

# Chester Township

Geauga County, Ohio

## Zoning Resolution

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and

## Zoning Map

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## **ZONING RESOLUTION OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP**

### **GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

A resolution providing for the zoning of the unincorporated area of CHESTER TOWNSHIP, Geauga County, Ohio by regulating, in accordance with a comprehensive plan, the location, height, area, number and size of buildings and other structures, percentages of lot area which may be occupied, size of yards, courts and other open spaces, density of population, uses of buildings and other structures and the uses of land; and for such purposes dividing the unincorporated area of the Township into districts and zones of such number, shape and area as are deemed best suited to carry out said purposes, providing a method of administration, and prescribing penalties and proceedings for the administration and enforcement of this Resolution,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of CHESTER TOWNSHIP deems it in the interest of the public health, safety and morals of said Township and its residents to establish a general plan of zoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Chester Township:

**ARTICLE I**  
**PURPOSE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**PURPOSE.** This Resolution is adopted to protect and promote the public health, safety and morals. Specifically, the purposes of this Resolution are, among others:

- A. The protection of the community against fire, explosion, air/ground/water pollution, vibration and other hazards to its health, safety, or morals.
- B. The prevention of vehicular traffic congestion on the streets by the appropriate classification of uses for each type of zoning district and the provision for parking and loading/unloading facilities.
- C. To provide sufficient space in appropriate locations for the development of residence, parks, business and industry and those related uses supplying essential services, in accordance with a comprehensive plan, thus promoting the most desirable and appropriate use in order to better stabilize the value of land and buildings and thus protect the tax base of the Township and the public health, safety, morals and welfare of said Township and its residents.
- D. Protect residential areas by limiting the density of population in order to avoid water pollution because of the difficulties in providing adequate sewage disposal and to protect the limited supply of water; by providing for access of light and air to windows and also for privacy, by means of controls over the spacing and relative height of buildings and other structures; by providing for open space on the same lot with development, and through the preservation of open spaces as parks.
- E. The prevention of overcrowding and blight of residential, commercial and industrial areas by regulating the area and height of buildings, yards and other open spaces in order to provide light, air and privacy and thus to protect the public health, safety, morals and welfare.
- F. Secure the most appropriate use of land, to promote stability, to protect the character and established pattern of desirable development in each area, to facilitate adequate but economical provision of public improvements, to conserve the value of buildings and to enhance the value of land; all in accordance with a comprehensive plan.

1.01        **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.01.01        **TITLE.** This resolution shall be known as "The Zoning Resolution of Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio" and may be hereinafter referred to as "this Resolution".

1.01.02        **JURISDICTION.** This Resolution shall apply to all the unincorporated territory of Chester Township, Geauga County, Ohio.

1.01.03        **PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION DECLARED TO BE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Resolution shall be held to be minimum requirements for the protection of the public health, safety and morals. This Resolution shall therefore be regarded as remedial, and shall be liberally construed to further its underlying purposes.

1.01.04        **POWERS NOT CONFERRED BY CHAPTER 519 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE OR THIS RESOLUTION.**

- A.        This Resolution does not prohibit the use of any land for agricultural purposes or the construction or use of buildings or structures incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which such buildings or structures are located, including buildings or structures that are used primarily for vinting and selling wine and that are located on land any part of which is used for viticulture and no zoning certificate shall be required for any such building or structure. However, this Resolution shall regulate the use of land for agricultural purposes or the construction or use of buildings or structures incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which such buildings or structures are located in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) 519.21(B).
- B.        This Resolution does not apply in respect to the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, maintenance, removal, use, or enlargement of any buildings or structures of any public utility or railroad, whether publicly or privately owned, or the use of land by any public utility or railroad, for the operation of its business. However, subject to R.C. 519.211(B) and Section 11.04 of this Resolution, the provisions of this Resolution shall apply with respect to the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, removal, or enlargement of a wireless telecommunication facility.
- C.        This Resolution does not prohibit the sale or use of alcoholic beverages in areas where the establishment and operation of any retail business, hotel, lunchroom or restaurant is permitted by this Resolution.
- D.        This Resolution does not prohibit the use of any land owned or leased by an industrial firm for the conduct of oil or natural gas well drilling or production activities or the location of associated facilities or equipment when such oil or natural gas obtained by the industrial firm is used solely for the operation of its own plants.

- E. This Resolution does not prohibit in a district zoned for agricultural, industrial, residential, or commercial uses, the use of any land for a farm market where fifty percent (50%) or more of the gross income received from the market is derived from produce raised on farms owned or operated by the market operator in a normal crop year.

1.01.05 **SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES, AND EXPENSES; AND COLLECTION PROCEDURE.**

The Board of Township Trustees shall, by resolution, establish a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses and a collection procedure for zoning certificates, amendments, appeals, conditional zoning certificates, and other matters pertaining to the administration and enforcement of this Resolution requiring investigations, inspections, legal advertising, postage, and other expenses. The schedule of fees shall be posted in the office of the Zoning Inspector and Township Clerk, and may be altered or amended only by resolution of the Board of Township Trustees.

Each application for a zoning certificate, amendment, or conditional zoning certificate and notice of appeal shall be accompanied by the fee so established.

Until all applicable fees, charges, and expenses have been paid in full, no action shall be taken on any application or appeal.

1.01.06 **FIRST DAY EXCLUDED AND LAST INCLUDED IN COMPUTING TIME; EXCEPTIONS; LEGAL HOLIDAY DEFINED.**

The time within which an act is required by law to be done shall be computed by excluding the first and including the last day; except that when the last day falls on Sunday or a legal holiday, then the act may be done on the next succeeding day which is not Sunday or a legal holiday.

When a public office in which an act, required by law, is to be performed is closed to the public for the entire day which constitutes the last day for doing such act or before its usual closing time on such day, then such act may be performed on the next succeeding day which is not a Sunday or legal holiday as defined in O.R.C. 1.14.

"Legal holiday" as used in this section means the days set forth in O.R.C. 1.14.

If any day designated in O.R.C. 1.14 as a legal holiday falls on Sunday, the next succeeding day is a legal holiday.

1.01.07 **COMPUTATION OF TIME.** If a number of months is to be computed by counting the months from a particular day, the period ends on the same numerical day in the concluding month as the day of the month from which the computation is begun, unless there are not that many days in the concluding month, in which case the period ends on the last day of that month.

- 1.01.08 **SPECIFIC PROVISION PREVAILS OVER GENERAL; EXCEPTION.** If a general provision conflicts with a specific provision, they shall be construed, if possible, so that effect is given to both. If the conflict between the provisions is irreconcilable, the specific provision prevails as an exception to the general provision, unless the general provision is the later adoption and the manifest intent is that the general provision prevail.
- 1.01.09 **IRRECONCILABLE AMENDMENTS.** If amendments are enacted at the same or different times, one amendment without reference to another, the amendments are to be harmonized, if possible, so that effect may be given to each. If the amendments are substantively irreconcilable, the latest in date of enactment prevails. The fact that a later amendment restates language deleted by an earlier amendment, or fails to include language inserted by an earlier amendment does not of itself make the amendments irreconcilable. Amendments are irreconcilable only when changes made by each cannot reasonably be put into simultaneous operation.
- 1.01.10 **CONTINUATION OF PRIOR AMENDMENT.** A provision or regulation which is re-enacted or amended is intended to be a continuation of the prior provision or regulation and not a new enactment, so far as it is the same as the prior provision or regulation.
- 1.01.11 **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT.** The amendment of this Resolution does not:
- A. Affect the prior operation of this Resolution or any prior action taken thereunder;
  - B. Affect any validation, cure, right, privilege, obligation, or liability previously acquired, accrued, accorded, or incurred thereunder;
  - C. Affect any violation thereof or penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect thereto, prior to the amendment or repeal;
  - D. Affect any investigation, proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment; and the investigation, proceeding, or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and the penalty, forfeiture, or punishment imposed, as if the Resolution had not been amended.
- 1.01.12 **ANNEXED TERRITORY.** Upon annexation of Township territory to an existing municipal corporation the zoning regulations then in effect shall remain in full force and shall be enforced by the Township Officials until the legislative authority of said municipal corporation shall either officially adopt the existing zoning regulations or new regulations for such territory.
- 1.01.13 **SEVERABILITY.** If any provisions or regulations of this Resolution or an amendment thereof or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions, regulations, applications, or amendments of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, regulation, application or amendment; and to this end the provisions, regulations, and amendments are severable.
- 1.01.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

## **ARTICLE 2 DEFINITIONS**

2.00      **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.** For the purposes of this Resolution the following words and terms shall be defined and interpreted in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Article 2.

2.01      **RULES OF INTERPRETATION.** The following general rules of interpretation shall apply:

- A.      The particular controls the general.
- B.      In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this Resolution and the captions for each section, the text shall control.
- C.      The word "shall" is always mandatory and not directory. The word "may" is permissive.
- D.      Words used in the present tense include the future, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.
- E.      Words used in the singular number include the plural, and words used in the plural number include the singular, unless the text clearly indicates the contrary.
- F.      A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof. A "building or other structure" includes all other structures of every kind, regardless of similarity to buildings.
- G.      The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for", "designed for", "intended for", "maintained for" and "occupied for".
- H.      Unless defined in this Resolution, words and phrases shall be given their usual and customary meaning.

2.02      **ACCESSORY USE.** An "accessory use" is either a subordinate use of a building, other structure, or lot, or a subordinate building or other structure:

- A.      Whose use is clearly incidental to the use of the principal building, other structure or use of land, and
- B.      Which is customary in connection with the principal building, other structure or use of land, and
- C.      Which is located on the same lot with the principal building, other structure or use of land.



- 2.03        **AGRICULTURE.** "Agriculture" includes farming; ranching; aquaculture; apiculture; horticulture; viticulture; animal husbandry, including, but not limited to, the care and raising of livestock, equine, and fur-bearing animals; poultry husbandry and the production of poultry and poultry products; dairy production; the production of field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers, sod, or mushrooms; timber; pasturage; any combination of the foregoing; the processing, drying, storage, and marketing of agricultural products when those activities are conducted in conjunction with, but are secondary to, such husbandry or production.
- 2.04        **AMUSEMENT DEVICE.** An "amusement device" shall mean a machine or device which operates or may be operated for use as a game, contest or amusement of any description or which may be used for any such game, contest or amusement, the use of which requires payment. Juke boxes and machines vending cigarettes and other products are excluded from this definition.
- 2.04.01     **ANTENNA.** "Antenna" means any structure or device used for the purpose of collecting or transmitting electromagnetic waves, including but not limited to directional antennas, such as panels, microwave dishes, and satellite dishes, and omni-directional antennas, such as whip antennas.
- 2.05        **AUTO WRECKING YARD.** An "auto wrecking yard" is a lot where motor vehicles are disassembled, dismantled, junked or wrecked, or where inoperative motor vehicles or used parts of motor vehicles are stored.
- 2.06        **AVERAGE FINISHED GRADE LEVEL.** The "average finished grade" is the average of the grade of the ground at all corners of a building or other structure.
- 2.06.01     **BASEMENT.** "Basement" means a portion of a building or structure with at least one-half of its floor to ceiling height below the adjoining exterior finished grade level and with its ceiling not covered by earth. Said portion is not a completed building or structure and shall only serve as a substructure or foundation for a building or structure.
- 2.07        **BILLBOARD.** "Billboard" means a free-standing sign or wall sign exceeding eighty-two and five tenths (82.5) square feet of face area. (See Signs, Article 9.)
- 2.08        **BOARD.** The "Board" shall mean the Board of Zoning Appeals of Chester Township.
- 2.09        **BUILDING.** A "building" is any structure which is permanently affixed to the land, and has one or more floors and a roof, and is bounded by either open space or lot lines. A "building" shall not include billboards or radio towers, nor structures with interior surfaces not normally accessible for human use, including gas holders, oil tanks, water tanks, grain elevators, coal bunkers, oil cracking towers, and other similar structures.
- 2.10        **BUILDING, COMPLETELY ENCLOSED.** A "completely enclosed building" is a building separated on all sides from adjacent open space or from other buildings or structures by a permanent roof and by exterior or party walls, pierced only by windows and usual doorways.

- 2.11        **BUILDING HEIGHT.** The "building height" shall be the vertical distance measured from the average finished grade level to, in the case of flat roofs, the level of the highest point of the roof or, in the case of pitched roofs, to the mean level between the eaves and the highest point of the roof.
- 2.12        **BUILDING LINE.** A "building line" is a line beyond which no building may extend and is located a minimum horizontal distance, as specified in the district regulations, from and parallel to a lot line.
- 2.13        **BUILDING, PRINCIPAL.** A "principal building" means a building within which the main or primary permitted use is conducted on a lot.
- 2.14        **CHANNEL.** "Channel" means a natural or artificial water course of perceptible extent, with bed and banks to confine and conduct continuously or periodically flowing water.
- 2.14.01     **CHURCH.** A "church" is a building or group of buildings, including customary accessory buildings, designed for public worship; for the purposes of this Resolution, the word "church" shall include temples, cathedrals, synagogues, mosques, chapels, congregations and similar designations.
- 2.15        **CLINIC.** A "clinic" is any building or other structure devoted to the diagnosis, treatment and care of people as out-patients.
- 2.15.01     **COLLOCATION.** "Collocation" means locating wireless telecommunication antenna(s) and associated equipment from more than one provider on a single wireless telecommunication tower site.
- 2.16        **COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGE.** A "commercial parking garage" shall include any building in the Commercial District which:
- A.        Is used for the storage of motor vehicles, and
  - B.        Is not accessory to any other use on the same or any other lot, and
  - C.        Contains space rented to the general public by the hour, day, week, month, or year.
- However, a "commercial parking garage" shall not include:
- D.        Any establishment used for automobile repairs, excepting minor repairs which are solely incidental to the storage of motor vehicles, nor
  - E.        Any establishment used exclusively for the storage of commercial or public utility motor vehicles, or for the dead storage of motor vehicles.

