

HOW TO USE THIS ORDINANCE

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY AND WANT TO KNOW WHAT RULES APPLY:

- Step 1:** Find your zoning district by looking at the Official Zoning Map (large color copy available in the Township offices and a black and white copy is attached to the ordinance).
- Step 2:** Look up the zoning district purpose and intent, found in Chapters 4 through 10.
- Step 3:** Go to the Development Standards section of each zoning district for details on minimum lot size, required yards, and other standards for the zoning district.
- Step 4:** Go to the Permitted Use Regulations section of each zoning district for details on permitted uses in the zoning district.

IF YOU WANT TO ESTABLISH A PARTICULAR USE:

- Step 1:** Go to the Permitted Use Regulations section of each zoning district to determine if the proposed use is permitted in the zoning district. The list may note that there are supplemental design standards for this use in other chapters of the ordinance.
- Step 2:** Go to the Development Standards section of each zoning district to look up design standards for your proposed use and check the provisions of Chapter 14, Development Standards for additional development standards for specific uses.
- Step 3:** Look up the Development Standards in the appropriate zoning district for details on minimum lot size, required yards, and other district standards. You may also be referred to Chapters 11 through 19 for general parking, landscaping, lighting, sign regulations, etc..
- Step 4:** Go to Chapter 12, Site Plan Review and Approval Procedures, for details about the approval process. If the proposed use is identified as a “Special Land Use,” then also look up Chapter 19, Special Land Use Approval Procedures.

IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR ZONING DISTRICT:

Only the Township Board may rezone property, following public notice and public hearings in front of the Planning Commission and a subsequent meeting by the Township Board itself. See Chapter 22, Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Map for more information.

IF YOU WANT TO VARY FROM THE STANDARDS THAT APPLY:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant variances from some of the regulations in this Ordinance in cases of special hardship. See Section 20.04(D), Variances for more information.

IF YOU WANT TO...

...**BUILD A FENCE:** See Chapter 16, General Provisions and Exceptions, Section 16.06 (Fence, Wall and Privacy Screening Regulations).

...**INSTALL A SIGN:** See Chapter 11, Sign Installation Requirements.

...**BUILD A GARAGE:** See Chapter 16, General Provisions and Exceptions, Section 16.27 Accessory Buildings and Structures.