turns by exiting vehicles.

(2) restrict turning movements to right turns in and out of a driveway.

(3) require installation of a right turn acceleration ~~land~~ *lane* or deceleration lane.

(4) require installation of a separate left turn standby lane.

(5) require alternation of a horizontal or vertical geometry of the street.

(6) attach any other reasonable condition that the Township may deem reasonably necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

~~(Design Standards) Delete Section 21-217. I. – A clear sight triangle of 75 feet measured along the street and driveway centerline shall be maintained. Permanent obstructions other than mail boxes and utility poles shall be prohibited. —~~

Section 4. Repealer.

All other ordinances of Reading Township that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All other ordinances of the Township not specifically amended or repealed hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, provision, clause or term of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective five days from the date of enactment.

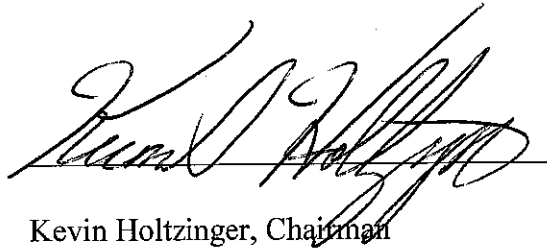
ENACTED this 4th day of October, 2022.

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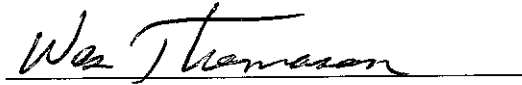


Kimberly Beard, Secretary

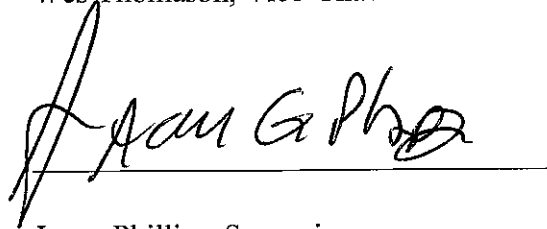
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