- 2.17 **COMMERCIAL PARKING LOT.** A "commercial parking lot" shall include any lot in the Commercial District which:
- A. Is used for the storage of motor vehicles, and
  - B. Is not accessory to any other use on the same or any other lot, and
  - C. Contains space rented to the general public by the hour, day, week, month or year.
- However, a "commercial parking lot" shall not include:
- D. Any establishment used for automobile repairs, excepting minor repairs which are solely incidental to the storage of motor vehicles, nor
  - E. Any establishment used exclusively for the storage of commercial or public utility motor vehicles, or for dead storage of motor vehicles.
- 2.18 **COMMISSION.** The "Commission" shall mean the Zoning Commission of Chester Township.
- 2.19 **CONDITIONAL USE.** "Conditional use" means a use within a zoning district other than a permitted use requiring approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals and the issuance of a conditional zoning certificate.
- 2.20 **CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE.** "Conditional zoning certificate" means a certificate issued by the Zoning Inspector upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals for a conditional use.
- 2.20.01 **CONSTRUCTION.** "Construction" means the placing of construction materials in permanent position and fastened in a permanent manner.
- 2.21 **COUNTY.** "County" means Geauga County, Ohio.
- 2.22 **CUL-DE-SAC.** A "cul-de-sac" means a street or road, one end of which connects with another street or road, and the other end of which terminates in a vehicular turnaround.
- A. **SOLID CUL-DE-SAC.** A "solid cul-de-sac" is a cul-de-sac which is completely paved and shall have an outside pavement radius of fifty-five (55) feet.
  - B. **ISLAND CUL-DE-SAC.** An "island cul-de-sac" is a cul-de-sac which has landscaped green space in the center and shall have an outside pavement radius of eighty (80) feet.
- 2.23 **DENSITY.** "Density" means a unit of measurement representing the number of people, buildings, structures, or dwelling units per acre of land.
- 2.24 **DISTRICT.** "District" means a portion of the Township shown on the Zoning Map within which zoning regulations apply as specified in this Resolution.

- 2.24.01 **DRIVEWAY.** "Driveway" means a private way providing access for vehicles from a road to a dwelling, building, structure, parking space or loading/unloading space.
- 2.25 **DWELLING.** "Dwelling" means space within a building comprising living and/or dining and sleeping rooms; and space for cooking, bathing, and toilet facilities; all of which are used by only one (1) family for residential occupancy.
- 2.26 **DWELLING, ONE FAMILY.** A "one-family dwelling" means a dwelling consisting of one (1) detached dwelling unit to be occupied by one (1) family only.
- 2.27 **DWELLING UNIT.** See "dwelling".
- 2.27.01 **EARTH DISTURBING ACTIVITY.** "Earth disturbing activity" means any grading, excavating, filling, or other alteration of the earth's surface where natural or man-made ground cover is destroyed and which may result in or contribute to erosion and sediment pollution.
- 2.27.02 **EQUIPMENT BUILDING OR SHELTER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS.** "Telecommunications equipment building or shelter" means the structure in which the electronic receiving and relay equipment for a wireless telecommunication facility is housed.
- 2.27.03 **EROSION.** "Erosion" means the process by which the land surface is worn away by the action of water, wind, ice or gravity.
- 2.28 **FAMILY.** "Family" means one (1) or more persons related by blood, adoption, guardianship or marriage, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit, exclusive of live-in hired help. A number of persons but not exceeding two (2) living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit though not related by blood, adoption, guardianship or marriage shall be deemed to constitute a family, exclusive of live-in hired help. Family shall not include: any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge combine, federation, coterie, or the like organization; any group of individuals whose association is temporary or seasonal in nature; and/or any group of individuals who are in a group living arrangement as a result of criminal offenses.
- 2.28.01 **FARM MARKET.** "Farm market" means the use of any land for a market where fifty percent (50%) or more of the gross income received from the market is derived from produce raised on farms owned or operated by the market operator in a normal crop year.
- 2.29 **FINISHED GRADE LEVEL.** "Finished grade level" means the elevation of the finished grade of the ground adjacent to a building or structure.
- 2.29.01 **FIXTURE, FULL CUTOFF LIGHTING.** "Full cutoff lighting fixture" means a lighting fixture which allows no light to be emitted above a horizontal plane drawn through the lowest part of the fixture.
- 2.30 **FLOOR AREA.** The "floor area" of a building is the sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of the building, measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls. "Floor area" shall not include:

- A. Basement space and crawl space
- B. Attic space
- C. Terraces, breezeways and open porches
- D. Uncovered steps
- E. Garages.

- 2.31 **FLOOR AREA, GROSS.** The "gross floor area" of a building is the total area of all floors in a building or structure, excluding basement space used for storage or utilities, measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls.
- 2.31.01 **FLOOR AREA, NET.** The "net floor area" of a building is the sum of the horizontal area of a floor or of the several floors of the building measured from the interior faces of exterior walls. Interior walls within the horizontal area shall be included in the calculation for the net floor area.
- 2.32 **GAME AREA.** A "game area" means that portion of the net floor area of a gameroom which is devoted for the use of amusement devices and the required aisles, walkways and open spaces.
- 2.33 **GAMEROOM.** A "gameroom" means any premises other than a residence upon or within which there is located more than three (3) billiard tables, pinball machines, electronic or mechanical games or other amusement devices, or any combination thereof.
- 2.33.01 **GARAGE.** "Garage" means a building designed and used for the storage of motor vehicles.
- 2.34 **GASOLINE FILLING STATION.** A "gasoline filling station" is any building, structure or lot used only for the sale of motor vehicle fuels, oils, lubricants and automobile accessories directly to the consumer, and may include minor repairs incidental to such use.
- 2.34.01 **GLARE.** "Glare" is the sensation produced by luminance 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 and visibility.
- 2.34.02 **GLARE, DIRECT.** "Direct glare" is the glare resulting from the human eye being able to see the light emitting portion of a light fixture.
- 2.35 **GOLF CLUB, PRIVATE.** A "private golf club" is a recreational facility whose principal recreational activity is golf, and is available only to a limited number of members. Accessory facilities may include a swimming pool, tennis courts, club house and maintenance buildings. A "private golf club" includes a country club. Such club shall be subject to the regulations set forth in Article 6.

- 2.35.01 **GOLF CLUB, PUBLIC.** A "public golf club" is a recreational facility whose principal recreational activity is golf, and is available to the public. Accessory facilities may include a swimming pool, tennis courts, club house and maintenance buildings. Such club shall be subject to the regulations set forth in Article 6.
- 2.35.02 **GREEN SPACE.** "Green space" is the percent of lot area that is not included under lot coverage.
- 2.36 **GROUND FLOOR AREA.** The "ground floor area" is the horizontal area of the foundation under the living area measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls.
- 2.37 **HOME OCCUPATION.** A "home occupation" is an occupation conducted on residential property.
- 2.38 **HOSPITAL.** A "hospital" is any building or other structure containing beds for patients and devoted to the medical diagnosis, treatment, and care of human ailments by licensed physicians and other medical staff.
- 2.39 **HOSPITAL, ANIMAL.** An "animal hospital" is any building or structure providing accommodations for and devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of animals. An "animal hospital" includes every type of similar establishment designated as an animal clinic or veterinary clinic.
- 2.40 **HOTEL.** A "hotel" is a commercial building, or any part of a commercial building which:
- A. Contains at least ten (10) sleeping accommodations for transient occupancy for compensation, and
  - B. Has a common entrance or entrances.
- 2.40.01 **INDUSTRIALIZED UNIT.** "Industrialized unit" means a structure as defined in the Ohio Revised Code 3781.10 for which a letter of certification and insignia has been issued by the Ohio Board of Building Standards pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4101: 2-1-62(A).
- 2.40.02 **INOPERABLE VEHICLE.** "Inoperable vehicle" means any "motor vehicle" which:
- A. Is incapable of being operated and has remained in such condition for sixty (60) consecutive days or longer; or
  - B. Is wrecked, dismantled or extensively damaged, such as damage including but not limited to: missing wheels, tires, motor, transmission, broken windows or missing or damaged fenders or doors.
- 2.41 **JUNK.** "Junk" means waste, discarded or salvaged materials such as scrap metals, building materials, lumber, glass, paper, plastic, rags, cordage, barrels, machinery and vehicles.
- 2.41.01 **JUNK VEHICLE.** Refer to "Inoperable Vehicle".

- 2.41.02      **JUNK YARD.** A "junk yard" is a lot with or without buildings or structures where waste, discarded or salvaged materials such as scrap metals, building materials, lumber, glass, paper, plastic, rags, cordage, barrels, machinery and vehicles are sold, bought, exchanged, baled, packed, sorted, stored, disassembled, or handled.
- 2.42      **LANDSCAPING.** "Landscaping" is the planting, care and maintenance of lawns, trees, shrubs and plants for ornamental or decorative purposes.
- 2.43      **LANDSCAPING BUSINESS.** "Landscaping business" is a commercial use which provides:
- A.      Landscaping services, or the sale at retail of sod, trees, shrubs, plants or other materials for landscaping purposes, and/or
  - B.      Facilities for the maintenance and storage of equipment and material used for landscaping.
- 2.43.01      **LATTICE.** "Lattice" means a framework or structure of crossed metal strips typically resting on three (3) or more members constructed vertically to which antennas are affixed.
- 2.43.01.1      **LIGHT TRESPASS.** "Light trespass" is light emitted by a lighting installation which falls outside the boundaries of the property on which the installation is sited.
- 2.43.02      **LOADING/UNLOADING SPACE.** "Loading/unloading space" means off-street space provided for pick-ups and deliveries for commercial and industrial uses.
- 2.44      **LOT.** A "lot" is a piece, parcel, tract, or plot of land which shall be a lot of record.
- 2.45      **LOT AREA.** "Lot area" is the horizontal area of the lot exclusive of streets, other public rights-of-way and private rights-of-way held open to public use.
- 2.46      **LOT, CORNER.** A "corner lot" is any lot which adjoins two (2) or more intersecting or intercepting streets where the interior angle of such intersection does not exceed one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.
- 2.47      **LOT COVERAGE.** "Lot coverage" means the percentage of the total lot area that is occupied by the total horizontal area of all buildings, structures, driveways and parking area on a lot.
- 2.47.01      **LOT DEPTH.** "Lot depth" means the distance between the midpoints of straight lines connecting the foremost points of the side lot lines in front and the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear.
- 2.48      **LOT, INTERIOR.** An "interior lot" is any lot other than a corner lot.
- 2.49      **LOT LINE.** "Lot line" means the boundary of a lot which separates it from adjoining lots of record; public land; private land; common, public or private open space; and public or private roads.

- 2.50        **LOT LINE, FRONT (FRONTAGE).** "Front lot line (frontage)" means the boundary of a lot which abuts a public or private road. In the case of a corner lot or a multiple frontage lot in a Residential District, the front lot line shall be designated by the lot owner, provided that all other provisions of this Resolution are met.
- 2.51        **LOT LINE, REAR.** A "rear lot line" is any lot line, other than a front lot line on another street, which is parallel to the front lot line or within forty-five (45) degrees of being parallel to the front lot line.
- 2.52        **LOT LINE, SIDE.** A "side lot line" is any lot line which is not a front lot line nor a rear lot line.
- 2.53        **LOT OF RECORD.** "Lot of record" means a parcel of land shown as a separate unit on the last preceding tax roll of the county, and either as a separate lot on a subdivision plat recorded in the office of the county recorder or as a lot described by metes and bounds on a deed or instrument of conveyance, the description of which has been so recorded.
- 2.54        **LOT, THROUGH.** A "through lot" is any lot that is not a corner lot and has frontage on two (2) streets. Both street lines shall be deemed front lot lines.
- 2.55        **LOT WIDTH.** The "lot width" shall be the shortest distance that occurs between the side lot lines measured anywhere between the front lot line and the setback line.
- 2.56        **MANUFACTURED HOME.** "Manufactured home" means a structure, transportable in one or more sections and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein, and which conforms to all applicable federal construction and safety standards and has certification to that effect, in the form of a label or tag permanently affixed to such manufactured home in the manner required by 42 U.S.C. Section 5415 and 24 C.F.R. Section 3280.8 as amended.
- 2.56.01     **MANUFACTURED HOME PARK.** "Manufactured home park" means any lot upon which two (2) or more manufactured homes are located.
- 2.56.02     **MEMORIAL PARK.** A "memorial park" means a burial place for human beings in which above-surface monuments, tombstones, and grave markers are prohibited and where the natural setting of the land so developed is retained.
- 2.57        **MOBILE HOME.** "Mobile home" means a structure or nonself-propelled vehicle, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a chassis or is designed to be built on a chassis, and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation, and which does not conform to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5401 as amended. A "mobile home" does not mean an "industrialized unit", "manufactured home" or "recreational vehicle" as defined herein. A structure or nonself-propelled vehicle is a "mobile home" whether or not axles, chassis, hitch, wheels, or other appurtenances of mobility have been removed and regardless of the nature of the foundation provided.



