

**READING TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 2022 - 06

**AN ORDINANCE OF READING TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION AND
LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND SIGHT DISTANCE
REGULATIONS, TO DELETE SIGHT TRIANGLE REGULATIONS, AND TO
PROVIDE FOR SNOW REMOVAL IN CUL-DE-SACS**

WHEREAS, Reading Township has adopted a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, codified as Chapter 22 in the Code of Ordinances, for the regulation of subdivisions and land development 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 the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to amend definitions and regulations relating to sight distance and sight triangles and to amend regulations for cul-de-sacs.

Section 2. Enabling Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling authority of Sections 501, 503 and 505 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning 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.

Amend Section 22-201, Definitions, as follows:

Amend definition of “access drive” to read as follows:

Access drive [italics in the original]—~~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.

Delete definition of “clear sight triangle.”

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.

Amend definition of “sight distance” to read as follows:

Sight distance [italics in the original]—the length of roadway at any given point on the roadway visible to the driver of a passenger vehicle ~~at any given point on the roadway when the view is unobstructed by traffic and free of visual obstruction (excepting public safety signage, utility poles and mailboxes).~~

Amend Section 22-304.B.(19), Supplementary Data Required [Preliminary Plan Requirements], as follows: Where access will be to a Township road, the plan shall identify the location of a proposed access drive(s) or driveway and sight distance(s) *measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70.* ~~which are adequate to demonstrate that the site can be served with an access.~~

Amend Section 22-306.A. Information Required [Final Plan Requirements], as follows:

A. *Information Required.* In addition to the information required in § 22-304, the final plan shall show:

Add new subsection:

(31) For each lot with access by means of an access drive or driveway to a public road:

(a) location of proposed access drive or driveway.

(b) sight distances for access drive or driveway measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70.

(c) location of existing trees and other visual obstructions which affect sight distances to be removed. Removal shall be a required improvement to be accomplished prior to recording of the plan and, as appropriate, subject to the requirement for performance security.

Amend Section 22-403.5.B. [Vertical Curves] as follows:

~~Proper~~ Sight distance measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70 shall be provided with respect to vertical road alignments. ~~The minimum sight distance measured along the centerline from 3.5 feet to height of an object 0.5 feet above grade shall be as follows:~~

Type of Street	Sight Distance
Arterial	As required by PennDOT design criteria for the posted speed
Collector	400 feet
Minor	250 feet
Alley	100 feet

~~Any tree within the sight distance shall be fully removed, including stumps.~~

Amend Section 22-403.6., Cul-de-sacs Streets, to read as follows:

Add new subsection (before current subsection C).

For any public street designed as a cul-de-sac (whether permanent or temporary) an area for the disposal of snow, sleet and ice removed from the cul-de-sac cartway shall be identified and reserved for such purpose. The disposal area shall be, as approved by the Township Engineer in consultation with the Township's Public Works Department, of adequate size, dimension, access and siting for such purpose.

Amend Section 22-403, Street and Highway Standards, subsection 7, Intersections, as follows:

Delete subsections 7.G. and 7.H.

Amend subsection 7.I. to read as follows:

Safe Sight distances in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70 shall be provided at all intersections. standards for design shall comply with ASASHTO and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation whichever shall be most applicable as determined by the Township Engineer. Any tree within the sight distance shall be fully removed, including stumps.

Amend Section 22-405, Access Drives, as follows:

Amend title to read: Access Drives and Driveways

Amend Subsection 405.1. Residential [italics in the original], to read as follows:

Access to any public street or highway shall be governed by the Reading Township Street Access Ordinance [Chapter 21, Part 2], as it may be amended from time to time, and all designs shall be in accordance with that ordinance, and all driveways accessing a Township road shall obtain a driveway permit from Reading Township.

Amend Section 22-405.1.E. to read as follows:

All driveways 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. Sight distance measured in compliance with PennDOT Publication 70 shall be provided for all driveways intersecting with a public street. Plans shall indicate the following information:

- (1) Minimum (limiting) site 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 distance 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 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.

Delete Section 22-405.H.

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.

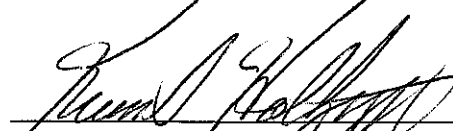
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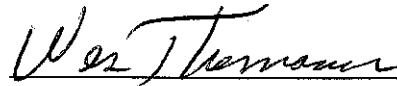


Kimberly Beard, Secretary

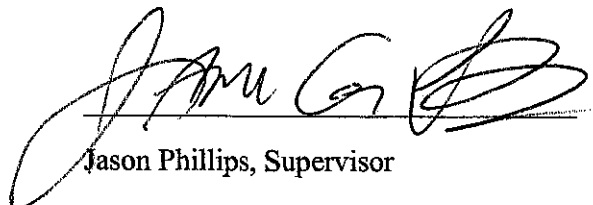
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