- 2.57.01 **MOBILE HOME PARK.** Refer to "Trailer Camp/Park".
- 2.57.02 **MONOPOLE.** "Monopole" means a single, slender and typically cylindrical, vertical structure to which antennas or antenna support structures are affixed.
- 2.58 **MOTEL.** A "motel" is a commercial building containing sleeping accommodations for transient occupancy for compensation with direct access to each such room from the outside.
- 2.59 **MOTOR VEHICLE.** A "motor vehicle" as defined in the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2.59.01 **MUSEUM.** A "museum" is an institution devoted to the procurement, care, study, and display of objects of lasting interest or value.
- 2.60 **NONCONFORMING BUILDING/STRUCTURE.** A "nonconforming building/structure" is any building or other structure that does not conform to the applicable area, yard, height, lighting and similar regulations of the District in which such building or structure is located, either on the effective date of this Resolution or as a result of subsequent amendments.
- 2.61 **NONCONFORMING USE.** A "nonconforming use" shall include any use; whether of a building, other structure, or a lot, which does not conform to the use regulations of this Resolution for the District in which such "nonconforming use" is located, either at the effective date of this Resolution or as a result of subsequent amendments.
- 2.62 **OPEN SPACE.** "Open space" means a totally unobstructed area on a lot, that does not have any permanent or temporary buildings, structures, driveways, or parking lots.
- 2.62.01 **PARKING LOT.** "Parking lot" means an off-street area designed for parking of vehicles, including driveways and aisles.
- 2.62.02 **PARKING SPACE.** "Parking space" means an off-street space designed for parking of vehicles in association with a specific use.
- 2.62.03 **PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICES.** "Personal wireless services" means commercial mobile services, unlicensed wireless services, and common carrier wireless exchange access services as defined by 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7).
- 2.62.04 **PLACE OF WORSHIP.** Refer to "Church".
- 2.63 **PLANS, DEVELOPMENT.** "Development plan" means a drawing prepared by or for a developer, which may include explanatory exhibits and text, submitted to the designated authority for the purpose of study of a proposed development of land, or a preliminary plan of land and buildings of a development area which, if approved by the designated authority, provides the basis for proceeding with the preparation of the final plan of a development or development area.
- 2.64 **PRIVATE ROAD OR STREET.** "Private road or street" means a road, street or easement of access not accepted for maintenance by the state, county, or township.

- 2.64.01 **PUBLIC ROAD OR STREET.** "Public road or street" means a federal, state, county or township road as defined in the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2.64.02 **RADIO.** "Radio" means the communication of impulses, sounds, and pictures through space by electromagnetic waves.
- 2.65 **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.** "Recreational facilities" shall include tennis courts, skating rinks, and above-ground swimming pools.
- 2.65.01 **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.** "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable structure designed and constructed to be used as a temporary dwelling and including travel trailers, motor homes, and truck campers as defined in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01.
- 2.66 **RESIDENCE OR RESIDENTIAL.** A "residence" (or "residential") shall include a building, or any part of a building, which contains a dwelling unit for permanent occupancy. "Residences" therefore include all one-family dwellings. However, "residences" do NOT include:
- A. Transient accommodations, as in transient hotels, motels, tourist cabins, and trailer camps, and
  - B. That part of a building which is used for any non-residential uses, except accessory uses for residences, in a building containing both residences and other uses, and
  - C. Institutional uses, as in rest homes, nursing homes, homes for the aged, orphanages, and other institutional residential uses.
- 2.67 **RIGHT-OF-WAY.** "Right-of-way" means all land included within an area dedicated to public use as a road or street, or land reserved as an easement for private use as a road or street, for ingress and egress.
- 2.68 **ROAD.** See "Street".
- 2.69 **SCHOOL.** "School" means any school chartered by the Ohio Board of Regents or conforming to minimum standards prescribed by the state board of education and any private or parochial school certified by the Ohio Department of Education which offers state approved courses of instruction.
- 2.70 **SCREENING.** A strip of land planted with shrubs or trees which shall form a year-round dense screen.
- 2.70.01 **SEDIMENT.** "Sediment" means solid material, both mineral and organic, that is in suspension, is being transported, or has been moved from its site of origin by wind, water, gravity, or ice, and has come to rest on the earth's surface.
- 2.70.02 **SEDIMENT CONTROL.** "Sediment control" means the limiting of sediment transport by controlling erosion, filtering sediment from water, or detaining sediment-laden water allowing sediment to settle.

- 2.70.03 **SEDIMENT POLLUTION.** "Sediment pollution" means failure to use management or conservation practices to abate wind or water erosion of the soil or to abate the degradation of the waters of the state by soil sediment in conjunction with land grading, excavating, filling, or other soil disturbing activities on land used or being developed or built upon for commercial, industrial, residential, or other non-agricultural purposes.
- 2.70.04 **SERVICE STATION.** See "Gasoline Filling Station".
- 2.71 **SETBACK.** A "setback" is a line parallel to and measured from a lot line which, together with the lot line, encloses the area in which no building or structure shall be located, except as otherwise provided.
- 2.72 **SIGNS.** A "sign" means any device which is designed to inform or attract the attention of persons whether on or off the premises on which the sign is located. (See "Signs" Article 9.)
- 2.73 **STORY.** "Story" means that portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it or, if there is no floor above it, then the space between the surface of any floor and the ceiling next above it. A basement shall be deemed to be a story only when more than one-half (1/2) of its height is located above the finished grade level of the adjacent ground.
- 2.74 **STREET.** A "street" is a public or private thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting property.
- 2.74.01 **STREET, PRIVATE.** See "Private Road or Street".
- 2.74.02 **STREET, PUBLIC.** See "Public Road or Street".
- 2.75 **STREET OR RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE.** A "street or right-of-way line" is a line separating a lot from a street right-of-way.
- 2.76 **STRUCTURAL ALTERATION.** A "structural alteration" is any change in or addition to the supporting members of a structure, such as bearing walls, beams, foundation, columns or girders.
- 2.77 **STRUCTURE.** A "structure" is any combination of materials forming any construction, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground.
- 2.77.01 **SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.** "Substantial evidence" means more than a mere scintilla of evidence. It means such relevant evidence as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
- 2.77.02 **SWIMMING POOL.** "Swimming pool" means a permanent open tank or other structure designed to contain a depth of at least two (2) feet of water at any point for the purpose of swimming or wading.

- 2.77.03      **TECHNICALLY SUITABLE.** "Technically suitable" means the location of a wireless telecommunication antenna(s) reasonably serves the purpose for which it is intended within the band width of frequencies for which the owner or operator of the antenna(s) has been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate without a significant loss of communication capability with in the developed areas of the Township.
- 2.77.04      **TELECOMMUNICATION(S).** "Telecommunication(s)" means technology permitting the passage of information from the sender to one or more receivers in a usable form by means of an electromagnetic system and includes the term "personal wireless services".
- 2.77.05      **TOWER.** "Tower" means any ground or roof mounted pole, spire, structure, or combination thereof taller than fifteen (15) feet, including support lines, cables, wires, braces, and masts, intended primarily for the purpose of mounting an antenna, meteorological device, or similar apparatus above grade.
- 2.78          **TRAILER CAMP/PARK.** A "trailer camp/park" is a lot where two (2) or more trailers are parked, or which is used or held out for the purpose of supplying to the public a parking space for two (2) or more trailers.
- 2.79          **TRAILER, HOUSE.** A "house trailer" is a vehicle used for living or sleeping purposes and standing on wheels or on rigid supports. See "Mobile Home".
- 2.80          **TRUSTEES.** The "Trustees" shall mean the Board of Township Trustees of Chester Township.
- 2.80.01      **UNLICENSED WIRELESS SERVICE.** "Unlicensed wireless service" means the offering of telecommunication services using duly authorized devices which do not require individual licenses, but does not mean the provision of direct-to-home satellite services.
- 2.81          **USED CAR LOT.** A "used car lot" is any commercial lot on which two (2) or more motor vehicles in operating condition are offered for sale or displayed to the public.
- 2.82          **VARIANCE.** A "variance" is a modification or departure from the terms of this Zoning Resolution, authorized by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- 2.82.01      **VEHICLE.** See "Motor Vehicle".
- 2.83          **WELLS, GAS AND OIL.** See "Extraction of Oil, Natural Gas and Hydrocarbons" Article 8.
- 2.83.01      **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION ANTENNA.** "Wireless telecommunication antenna" means an antenna designed to transmit or receive telecommunications as authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), excluding amateur radio operator antennas.
- 2.83.02      **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT BUILDING.** "Wireless telecommunication equipment building" means the structure in which the electronic receiving and relay equipment for a wireless telecommunication facility is housed.

- 2.83.03      **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY.** "Wireless telecommunication facility" means a facility consisting of the equipment and structures involved in receiving telecommunications or radio signals from a mobile radio communications source and transmitting those signals to a central switching computer which connects the mobile unit with the land based telephone lines.
- 2.83.04      **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER.** "Wireless telecommunication tower" means a tower including but not limited to self-supporting lattice or monopole which elevates the wireless telecommunication antenna and may include accessory transmission and receiving equipment.
- 2.84          **YARD.** A "yard" is that portion of the open space on a lot extending open and unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, inward along a lot line, and from the lot line for a depth or width specified in the regulations of the district in which the lot is located.
- 2.85          **YARD, FRONT.** A "front yard" is a yard extending along the full length of the front lot line between the side lot lines, and from the front lot line to the front of the principal building.
- 2.86          **YARD, REAR.** A "rear yard" is a yard extending along the full length of the rear lot line between the side lot lines, and from the rear lot line to the rear of the principal building.
- 2.87          **YARD, SIDE.** A "side yard" is a yard extending along one side lot line from the required front yard to the required rear yard. Where no front yard or rear yard is required, the side yard shall extend along the side lot line from the front lot line to the rear lot line as the case may be. In the case of a corner lot, any yard which is not a front yard shall be considered a side yard.
- 2.88          **ZONING CERTIFICATE.** "Zoning certificate" means a permit issued by the Township Zoning Inspector in accordance with the regulations specified in this Resolution.
- 2.89          **ZONING INSPECTOR.** The "Zoning Inspector" shall mean the Zoning Inspector of Chester Township.
- 2.90          **ZONING MAP.** "Zoning map" means the most recent official zoning map of the Township which shows the boundaries of the zoning districts established in this Resolution.

**ARTICLE 3  
ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENTS**

**3.00 ADMINISTRATION.**

**3.00.01 TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR.**

**3.00.01.1 POSITION OF TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR ESTABLISHED.**

For the purpose of enforcing these Zoning Regulations the position of Township Zoning Inspector is hereby established; and the Board of Township Trustees may establish the position(s) of Assistant Zoning Inspector(s).

The Board of Township Trustees shall fill the position of Township Zoning Inspector, together with such assistants as the Trustees deem necessary, fix the compensation for such positions, and make disbursements for them.

**3.00.01.2 ZONING INSPECTOR'S BOND.**

The Township Zoning Inspector, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

**3.00.01.3 DUTIES OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR.**

It shall be the duty of the Township Zoning Inspector to enforce the Zoning Resolutions contained in this Resolution, and thus in order to fulfill said duty, the Township Zoning Inspector shall:

- A. Provide applications for zoning certificates to those persons who wish to apply for a zoning certificate;
- B. Receive and act upon applications for zoning certificates in accordance with Sections 3.01.03 and 3.01.04;
- C. Issue zoning certificates as permitted by the terms of this Resolution;
- D. Revoke zoning certificates as permitted by the terms of this Resolution;
- E. Receive and act upon complaints regarding violations of this Resolution in accordance with Section 3.01.06;
- F. Make inspections as required to fulfill his/her duties;
- G. Upon finding that any provision of this Resolution is being violated, the Zoning Inspector shall notify, in writing, the person responsible for such violation, ordering the action to correct such violation;

- H. Take any other action authorized by this Resolution or by law to ensure compliance with or to prevent violations of this Resolution;
- I. Safely keep an official record of all actions taken in fulfillment of the duties imposed by him/her by this Zoning Resolution; and, safely keep all documents, including applications, complaints, zoning certificates, reports and inspections which are received, issued or made in connection with his/her duties as Zoning Inspector. All such records and documents shall be indexed by name, address, date received, and date acted on. They shall be kept in an orderly fashion on Township premises and shall be open to public inspection. Copies of any of these records and documents shall be provided to any member of the public upon payment of a copying fee as established by the Board of Township Trustees. None of the records or documents so kept shall be destroyed except upon compliance with the Ohio Revised Code ( O.R.C.) 149.42;
- J. Receive for filing and note the date of filing of notices of appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals as provided in O.R.C. 519.15. Notices of appeal, with the date of filing thereon, shall be safely kept in the official records of the Township Zoning Inspector;
- K. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Zoning Inspector shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Zoning Appeals all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken;
- L. Shall safely keep and deposit all fees and monies received by him/her with the Township Clerk within twenty-four (24) consecutive hours of receipt pursuant to O.R.C. 117.17.

3.00.02 **TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION.**

3.00.02.1 **TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION CREATED.**

Pursuant to O.R.C. 519.04, the Board of Township Trustees shall appoint a Township Zoning Commission for Chester Township, composed of five (5) members who shall be residents of Chester Township.

The terms of all members of the Township Zoning Commission shall be for five (5) years and so arranged that the term of one (1) member will expire each year.

Each member shall serve until his/her successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Township Trustees and shall be for the unexpired term.

3.00.02.2      **RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION;  
ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSION.**

- A.     The Zoning Commission may, within the limits of the moneys appropriated by the Board of Township Trustees for the purpose, employ or contract with such planning consultants and executive and other assistants as it deems necessary. The Zoning Commission shall organize, adopt rules for the transaction of its business and keep a record of its actions and determinations. Members of the Zoning Commission may be allowed their expenses, or such compensation, or both, as the Board of Township Trustees may approve and provide. No Chester Township Trustee shall be employed by the Zoning Commission.
- B.     The Zoning Commission shall make use of such information and counsel as is available from appropriate public officials, departments, and agencies and such officials, departments, and agencies having information, maps, and data pertinent to township zoning and shall make them available for the use of the Zoning Commission.
- C.     The Zoning Commission may initiate and/or review proposed amendments to this Resolution and make recommendations on same to the Board of Township Trustees as specified in Section 3.02.

3.00.03      **TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

3.00.03.1    **TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CREATED.**

Pursuant to O.R.C. 519.13, the Board of Township Trustees shall appoint a Township Board of Zoning Appeals for Chester Township, composed of five (5) members who shall be residents of Chester Township.

The terms of all members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, shall be for five (5) years and so arranged that the term of one (1) member will expire each year.

Each member shall serve until his/her successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Township Trustees and shall be for the unexpired term. The members may be allowed their expenses, or such compensation, or both, as the Board of Township Trustees may approve and provide.

The Board of Zoning Appeals may, within the limits of the moneys appropriated by the Board of Township Trustees for the purpose, employ such executives, professional, technical, and other assistants as it deems necessary.

3.00.03.2    **POWERS OF TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

- A.     The Township Board of Zoning Appeals may:
  - 1.     Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Inspector in the enforcement of Sections 519.02 to 519.25 of the Ohio Revised Code or of



this Resolution;

2. Authorize, upon appeal, in specific cases, such variance from the terms of this Zoning Resolution as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this Resolution will result in unnecessary hardship, or, where applicable, practical difficulties, and so that the spirit of this Resolution shall be observed and substantial justice done;
  3. Grant conditional zoning certificates for the use of land, buildings, or other structures in accordance with this Resolution;
  4. Revoke an authorized variance or conditional zoning certificate granted for the extraction of minerals, if any condition of the variance or certificate is violated;
  5. Hear and decide any question involving the interpretation of any provision of this Resolution on appeal from an order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Inspector. Such questions of interpretation may include:
    - a. A determination of the meaning of any portion of the text of this Resolution, or any condition or requirement made under the provisions of this Resolution; or
    - b. A determination of whether or not a proposed nonconforming use is of a more restricted nature than an existing nonconforming use which is proposed to be replaced by said nonconforming use, as provided in Article 10 of this Resolution;
  6. In addition to observing the standards specifically set forth in this Section, the Board shall act in harmony with the comprehensive plan embodied in this Resolution and in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 1 on all appeals or application for certificates under this Section. The Board shall not approve any application or appeal under any of the provisions of Sections 3.00.03.2 and 3.00.03.4 of this Resolution unless it finds, in each case, that the proposed use of the property or the erection, alteration, or maintenance of the proposed building or structure:
    - a. Will not create a hazard to health, safety or morals; and
    - b. Will not be detrimental to the neighborhood or to the residents, thereof; and
    - c. Will not otherwise be detrimental to the public convenience, welfare and environment.
- B. The Township Board of Zoning Appeals shall notify the holder of the variance or certificate by certified mail of its intent to revoke the variance or certificate under 3.00.03.2A4 of this section and of his/her right to a hearing before the Township

Board of Zoning Appeals, within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this notice, if he/she so requests. If the holder requests a hearing, the Township Board of Zoning Appeals shall set a time and place for the hearing and notify the holder. At the hearing, the holder may appear in person, by his attorney or other representative, or he/she may present his/her position in writing. He/she may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against him/her. If no hearing is requested, the Township Board of Zoning Appeals may revoke the variance or certificate without a hearing. The authority to revoke a variance or certificate is in addition to any other means of zoning enforcement provided by law.

- C. In exercising the above-mentioned powers, the Township Board of Zoning Appeals may, in conformity with such sections, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from, and may make such order, requirement, decision, or determination as ought to be made, and to that end has all the powers of the Township Zoning Inspector from whom the appeal is taken.

#### 3.00.03.3 **RULES, ORGANIZATION, AND MEETINGS OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

- A. The Township Board of Zoning Appeals shall organize and adopt rules in accordance with this Zoning Resolution. Meetings of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be held at the call of the chairperson, and at such other times as the Board of Zoning Appeals determines. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence the acting chairperson, may administer oaths, and the Board of Zoning Appeals may compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be open to the public. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the Board of Township Trustees and be a public record.
- B. The attendance of three (3) members of the Board of Zoning Appeals is required for a quorum.

All decisions, motions, and actions of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be by the affirmative vote of at least three (3) members of the Board.

#### 3.00.03.4 **PROCEDURES OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

- A. Appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer of the Township affected by any decision of the Zoning Inspector. Such appeal shall be taken within twenty (20) days after the decision of the Zoning Inspector by filing, with the Zoning Inspector and with the Board of Zoning Appeals, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds of appeal. The Zoning Inspector shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Zoning Appeals all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

- B. Written notices of appeal shall be made on forms provided by the Township Zoning Inspector and shall be signed and dated by the appellant (here and after applicant) or his authorized legal representative attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information supplied on the notice of appeal.

All notices of appeal shall contain the following language:

The penalty for falsification is imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

All completed notices of appeal shall be filed with the Township Zoning Inspector and the Board of Zoning Appeals and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant;
  2. The name, address and telephone number of the owner of record;
  3. The address of the property, if different from the applicant's current address;
  4. The names and addresses of all parties in interest from the County Auditor's current tax list (all properties within five hundred [500] feet from the perimeter of the subject property);
  5. Documentation as to the applicant's authority (standing) to file notice of this appeal (e.g. deed, power of attorney, lease or purchase agreement);
  6. A legal description of the property, as recorded with the Geauga County Recorder;
  7. The current zoning district in which the property is located;
  8. A description of the existing use of the property;
  9. A description of the proposed use of the property.
10. Two (2) copies of a plan or map, drawn to scale, with a north arrow and date showing the following information:
- a. The dimensions (in feet) of all property lines and the total acreage of the property;
  - b. The dimensions (in feet) of existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;

- c. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;
  - d. The dimensions (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - e. The total amount of square feet of floor space for each floor of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - f. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - g. The height (in feet) of existing buildings or structures on the property;
  - h. The height (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - i. The name and location of the existing road(s), public and private, adjacent to the property;
  - j. The number of dwelling units existing (if any) and proposed for the property;
  - k. The location, dimensions (in feet), and number of parking spaces existing (if any) and proposed;
  - l. For commercial, shopping center and industrial uses: the location, dimensions (in feet) and number of loading/unloading spaces;
  - m. The location and dimensions (in feet) of any existing or proposed easements on the property;
  - n. The locations of all exterior lighting fixtures to include their initial lumen rating and whether or not the fixtures are full cutoff as defined in Section 2.29.01 of this Resolution.
11. The date of the application for the zoning certificate;
12. All notices of appeals for signs shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
- a. Two (2) copies of a drawing or map, drawn to scale with a north arrow and date, showing:
    - (1) The dimensions (in feet) of the sign;

- (2) The area of the sign in square feet;
  - (3) The location of the sign on the building, structure, or property including dimensions (in feet) from the front and side lot lines;
  - (4) The height (in feet) of the sign;
  - (5) The method of illumination, if any, to include a description of how any exterior light fixture for the sign will be shielded so as to prevent direct light being emitted beyond the boundaries of the sign as required by Section 5.00.02.1 of this Resolution;
  - (6) The dimensions of the lettering and/or the elements of the matter displayed (e.g. a logo).
- 13. For notices of appeal alleging error by the Zoning Inspector, a written statement shall be made by the applicant or his/her authorized representative relative to the alleged error made by the Zoning Inspector in his/her determination of the application for the zoning certificate;
- 14. For notices of appeal requesting a variance, the applicant or his/her authorized representative shall provide the following:
  - a. A statement relative to the exact nature of the variance requested;
  - b. The specific zoning regulation(s) shall be cited from which variance is requested;
  - c. Written justification for a variance shall be made by the applicant and the Board of Zoning Appeals shall determine if the proposed variance involves an "area" variance or a "use" variance;
    - (1) Standards for an "area" variance: The practical difficulties standard shall apply to an area variance and the factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:
      - (a) Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;
      - (b) Whether the variance is substantial;
      - (c) Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer a substantial detriment as a result of the variance;
      - (d) Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services;

- (e) Whether the property owner purchased the property with the knowledge of the zoning restriction;
  - (f) Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance;
  - (g) Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance;
- (2) Standards for a "use" variance: The unnecessary hardship standard shall apply to a use variance and the factors to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) Why the variance from the terms of the Zoning Resolution will not be contrary to the public interest;
  - (b) Because of what special conditions will an unnecessary hardship result from a literal enforcement of the Zoning Regulations;
  - (c) What the unnecessary hardship is which will result from a literal enforcement of the Zoning Resolution owing to the special conditions set forth in sub-paragraph "(b)" above;
  - (d) How the spirit of the Zoning Resolution will be observed if the variance is granted;
  - (e) Why substantial justice will be done if the variance is granted;

15. The appeal fee. See Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses; and Collection Procedure, Section 1.01.05.

- C. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for public hearing of the appeal which shall commence not later than sixty (60) days from the date the notice of appeal has been filed with the Board. The public hearing on the appeal may be continued from day to day for good cause shown.

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall give at least ten (10) days notice in writing to the parties in interest, give such public hearing by one (1) publication in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the county at least ten (10) days before the date of such hearing and decide the appeal within a reasonable time after it is submitted; notice of any continued public hearings shall be given at least by one (1) publication in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the county and in writing to the parties in interest at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of such hearing. Written notice may be provided by personal delivery or ordinary mail.

- D. Any renewal or extension of a zoning certificate shall be subject to the same procedure as specified herein for the original granting of the certificate.
- E. Hearings before the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the following:
  - 1. Any person may appear in person or by an authorized representative;
  - 2. All testimony and evidence received by the Board shall be given under oath or affirmation administered by the Chairperson or in his/her absence the acting Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals;
  - 3. A party in interest shall be allowed:
    - a. To present his/her position, arguments and contentions;
    - b. To offer and examine witnesses and present evidence in support thereof;
    - c. To cross-examine witnesses purporting to refute his/her position, arguments and contentions;
    - d. To offer evidence to refute evidence and testimony offered in opposition to his/her position, arguments and contentions;
    - e. To proffer any such evidence into the record, if the admission thereof is denied by the officer or body appealed from;
  - 4. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall be provided with the original plus two (2) copies of all exhibits submitted by a party in interest. All exhibits submitted shall be marked for identification by the Board and safely kept on Township premises;
  - 5. An accurate record of the proceedings shall be kept and preserved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

F. Decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be in accordance with the following:

1. All decisions shall include conclusions of fact of the Board in support of the decision;
2. A decision of the Board and the adoption of conclusions of fact shall be made at a public hearing of the Board. The decision and the conclusions of fact of the Board shall be in writing and signed at a public meeting of the Board by all members voting affirmatively thereon no later than thirty (30) days from the last public hearing;
3. The original written decision and conclusions of fact of the Board of Zoning Appeals and all applications, notices of appeal, documents, exhibits and evidence relating to the proceeding shall be filed by the Board of Zoning Appeals with the Township Clerk within five (5) days of the signing of the written decision and conclusions of fact by the Board of Zoning Appeals;
4. Copies of the written and signed decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be sent by ordinary mail, within two (2) days of the signing of the written decision, to the Township Zoning Inspector, the applicant and all parties in interest;
5. The date of the signing of the written decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be the date of entry as provided in O.R.C. 2505.07 for the purposes of appeal to the court of common pleas pursuant to O.R.C. chapter 2506.



3.01 **ENFORCEMENT.**

3.01.01 **ZONING CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.**

- A. No person shall locate, erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, or structurally alter any building or structure, nor shall any building, structure, or real property be changed in use within the territory included in this Zoning Resolution without obtaining a zoning certificate and no such zoning certificate shall be issued unless the plans for the proposed building, structure or other use fully comply with this Zoning Resolution.
- B. No person shall locate, erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge or structurally alter any building or structure:
  - 1. To provide for greater height or bulk; or
  - 2. To accommodate or house a greater number of families; or
  - 3. To occupy a greater percentage of lot area; or
  - 4. To have narrower or smaller front yards, side yards, rear yards, or other open spaces;than herein required, or in any other manner be contrary to the provisions of this Resolution.
- C. No lot or yard existing at the time of the effective date of this Resolution shall be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Lots or yards created after the effective date of this Resolution shall meet at least the minimum requirements set forth herein.
- D. No home occupation shall be operated without obtaining a zoning certificate and no such zoning certificate shall be issued unless the operation of such home occupation fully complies with this Zoning Resolution.

3.01.02 **CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

Written application for a zoning certificate shall be made on forms provided by the Township Zoning Inspector and shall be signed and dated by the owner, the applicant, or his authorized representative attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information supplied in the application.

All applications for zoning certificates shall contain the following language:

The penalty for falsification is imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

All completed applications for a zoning certificate shall be submitted to the Township Zoning Inspector and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B. The name, address and telephone number of the owner of record;
- C. The address of the property, if different from the applicant's current address;
- D. Documentation as to the applicant's authority (standing) to file notice of this appeal (e.g. deed, power of attorney, lease, or purchase agreement);
- E. A legal description of the property, as recorded with the Geauga County Recorder;
- F. The current zoning district in which the property is located;
- G. A description of the existing use of the property;
- H. A description of the proposed use of the property;
- I. Two (2) copies of a plan or map, drawn to scale, with a north arrow and date showing the following information:
  - 1. The dimensions (in feet) of all property lines and the total acreage of the property;
  - 2. The dimensions (in feet) of all existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;
  - 3. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;
  - 4. The dimensions (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - 5. The total amount of square feet of floor space for each floor of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - 6. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  - 7. The height (in feet) of existing buildings or structures on the property;
  - 8. The height (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;

9. The name and location of the existing road(s), public and private, adjacent to the property;
  10. The number of dwelling units existing (if any) and proposed for the property;
  11. The location, dimensions (in feet), and number of parking spaces existing (if any) and proposed;
  12. For commercial, shopping center and industrial uses: The location, dimensions (in feet), and number of loading/unloading spaces;
  13. The location and dimensions (in feet) of any existing or proposed easements on the property;
  14. The location and type of exterior lighting structures or fixtures and a statement of the initial rated lumens for each fixture and whether or not the fixture will be installed as a full cutoff fixture as required in Section 5.00.02.1 of this Resolution.
- J. Provide the type and design of any sign(s);
1. Two (2) copies of a drawing or map, drawn to scale with a north arrow and date showing:
    - a. The dimensions (in feet) of the sign;
    - b. The area of the sign (per sign face) in square feet;
    - c. The location of the sign on the building, structure, or property including dimensions (in feet) from the front and side lot lines;
    - d. The height (in feet) of the sign;
    - e. The method of illumination, if any, to include a description of how any exterior light fixture for the sign will be shielded so as to prevent direct light being emitted beyond the boundaries of the sign as required by Section 5.00.02.1 of this Resolution.
    - f. The dimensions of the lettering and/or elements of the matter displayed (e.g. a logo).
- K. Two (2) copies of an erosion control plan as required by Section 5.00.06 of this Resolution or written documentation of plan approval from the Gauga Soil and Water Conservation District.
- L. The application fee. See Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses; and Collection Procedure, Section 1.01.05.

**3.01.03 ACTION BY TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR ON APPLICATION FOR ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application for a zoning certificate, the Township Zoning Inspector shall either approve the application and issue a zoning certificate or disapprove the application in conformity with the provisions of this Zoning Resolution.

In case of disapproval of an application, the applicant shall be informed of such disapproval in writing by the Township Zoning Inspector. The zoning regulation(s) violated shall be cited, as well as the applicant's right to appeal to the Township Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with this Resolution.

One (1) copy of the plans submitted with the application shall be returned to the applicant by the Township Zoning Inspector, after the Zoning Inspector has marked said application either approved or disapproved and attested to the same by his signature and date on said copy. One (1) copy of the plans so marked shall be retained on Township premises by the Zoning Inspector for his/her permanent records.

**3.01.04 SUBMISSION TO DIRECTOR OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Upon receipt of an application for a zoning certificate or a conditional zoning certificate affecting any land within three hundred (300) feet of the centerline of a proposed new highway or a highway for which changes are proposed as described in the certification to the Board of Township Trustees and Township Zoning Inspector by the Director of Transportation or any land within a radius of five hundred (500) feet from the point of intersection of said centerline with any public road or highway, the Zoning Inspector shall give notice, by registered or certified mail to the Director of Transportation.

The Zoning Inspector shall not issue a zoning certificate for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the notice is received by the Director. If the Director of Transportation notifies the Zoning Inspector that he/she has purchased or has initiated proceeding to appropriate the land which is the subject of the application, then the Zoning Inspector shall refuse to issue the zoning certificate. If the Director notifies the Zoning Inspector that he/she has found acquisition at that time not to be in the public interest, or upon the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) day period or any extension thereof agreed upon by the Director and the property owner, the Zoning Inspector shall act upon the application in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

**3.01.05 REVOCATION OF ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

A zoning certificate shall be revoked by the Zoning Inspector if:

- A. The zoning certificate has been issued in error by the Zoning Inspector or was issued for whatever reason, not in conformance with the terms of this Zoning Resolution or any Amendment thereto; or
- B. The zoning certificate was issued based upon a false statement by the applicant; or

- C. The construction or use described in the zoning certificate has not begun within six (6) months from the date of issuance or if construction has begun within six (6) months and said construction has not been completed within two (2) years from the date of issuance; or
- D. The terms and conditions contained in the zoning certificate are not performed; or
- E. The zoning certificate is being used by a person, individual, partnership, trust or corporation other than the applicant. Zoning certificates are not transferrable.

When a zoning certificate has been declared revoked by the Zoning Inspector, written notice of its revocation shall be sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) to the applicant and such notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the affected property as described in the zoning certificate. Such notice shall set forth the reason(s) for the revocation of the zoning certificate as well as the applicant's right to appeal to the Township Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with this Resolution. Such notice shall also include a statement that all construction upon or use of the building, structure, or land described in the zoning certificate shall cease unless and until a new zoning certificate has been issued.

#### **3.01.06 COMPLAINTS REGARDING VIOLATIONS.**

Whenever an alleged violation of this Resolution occurs any person may file a written complaint with the Zoning Inspector. Such complaint shall state the nature of the complaint and the regulation violated. The Zoning Inspector shall keep records of such complaints and shall investigate within thirty (30) days from the date such complaint was filed or within such extended time period as may be necessary to fulfill the requirements of this Resolution.

#### **3.01.07 PROHIBITION AGAINST VIOLATING ZONING RESOLUTION.**

No building or structure shall be located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, changed, maintained, or used, and no land shall be used in violation of this Resolution, or any amendment to this Resolution -- whether or not a zoning certificate has been issued. Each day's continuation of a violation of this Resolution may be deemed a separate offense.

#### **3.01.08 ACTION TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OF ZONING REGULATIONS.**

In case any building or structure is or is proposed to be located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, enlarged, changed, maintained, or used or any land is or is proposed to be used in violation of Sections 519.01 to 519.99 inclusive of the Ohio Revised Code or of any regulation or provision adopted by the Board of Township Trustees under such sections, such Board, the Prosecuting Attorney of the County, the Township Zoning Inspector, or any adjacent or neighboring property owner who would be especially damaged by such violation, in addition to other remedies provided by law, may institute injunction, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove such unlawful location, erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, change, maintenance, or use. The Trustees may employ special counsel to represent it in any proceeding or to prosecute any action.

**3.02 AMENDMENTS.**

**3.02.01 PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENTS TO ZONING RESOLUTION.**

The procedure for amendments to the Zoning Resolution shall be in accordance with the O.R.C. Section 519.12.

**3.02.02 CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT.**

Application forms for amendments to the Zoning Resolution shall be provided by the Township Zoning Commission or its secretary. All applications shall contain the following language:

The penalty for falsification is imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

Such application shall include the following information:

- A. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B. The address of the property, if different from the applicant's current address;
- C. Describe the present use of the property;
- D. Describe the present zoning classification of the property;
- E. The text of the proposed amendment;
- F. The proposed zoning district, if applicable;
- G. A legal description of the real property subject of the proposed amendment. If the applicant does not have title to the property, attach a copy of a power of attorney, lease, or purchase agreement as well;
- H. A map drawn to scale, with a north arrow, showing the boundaries and dimensions (in feet) of the property;
- I. A copy of the most recent Official Township Zoning Map with the area proposed to be changed fully delineated and the proposed zoning district designation shown thereon, if applicable;
- J. A statement relative to the reason(s) for the proposed amendment and how it relates to the Township land use plan;

- K. A list of the addresses from the County Auditor's current tax list of all owners of property within five hundred (500) feet from the perimeter of the area to be rezoned or redistricted, if the proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict ten (10) or fewer parcels of land as listed on the County Auditor's current tax list;
- L. The date of application for the zoning amendment.
- M. The application fee. See Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses; and Collection Procedure, Section 1.01.05.

3.02.03 **SUBMISSION TO DIRECTOR OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Before any zoning amendment is adopted affecting any land within three hundred (300) feet of the centerline of a proposed new highway or a highway for which changes are proposed as described in the certification to the Board of Township Trustees and Township Zoning Inspector by the Director of Transportation or any land within a radius of five hundred (500) feet from the point of intersection of said centerline with any public road or highway, the Board of Township Trustees shall give notice, by registered or certified mail to the Director of Transportation.

The Board of Township Trustees shall not adopt a zoning amendment for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the notice is received by the Director. If the Director of Transportation notifies the Board of Township Trustees that he/she has purchased or has initiated proceedings to appropriate the land which is the subject of the amendment, then the Board of Township Trustees shall refuse to adopt the amendment. If the Director notifies the Board of Township Trustees that he/she has found acquisition at that time not to be in the public interest, or upon the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) day period or any extension thereof agreed upon by the Director and the property owner, the Board of Township Trustees shall proceed as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

3.03 **NONCONFORMING USES.**

- 3.03.01 The Board shall have the power to permit the extension or change of certain nonconforming uses as provided in Article 10 of this Resolution.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP**

4.00        **ZONING DISTRICTS.** In order to carry out the provisions of this Resolution, Chester Township is hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

R.        One (1) Family District  
          One and one-half (1 1/2) Acre Minimum Lot

R3A.    One (1) Family District  
          Three (3) Acre Minimum Lot

R5A.    One (1) Family District  
          Five (5) Acre Minimum Lot

C.        General Commercial District

S.C.     Shopping Center District

I.        Restricted Industrial District

4.00.01    **DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES.** District boundary lines are defined on the most recent official Chester Township Zoning Map. An area enclosed by a district boundary line shall be within the district designated therein.

4.00.02    **IN CASE OF UNCERTAINTY.** Where uncertainty exists as to the precise location of the boundaries of any of the aforesaid districts, as shown on the official zoning map, the following rules shall apply:

A.        Where a boundary line appears within a street or other right-of-way, the boundary lines shall be deemed to be the center-line of the street or other right-of-way.

B.        Where a boundary line appears to follow a lot line, such lot line shall be deemed to be the boundary line.

C.        In the case of parks and cemeteries, the boundary shall be deemed to coincide with the boundary line of the park or cemetery.

D.        Where a street, watercourse, or other right-of-way has been vacated, the abutting zoning classification on each side thereof shall automatically be extended to the center-line of said vacated street, watercourse, or right-of-way.

4.01        **OFFICIAL CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP.** The official township zoning map shall be identified by the signatures of the Township Trustees and attested to by the Township Clerk together with the date of its adoption and the effective date.



- 4.01.01      **LOCATION OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.** The official township zoning map shall be located in the office of the Township Clerk, who shall be responsible for its custody and safe-keeping, and shall not be removed therefrom except by Township officials for the purpose of conducting township business.
- 4.01.02      **INCORPORATION OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.** The location and boundaries of the districts established by this Resolution are shown upon the most recent official zoning map entitled "Chester Township Zoning Map". Said official map and all notations, dimensions, designations, references, data, and other information shown thereon are hereby incorporated into and made part of this Resolution.
- 4.01.03      **AMENDMENTS TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.** No amendments shall be made to the official township zoning map except in conformity with the procedure set forth in Article 3 (Administration, Enforcement and Amendments) of this Resolution.

All Amendments to the official township zoning map shall be made by adopting a new official township zoning map which shall be identified by the signatures of the Township Trustees and attested to by the Township Clerk together with the date of its adoption and its effective date. Said map shall be located in the office of the Township Clerk and kept together with the original township zoning map and all other amended zoning maps in the manner provided in Section 4.01.01.

**ARTICLE 5  
DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

**5.00 GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

- A. The uses set forth as principal uses in each zoning district shall be permitted by right as the principal building, structure, or use of a lot.
- B. The uses set forth as accessory uses in each zoning district shall be permitted by right as buildings, structures, or uses which are subordinate and incidental to principal buildings, structures and uses.
- C. The uses set forth as conditional uses in each zoning district shall not be permitted by right. Such buildings, structures and uses may be permitted only under specific conditions and in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution

**5.00.01 PROHIBITED USES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.**

- A. Any use not specifically listed in this Resolution shall not be permitted, nor shall any zoning certificate be issued therefor, unless and until a zoning amendment to provide for such use has been adopted in accordance with Section 3.02 of this Resolution.
- B. Lighting fixtures and devices from which direct glare is visible on adjoining roads or property shall be prohibited. Flashing lights shall be prohibited.
- C. Mobile homes shall be prohibited except in the existing mobile home park located at 8701 Mayfield Road (U.S. 322), listed as parcel number 11-257500 in 1995.
- D. No inoperable vehicle shall be stored or located except in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.00.05 of this Resolution.
- E. Junk yards and the storage of junk shall be prohibited.
- F. Automotive wrecking and automotive wrecking yards shall be prohibited.
- G. Manufactured home parks shall be prohibited.

**5.00.01.1 FUND-RAISING EVENTS SPONSORED AND CONDUCTED BY CHESTER TOWNSHIP NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING CHAPTERS OF NATIONAL OR STATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL BE PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS and shall meet all of the following requirements:**

- A. The organization shall establish its non-profit status with federal or state tax reports, or 501(c)(3) documentation.
- B. No zoning certificate or fee shall be required, however written notice of intent to

conduct the event shall be submitted to the Township Zoning Inspector at least seven (7) days before the event.

- C. No event shall be permitted for a period longer than fifteen (15) days and no organization shall conduct more than four (4) events within a twelve-month period. Exception to the fifteen (15) day limit: The sale of Christmas trees may continue from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve.

5.00.02 **REGULATIONS OVER USE, AREA, YARDS, AND HEIGHT.** After the effective date of this Resolution and subject to the provisions of Article 10 (Nonconforming Uses) for existing uses, and all other applicable regulations of this Resolution for all uses:

- A. No building, structure or lot shall be used, located, erected constructed, reconstructed, enlarged or structurally altered except in conformity with the applicable regulation of the district in which such building, structure, or lot is located unless such lot was designated on a recorded plat or separately owned at the time this Resolution became effective and cannot be practicably enlarged to conform to the applicable regulations.
- B. No yard or other open space existing about any building or structure shall be so reduced in area or dimension as to make it less than the minimum required by this Resolution.
- C. No yard or other open space provided about any building or structure for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Resolution shall be considered as providing a yard or open space for any other building, structure, or parking area and no yard or other open space on one lot shall be considered as providing a yard or open space for a building, structure, or parking area on any other lot.
- D. No lot held under one ownership at the time of the effective date of this Resolution shall be reduced or subdivided in any manner below the minimum area, frontage, width, and yard provisions required by this Resolution.
- E. Where required a buffer zone shall be part of the lot on which the permitted principal building, structure or use other than a single family detached dwelling is located. All buffer zones abutting along the side or rear lot lines shall be landscaped and maintained in an appropriate manner. In addition, appropriate screening shall be required which shall consist of opaque/solid fences, walls, or a densely planted evergreen landscaping at least four (4) feet wide, all of which shall be maintained in good condition and be free from all advertising and other signs. Fences and walls shall be a minimum height of six (6) feet and a maximum of eight (8) feet measured from ground level, except in the case of corner street clearance. Screening consisting of planted evergreen landscaping shall have a minimum height of six (6) feet except in the case of corner sight clearance.

5.00.02.1 **GLARE.** All sources of illumination of the exterior of buildings or grounds shall be shielded so as not to cause direct glare and shall be directed away from any lot lines and toward the principal building and parking area on a lot. To this end and to minimize light trespass, all lighting fixtures with lamps rated at initial lumens of two thousand five hundred (2,500) or

greater must be the full cutoff type. Every fixture of this type shall be so installed that it operates at all times as a full cutoff fixture as defined in this Resolution.

Exterior lighted signs shall utilize shielded light fixtures from which direct light is not emitted beyond the boundaries of the sign.

5.00.03 **REQUIRED STREET FRONTAGE.** Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution each lot shall have full frontage on and abut a street.

5.00.04 **MEASUREMENT OF DISTANCES AND YARDS.** Except as otherwise provided, all prescribed distances shall be measured in a straight line. The depth and width of all yards shall be measured perpendicular to and from lot lines. However, where a setback has been established along any street, the yard dimensions shall be measured perpendicular to and from each setback. Any lot fronting on a permanent cul-de-sac need not have the required frontage measured at the front lot line for the zoning district in which it is located, but shall have an arc on the front lot line of not less than one hundred (100) feet.

5.00.05 **INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE.**

5.00.05.1 An inoperable motor vehicle shall not be permitted on a lot in any zoning district within Chester Township, except,

- A. If it is kept in a permitted, fully enclosed building; or
- B. If it is concealed from view from the road or surrounding property by appropriate screening. The appropriate screening shall be in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E. The use of tarpaulins, plastic or other similar materials shall not be considered as appropriate screening.
- C. No inoperable motor vehicle shall be stored in a front yard.

5.00.05.2 **EXCEPTIONS**

- A. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle on a lot within a C-Commercial District or I-Restricted Industrial District where such lot is lawfully used for the repair of motor vehicles, provided that such motor vehicles are on the lot for repair. Such repairs are to be completed in a reasonable time in accordance with industry standards.
- B. This section shall not apply to a "collector's vehicle" and "historical motor vehicle" as defined in Section 4501.01 (F) & (G) respectively of the Ohio Revised Code which is licensed as a collector's vehicle or as a historical motor vehicle.

5.00.06 **EROSION CONTROL REGULATIONS IN ALL DISTRICTS.**

In all zoning districts, an erosion control plan shall be included with an application for a zoning certificate for the construction of all principal permitted, accessory and conditional buildings, structures, uses, and parking or loading/unloading areas allowed by this Resolution and any additions thereto on lots less than five (5) acres in size; provided, however, an

erosion control plan shall not be required for any principal permitted, accessory, or conditional buildings, structures, and parking or loading/unloading areas or any additions thereto containing less than three hundred (300) square feet in area. If the lot is five (5) acres or more in area, the applicant shall include with an application for a zoning certificate written documentation from the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) that an erosion control plan has been submitted and approved for the subject lot.

- A. An erosion control plan shall be prepared by the applicant, a professional engineer registered with the state of Ohio, a soils scientist, or a private contractor and must address temporary and permanent measures for controlling erosion during and following construction. The content of the plan and such temporary and permanent measures to control erosion shall meet all requirements for sediment and erosion control contained within the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District regulations.
- B. An erosion control plan shall be submitted by the applicant to the Zoning Inspector. The Zoning Inspector shall advise the applicant that the plan may be forwarded by the Zoning Inspector to the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District for technical assistance and review.
- C. All areas affected by earth disturbing activities on a lot shall be permanently seeded and mulched pursuant to the erosion control plan within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date an occupancy permit has been issued by the Geauga County Building Department. If said permit is issued between the time period of November 1 to April 15 of the following calendar year, temporary stabilization measures pursuant to the erosion control plan shall be utilized.

5.01 **RESIDENCE DISTRICTS (R, R3A, R5A DISTRICTS).** Subject to the provisions of Article 4 and Article 5, the following regulations shall apply in an R District, R3A District and R5A District:

5.01.01 **PERMITTED PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.**

- A. Libraries owned by a political subdivision or schools as defined herein
- B. Parks owned by a political subdivision
- C. Schools as defined herein
- D. Single family detached dwellings. There shall be no more than one single family detached dwelling on a lot.
- E. Township and other governmental buildings

5.01.02 **PERMITTED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Permitted accessory buildings, structures and uses which are on the same lot with and incidental or subordinate to the principal permitted building, structure or use and subject to the provisions of 5.01.03 of this Resolution are:

- A. Gazebos.
- B. Home occupations as regulated by Section 5.01.12 of this Resolution.
- C. Loading/unloading spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution.
- D. Parking spaces as requires by the provisions of this Resolution.
- E. Private garages designed and used for the storage of motor vehicles owned and/or operated by the occupants of the principal building or structure. There shall be no more than one (1) detached garagc per lot. Attached garages shall not be considered accessory buildings.
- F. Residential recreational facilities as regulated by Section 5.01.13 of this Resolution.
- G. Sheds, tool rooms, or other similar buildings or other structures designed and used for the owner and/or occupants of the principal building or structure.
- H. Signs as required by the provisions of this Resolution.

5.01.03 **ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.** The minimum distance from an accessory building to any dwelling shall be not less than twenty (20) feet. The maximum combined total floor area of all accessory buildings on a lot shall not exceed one thousand two hundred eighty (1280) square feet. Accessory buildings shall be located to the rear of the principal building, not in required front and side yards. Such accessory buildings shall not encroach more than five (5) feet into the minimum side yard and shall be at least ten (10) feet from the rear lot line. Health District regulations require that accessory buildings shall not be located over leach fields.

5.01.04 **AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS.** The regulations set forth in the table in Section 5.01.15 shall apply as indicated to each use permitted in all residential districts unless otherwise specifically provided. A driveway shall be setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from any side and rear lot lines, and a zoning certificate is required.

5.01.05 **STRUCTURE HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS.** Belfries, church spires, clock towers, monuments, residential radio/television antennas, and water towers: no maximum height imposed.

5.01.06 **PERMITTED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN REQUIRED YARDS.** Unless otherwise specifically provided the following are permitted when located in required yards and do not require zoning certificates:

- A. Above ground surface sand filters for septic system
- B. Air conditioning units/ heat pumps
- C. Arbors
- D. Awnings and canopies

- E. Clothes lines and stanchions
- F. Fences and walls in accordance with the following regulations:
  - 1. Fences and walls shall be erected outside of the right-of-way of any public or private road.
  - 2. Fences and walls shall not block or impede clear sight distance of vehicle operators at the intersection of any public or private road.
  - 3. Fences and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- G. Flagpoles
- H. Student bus shelters
- I. Terraces
- J. Uncovered residential fuel tanks
- K. Uncovered patios
- L. Uncovered steps

5.01.07 **MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE.** For lots in an R District, the maximum lot coverage shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the lot area and the minimum green space on a lot shall be seventy-five percent (75%). For lots in R3A and R5A Districts, the maximum lot coverage shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the lot area and the minimum green space on a lot shall be eighty-five percent (85%).

5.01.08 **CORNER SIGHT CLEARANCE.** On every corner lot within the triangles formed by the street lines on such lot and a line drawn between two (2) points, each twenty (20) feet from the point of intersection of such street lines, there shall be no fence or wall higher than three (3) feet, nor any other obstruction to vision between a height of three (3) feet and a height of ten (10) feet above the established grade of either street.

5.01.09 **SIGN REGULATIONS.** Signs shall be regulated in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution, for each of the uses permitted in all residential districts.

5.01.10 **PARKING.** Parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution, for each of the uses permitted in all residential districts.

Only one (1) commercial vehicle other than a private passenger vehicle that is used in connection with a permitted use or by an occupant of a permitted use, may be stored on a lot in all residential districts.

A buffer zone of not less than sixty (60) feet in width measured from the lot line and the

nearest edge of the parking area shall be required wherever a permitted principal building, structure or use other than a single family detached dwelling abuts a single family detached dwelling. No structure, building, accessory building, parking area, driveway or sign shall be permitted in a buffer zone. See Section 5.00.02 E.

5.01.11 **LOADING/UNLOADING.** Loading/unloading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution, for each of the uses permitted in all residential districts. The loading/unloading space and vehicular access thereto shall be provided at the rear of the building or structure providing such space.

5.01.12 **HOME OCCUPATIONS.** Home occupations shall meet all of the following requirements. A zoning certificate is required.

A. A home occupation is an accessory use which is clearly incidental and subordinate to the use of the lot as a dwelling and residence and is conducted entirely within the dwelling unit, without any adverse effect upon the surrounding neighborhood.

B. A home occupation includes the following:

1. Tailoring
2. Professional office of a medical or osteopathic physician, dentist, podiatrist, chiropodist, lawyer, engineer, artist, architect, accountant, consultant, insurance agent, typist, computer operator, surveyor, sales person, telemarketer, bookkeeper, or transcriber
3. Teaching, with musical instruction limited to two (2) pupils at a time.
4. Answering service

C. A home occupation SHALL NOT be interpreted to INCLUDE the following:

1. Barber shop, beauty salon or hair stylist
2. Exterminator
3. Restaurant, food service or catering
4. Dance studio
5. Photographic developing and/or processing

D. Regulations for home occupations:

1. A home occupation may be established only within a dwelling unit. Only one (1) home occupation may be established on a lot.
2. The use of a dwelling unit for a home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants. Not more



than two hundred fifty (250) square feet of net floor area shall be used in the conduct of a home occupation.

3. There shall be no change in the exterior appearance of a dwelling unit or other visible evidence of conduct of a home occupation therein with the exception of one (1) sign, erected in accordance with Article 9. There shall be no exterior display, no exterior storage of materials, no more than one commercial vehicle or other equipment, and no other indications of the home occupation, or variation of the residential character of the principal building.
4. No offensive noise, vibration, smoke or other particulate matter, odorous matter, heat, humidity, glare or other objectionable effects shall be produced and no equipment or process shall be used which interferes with the residential occupancy of neighbors or the character of the neighborhood.
5. Parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with Article 7.
6. The width of a driveway for ingress and egress to a home occupation shall be between ten (10) and twenty (20) feet. Such driveway shall be constructed with an all-weather surface.
7. The dwelling unit in which a home occupation is conducted shall conform with all the regulations for the zoning district in which it is located.
8. No more than one (1) person, other than the occupants of the dwelling unit, shall be employed or engaged in the home occupation.
9. Articles offered for sale shall be limited to those produced in the dwelling unit, if sold on the premises.
10. A home occupation shall be owned or operated by a resident of the property.
11. Written evidence shall be provided that the appropriate governmental agency has approved the health conditions, water and sewage facilities for a home occupation.

#### 5.01.13

#### **RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**

- A. Residential recreational facilities include tennis courts, skating rinks, swimming pools, volleyball courts and baseball backstops.
- B. Residential recreational facilities shall be located in the rear yard, and shall be located more than twenty-five (25) feet from the rear lot line, and shall not encroach into either required side yard.
- C. Tennis courts that do not exceed seven thousand two hundred (7200) square feet do not require a zoning certificate.

- D. Skating rinks that do not exceed one thousand two hundred (1200) square feet do not require a zoning certificate.
- E. Swimming pools as governed by the following regulations:
  - 1. Swimming pools shall be used solely by the occupants of the principal use, or their guests, of the property on which it is located.
  - 2. The installation of above-ground pools shall not be required to have a zoning permit in a residential zoning district provided that such facility does not exceed one thousand two hundred (1200) square feet.
  - 3. The installation of all above-ground pools that exceed one thousand two hundred (1200) square feet and all in-ground pools shall be required to have a zoning permit.
  - 4. FENCING. All pools greater than one hundred (100) square feet in area shall be completely enclosed by fencing or a structure to prevent unauthorized access. Such fencing or structure shall be no farther away from the perimeter of the pool than one hundred (100) feet. The fencing shall extend not less than four (4) feet above the ground. All gates shall be self-closing and self-latching.

CONSTRUCTION. Fencing shall be constructed so as to prohibit the passage of a sphere larger than four (4) inches in diameter through any opening or under the fencing. Fencing shall be designed to withstand a horizontal concentrated load of two hundred (200) pounds applied on a one (1) square foot area at any point of the fencing.

5.01.14 **CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, USES AND STRUCTURES.** Conditional buildings, structures and uses may be allowed in accordance with this Resolution with the approval of the Board. The following are conditional uses:

- A. Churches/Places of Worship
- B. Private or Public Golf Clubs
- C. Memorial Parks
- D. Museums

Section 5.01.15 - Dimensional Requirements in an R District, R3A District, and R5A District (Table)

District Uses	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Width and Frontage	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Side Yard	Minimum Rear Yard	Minimum Building Size Per Dwelling Unit		Maximum Building or Structure Height	Coverage
						Ground Floor Area	Total Floor Area		
1- Family Dwelling	R District: 1 1/2 Acres	R District: 150 feet	70 feet from right-of-way or 100 feet from centerline, whichever is greater	Two required, 25 feet each	50 feet	1,000 sq. ft.	0-2 bedrooms: 1200 sq. ft.	35 feet	R District Minimum Green Space: 75%
See Section 5.01.01	R3A District: 3 Acres	R3A District: 200 feet	Exceptions: Lots on Ward Dr. between Mayfield Rd. & Maple Dr., and on Opalocka Rd. between Mayfield Rd. & Cottrell Dr.: 10 feet from right-of-way or 40 ft. from centerline, whichever is greater	Corner lots: same as front yard on side street	Exceptions: Lots with less than 1 1/2 acres of lot area: 30 feet, for lawfully existing nonconforming lots of record		3 bedrooms: 1350 sq. ft.		R District Maximum Lot Coverage: 25%
	R5A District: 5 Acres	R5A District: 250 feet					4 bedrooms: 1500 sq. ft.		R3A, R5A Districts Minimum Green Space: 85%
		Exception: cul-de-sac: are not less than 100 feet, See Section 5.00.04	Lots on: Harold Dr., Marilyn Rd., Cherry Ln., Dorothy Rd., Lynn Dr., ValleyView Dr., Birchwood Dr., and on Caves Rd. from Mayfield Rd. to Birchwood Dr. on east side only: 50 feet from right-of-way or 80 ft. from centerline, whichever is greater	Exceptions: Lots less than 150 feet in width: two required, 15 feet each  Lots on Opalocka Road: two required, 8 feet each			5 or more bedrooms: 1650 sq. ft.		R3A, R5A Districts Maximum Lot Coverage: 15%
Accessory Buildings	See Section 5.01.03	See Section 5.01.03	Prohibited	See Section 5.01.03	See Section 5.01.03	See Section 5.01.03		15 feet	

5.02           **COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C DISTRICT).** Subject to the provisions of Article 4 and Article 5, the following regulations shall apply in a C District. Commercial property where presently shown on The Official Chester Township Zoning Map, depth shall be as shown, but not to exceed five hundred (500) feet from the center line for lots fronting U.S. 322 (Mayfield Road).

5.02.01       **PERMITTED PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND USES.** Within any C District, no building, structure, lot or land shall be used for other than one or more of the following uses provided such uses do not emit or create any danger to health and safety in the surrounding area, and do not create any offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, heat, glare, flame, air pollutants or other objectionable influences:

A.       The following retail sales of merchandise, provided that all products for sale or rent shall be sold or rented on the premises directly to the consumer:

Antique shops  
Artists' supply stores  
Automobile supply stores  
Bakeries  
Bicycle and supply stores  
Book and newspaper stores  
Building material and supply store  
Card stores  
Clothing and apparel shops  
Drapery, linen and fabric stores  
Drug and pharmaceutical stores  
Electronic stores  
Floor and wall covering stores  
Florist and gift shops  
Food and beverage stores  
Furniture, household goods and appliance stores  
Hardware and paint stores  
Hobby and craft shops  
Jewelry, silverware and watch stores  
Lamp and lighting fixture stores  
Luggage and leather goods stores  
Lunchrooms, bars, taverns, restaurants and cafeterias  
Medical, surgical, dental, and optical instrument and supply stores  
Musical instruments and supply stores  
Office supply and stationery stores  
Pet stores  
Photographic equipment, supplies and processing stores  
Power and equipment sales store  
Record, tape and supply stores  
Seed, plant, lawn, garden equipment and supply stores  
Sporting goods, clothing and equipment stores  
Toy stores  
Variety home items and consumable stores  
Video tape sale and rental stores

B. The following service establishments, dealing directly with the consumer:

Alarm and security systems  
Banks, financial and other lending institutions  
Barber, beauty and hair-styling shops  
Bicycle repair  
Catering  
Commercial schools, business, trade or vocational; also classes of instruction involving art, cooking, dance, drama, exam preparation, exercise and fitness, gymnastics, martial arts, and music.  
Custom signs and lettering  
Dry cleaning and clothes pressing, provided that no inflammable, toxic or odorous cleaning agents are used.  
Day-care, pre-school, and private schools  
Electronic repair  
Funeral homes  
Household appliance, service and repair shops  
Interior decorating shops  
Jewelry, clock and watch repair shops  
Laundry and dry cleaning pick-up stores  
Libraries  
Locksmiths  
Lodges, clubrooms and meeting halls  
Mailing services  
Offices, professional, medical, administrative, philanthropic and sales  
Pet grooming  
Photographic and art studios  
Picture framing shops  
Rental centers  
Residential power equipment repair  
Shoe and leather repair shops  
Tailor, dressmaker, sewing and furrier shops  
Tanning salons  
Towing service  
Travel bureaus

C. The following buildings and/or businesses not listed above:

Churches/places of worship  
Museums  
Landscaping business subject to the provisions of Section 5.02.13 of this Resolution.

Photocopying, printing and letter shop service - including sale of stationery and office supplies and reproduction of written material, provided that equipment - duplicators and photocopiers - and only that other equipment that is necessary for the preparation and finishing of the reproductions produced through those limited processes shall be permitted.

5.02.02 **PERMITTED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Permitted accessory buildings, structures and uses which are on the same lot with and incidental or subordinate to the principal permitted building, structure or use are:

- A. Parking spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- B. Loading/unloading spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- C. Signs as required by the provisions of this Resolution

5.02.03 **AREA, YARD, AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS.** The regulations set forth in the table in Section 5.02.15 shall apply as indicated for each use permitted in a C District unless otherwise specifically provided. Buildings shall be designed and constructed, and land shall be used and improved for permitted uses only in accordance with the following yard regulations:

A. **REGULATIONS FOR LOTS ON U.S. 322, S.R. 306 AND MULBERRY RD.**

- 1. **FRONT YARDS.** Lots that have property lines on U.S. 322, S.R. 306, or Mulberry Rd. shall front on those roadways. A landscaped front yard shall be provided in front of all buildings, parking areas, and permitted outdoor uses and shall extend from the street right-of-way to at least one hundred thirty-five (135) feet from the centerline or one hundred five (105) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater.

Such yards shall be landscaped and maintained in satisfactory condition, and except for permitted signs and entrance and exit drives, shall not be used for any other purpose.

- 2. **BUILDING SETBACK.** Where no parking area is to be provided in front of a structure, the minimum setback shall be not less than one hundred thirty-five (135) feet from the centerline, or one hundred five (105) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater.

Where parking is proposed in front of a structure, the minimum setback shall be not less than two hundred fifty-five (255) feet from the centerline, or two hundred twenty-five (225) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater.

3. SIDE YARDS WITHIN DISTRICT. Each lot or separate development shall have a side yard of not less than twenty (20) feet of green area on each side unless a property has a lot width of less than one hundred (100) feet in which case the on-site circulation parking and loading may be coordinated with adjoining developments and set forth in a joint agreement. A buffer zone is required in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
  4. SIDE YARDS ON SECONDARY STREETS. Where a lot fronts on U.S. 322, S.R. 306 or Mulberry Rd. and abuts a secondary street, there shall be a landscaped yard extended from the secondary street right-of-way to at least fifty (50) feet from the centerline, or twenty (20) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater. There shall be no parking between the twenty (20) foot landscaped yard and any building. A buffer zone is required in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
  5. REAR YARDS. The minimum distance from any rear Commercial District Boundary Line, or rear lot line within the Commercial District that does not coincide with the rear Commercial District boundary line, to any parking area, drive, or permitted open use shall be not less than sixty (60) feet. There shall be no parking between the sixty (60) foot landscaped yard and any building. A buffer zone is required in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
  6. BUILDINGS. The minimum distance from any rear Commercial District Boundary Line to any building shall be not less than seventy (70) feet.
- B. REGULATIONS FOR LOTS NOT ON U.S. 322, S.R. 306 OR MULBERRY RD.
1. FRONT YARDS. A landscaped front yard shall be provided in front of all buildings and permitted outdoor uses and shall extend from such permitted use to the street right-of-way.
  2. BUILDING SET BACK. The minimum setback for a structure shall be the same as that for the Residential District on the same street. There shall be no parking areas between the right-of-way and the front of a structure.
  3. SIDE YARDS. Each lot shall have minimum side yards of not less than twenty (20) feet of green area in width. A buffer zone is required in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
  4. REAR YARDS. The minimum distance from any rear Commercial District Boundary Line to any parking area, drive, or permitted open use shall be not less than sixty (60) feet. A buffer zone is required in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
- C. HEIGHT REGULATIONS. The height of any building or structure in a Commercial District shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet. The height of any accessory building shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet.

- D. **STRUCTURE HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS.** Belfries, church spires, clock towers, monuments and water towers: no maximum height imposed.

5.02.04

**DRIVEWAYS TO PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES.** The location, width and number of entrance and exit driveways servicing accessory parking facilities shall be designed to interfere as little as possible with the use of adjacent properties and the flow of traffic on the streets to which they connect.

- A. **LOCATION OF DRIVEWAYS.** The location of driveways shall be consistent with this subsection.

1. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway shall be not less than sixty (60) feet.
2. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway shall be not less than forty (40) feet.
3. The minimum distance between a driveway and an adjacent property line shall be not less than twenty (20) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.
4. No lot having less than two hundred (200) feet of frontage shall have more than one (1) two-way drive or two (2) one-way drives.
5. The minimum distance between driveways on the same property shall be forty (40) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.

- B. **ENTRANCE AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS.** Entrance and exit driveways shall not exceed three (3) lanes in width, or four (4) lanes divided and shall be designed so that all cars can be driven forward into the street. The width of such driveways, measured at the right-of way, shall conform with the following schedule:

1. **WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY**

Number of lanes	Minimum	Maximum
One lane	12 feet	18 feet
Two lanes	18 feet	24 feet
Three lanes	27 feet	34 feet

Four lane divided driveways shall be no more than 54 feet including a 6-foot median

2. The angle of intersection between the driveway and the street shall be between seventy (70) and ninety (90) degrees. The radii of the edge of the driveway apron shall be at least fifteen (15) feet.



- 5.02.05 **PERMITTED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN REQUIRED YARDS.** Unless otherwise specifically provided the following are permitted when located in required yards:
- A. Above ground surface sand filters for septic system
  - B. Air conditioning units/heat pumps
  - C. Fences and walls in accordance with the following regulations:
    - 1. Fences and walls shall be erected outside of the right-of-way of any public or private road.
    - 2. Fences and walls shall not block or impede clear sight distance of vehicle operators at the intersection of any public or private road.
    - 3. Fences and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
  - D. Flagpoles
  - E. Uncovered steps
- 5.02.06 **MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE.** The maximum lot coverage shall not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the lot area. The minimum green space on a lot shall be forty percent (40%).
- 5.02.07 **SPACING BETWEEN BUILDINGS ON THE SAME LOT.** The spacing between buildings on the same lot, measured perpendicularly from any exterior wall, shall meet the following requirements:
- A. The minimum allowable distance is forty (40) feet, and
  - B. A building group must be so arranged that any building is readily accessible by an emergency vehicle.
- 5.02.08 **CORNER SIGHT CLEARANCE.** On every corner lot within the triangle formed by the street lines on such a lot and a line drawn between two (2) points, each twenty (20) feet from the point of intersection of such street lines, there shall be no fence, wall, nor any other obstruction to vision, higher than three (3) feet.
- 5.02.09 **SIGN REGULATIONS.** Signs shall be regulated in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution.
- 5.02.10 **PARKING.** Parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution. A distance of ten (10) feet measured from the street right-of-way line shall remain unobstructed.

- 5.02.11 **IMPROVEMENTS.** All parking and loading/unloading spaces shall be suitably improved, graded, stabilized and maintained so as to cause no nuisance or danger from dust or from storm water flow onto any street.
- 5.02.12 **LOADING/UNLOADING.** Loading/unloading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution. The loading/unloading space and vehicular access thereto, shall be provided at the rear of the building or structure providing such space.
- 5.02.13 **SCREENING FOR LANDSCAPE BUSINESS.**
- A. Landscaping materials other than plants, trees and shrubs are to be kept in an area surrounded by screening.
1. This screened area shall be located within the required building lines; however, in no instance shall said screened area be located in front of the closest existing building on subject lot to the street.
  2. The screening shall be of sufficient height to screen the materials from view of the road in front of the property and at abutting property lines.
    - a. Screening consisting of an opaque/solid wall or an opaque/solid fence shall have a minimum height of six (6) feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet, except in the case of corner sight clearance, and may only be erected at or within the building lines.
    - b. Screening consisting of planted shrubs or trees shall have a minimum height of six (6) feet, except in the case of corner sight clearance. Landscape inventory of balled and burlapped or potted shrubs and trees may be substituted for planted trees and shrubs. Said screening may extend to side and rear lot lines.
    - c. The height of all screening shall be measured from ground level.
  3. The screening shall be of sufficient density to shield from view all non-living landscape materials. Said screening, if living materials, may extend to the lot lines.
  4. The required screening shall be maintained in good condition at all times.
  5. No signs shall be permitted to be attached to or hung from the required screening.
  6. Any trees, shrubs, plants or materials offered for sale located within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection of two (2) or more streets or the intersection of any access driveway and a street shall have a maximum height not to exceed three (3) feet, all measurements from road right-of-way boundaries.

- B. All vehicles, machinery and equipment shall be stored within buildings or the screened area when not in use.
- C. A buffer area of twenty-five (25) feet in width, planted with evergreen-type trees, to form a year-round dense screen, shall be maintained along a lot line which is a boundary of all Residential Districts.

5.02.14

**CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Conditional buildings structures and uses may be allowed in accordance with this Resolution with the approval of the Board. The following are conditional uses:

- A. Golf driving ranges and miniature golf courses
- B. Limousine and taxi services

Section 5.02.15 Dimensional Requirements in a C District (Table)

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C District Uses	Minimum Building Size	Maximum Height	Coverage	Minimum Lot Area	Location	Minimum Lot Frontage and Width	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Side Yard	Minimum Rear Yard	Space Between Buildings
All Uses Permitted in a C District  See Section 5.02.01	1,000 square feet	35 feet	Minimum Green Space: 40%	With on-site sewage treatment: 2 acres (87,120 square feet)	Lots on U.S. 322 S.R. 306 Mulberry Road	200 feet	135 feet from centerline	20 feet	60 feet	40 feet
		Accessory Buildings: 15 feet	Maximum Lot Coverage: 60%	With Sanitary Sewers Installed: 3/4 Acres (32,670 square feet)	Lots on all other roads	100 feet	Same as "R" District requirements for said road	20 feet	50 feet	40 feet

5.03        **SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT (S.C.).** Subject to the provisions of Article 4 and Article 5, the following regulations shall apply in an S.C. District:

5.03.01    **PURPOSE, INTENT AND DEFINITION.** Shopping Center Districts are established and shall consist of separate areas of not less than five (5) acres each, within which retail establishments may be grouped together in accordance with a development plan in order to serve the community as a center of retail sales, personal services, and professional and commercial offices.

In order to accomplish this purpose inappropriate, incompatible, or harmful uses of the land are prohibited. It is essential that such districts and adjoining districts be protected from the harmful effects of traffic congestion. To this end, the intensity of land use is limited and parking, loading/unloading, and motor vehicle access points are regulated.

5.03.02    **PERMITTED USES.** Only the following uses shall be permitted in an S.C. District provided such uses do not emit or create any danger to health and safety in the surrounding area, and do not create any offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, heat, glare, flame, air pollutants or other objectionable influences.

A.        The following retail sales of merchandise, provided that all products for sale or rent shall be sold or rented on the premises directly to the consumer:

Antique shops  
Artists' supply stores  
Bakeries  
Book and newspaper stores  
Card stores  
Clothing and apparel shops  
Drapery, linen and fabric stores  
Drug and pharmaceutical stores  
Electronic stores  
Floor and wall covering stores  
Florist and gift shops  
Food and beverage stores  
Furniture, household goods and appliance stores  
Hardware and paint stores  
Hobby and craft shops  
Jewelry, silverware and watch stores  
Lamp and lighting fixture stores  
Luggage and leather goods stores  
Lunchrooms, bars, taverns, restaurants and cafeterias  
Musical instruments and supply stores  
Office supply and stationery stores

Pet Stores  
Photographic equipment, supplies and processing stores  
Record, tape and supply stores  
Sporting goods, clothing and equipment stores  
Toy stores  
Variety home items and consumable stores  
Video tape sale and rental stores

B. The following service establishments, dealing directly with the consumer:

Banks, financial and other lending institutions  
Barber, beauty and hair-styling shops  
Bowling alleys  
Commercial schools, business, trade or vocational; also classes of instruction involving art, cooking, dance, drama, exam preparation, exercise and fitness, gymnastics, martial arts, and music.  
Dry cleaning and clothes pressing, provided that no inflammable, toxic or odorous cleaning agents are used.  
Household appliance, service and repair shops  
Indoor theaters  
Interior decorating shops  
Jewelry, clock and watch repair shops  
Laundry and dry cleaning pick-up stores  
Locksmiths  
Mailing services  
Offices, professional, business and philanthropic  
Pet grooming  
Photographic and art studios  
Picture framing shops  
Shoe and leather repair shops  
Tailor, dressmaker, sewing and furrier shops  
Tanning salons  
Travel bureaus

5.03.03 **PERMITTED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Permitted accessory buildings, structures and uses which are on the same lot with and incidental or subordinate to the principal permitted building, structure or use are:

- A. Parking spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- B. Loading/unloading spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- C. Signs as required by the provisions of this Resolution

**AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS.** The following area, yard and height regulations shall apply in an S.C. District:

- A. **MINIMUM LOT AREA.** Every shopping center development shall have a minimum lot area of five (5) acres.
- B. **MINIMUM LOT WIDTH.** Every shopping center development shall have a minimum lot width on its major street frontage of five hundred (500) feet.
- C. **MINIMUM FRONT YARD.** Every building, structure, and use of land on U.S. 322 (Mayfield Road) or S.R. 306 (Chillicothe Road) shall have a minimum front yard of one hundred forty-five (145) feet measured from the center line or one hundred fifteen (115) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater. The minimum front yard on any other street shall be one hundred (100) feet from the center line or seventy (70) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater. However, parking spaces may be located within the front yard in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.03.11.
- \* D. **MINIMUM SIDE YARDS.** Interior side yards shall not be required except as may be necessary for driveways and access. Where a side lot adjoins a Residential District, there shall be a side yard of at least one hundred (100) feet.  
  
On a corner lot, the side yard along the side street shall be no less than twenty-five (25) feet from the side street right-of-way line. However, parking spaces may be located within the side yard in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.03.11.
- E. **MINIMUM REAR YARD.** Every building, structure, and use of land shall have a minimum rear yard of fifty (50) feet. Where a rear lot line adjoins a Residential District, there shall be a rear yard of at least one hundred (100) feet. Where a rear yard adjoins a street, there shall be a minimum rear yard of fifty (50) feet. However, parking spaces and loading/unloading docks may be located within the rear yard in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.03.11 and 5.03.13.
- F. **MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDING.** The height of any building or structure shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet. The height of any accessory building shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet.
- G. **STRUCTURE HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS.** Belfries, church spires, clock towers, monuments and water towers; no maximum height imposed.

**DRIVEWAYS TO PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES.** The location, width and number of entrance and exit driveways servicing accessory parking facilities shall be designed to interfere as little as possible with the use of adjacent properties and the flow of traffic on the streets to which they connect.

A. **LOCATION OF DRIVEWAYS.** The location of driveways shall be consistent with this subsection.

1. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway shall be not less than sixty (60) feet.
2. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway shall be not less than forty (40) feet.
3. The minimum distance between a driveway and an adjacent property line shall be not less than twenty (20) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.
4. No lot having less than two hundred (200) feet of frontage shall have more than one (1) two-way drive or two (2) one-way drives.
5. The minimum distance between driveways on the same property shall be forty (40) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.

B. **ENTRANCE AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS.** Entrance and exit driveways shall not exceed three (3) lanes in width, or four (4) lanes divided and shall be designed so that all cars can be driven forward into the street. The width of such driveways, measured at the right-of way, shall conform with the following schedule:

1. **WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY**

Number of lanes	Minimum	Maximum
One lane	12 feet	18 feet
Two lanes	18 feet	24 feet
Three lanes	27 feet	34 feet

Four lane divided driveways shall be no more than 54 feet including a 6-foot median

2. The angle of intersection between the driveway and the street shall be between seventy (70) and ninety (90) degrees. The radii of the edge of the driveway apron shall be at least fifteen (15) feet.



- C. The entrance and exits to a shopping center development shall be planned at places that will cause the least amount of traffic congestion. No such access point shall be located closer than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the intersection of two (2) or more streets.
- D. There shall be no more than two (2) access points on any one street.

5.03.06

**PERMITTED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN REQUIRED YARDS.** Unless otherwise specifically provided the following are permitted when located in required yards:

- A. Above ground surface sand filters for septic system
- B. Air conditioning units/ heat pumps
- C. Fences and walls in accordance with the following regulations:
  - 1. Fences and walls shall be erected outside of the right-of-way of any public or private road.
  - 2. Fences and walls shall not block or impede clear sight distance of vehicle operators at the intersection of any public or private road.
  - 3. Fences and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- D. Flagpoles
- E. Uncovered steps

5.03.07

**MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE.** The maximum lot coverage shall not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the lot area. The minimum green space on a lot shall be forty percent (40%).

5.03.08

**SPACING BETWEEN BUILDINGS ON THE SAME LOT.** The spacing between buildings on the same lot, measured perpendicularly from any exterior wall, shall meet the following requirements:

- A. The minimum allowable distance is forty (40) feet, and
- B. A building group must be so arranged that any building is readily accessible by an emergency vehicle.

- 5.03.09      **CORNER SIGHT CLEARANCE.** On every corner lot within the triangle formed by the street lines on such a lot and a line drawn between two (2) points, each twenty (20) feet from the point of intersection of such street lines, there shall be no fence, wall, nor any other obstruction to vision, higher than three (3) feet.
- 5.03.10      **SIGN REGULATIONS.** Signs shall be regulated in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Resolution.
- 5.03.11      **PARKING.** Parking shall be regulated in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Resolution.
- 5.03.12      **IMPROVEMENTS.** The parking spaces, maneuvering areas, access driveways and loading/unloading spaces shall be surfaced with a concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt, or similar all-weather surface, and graded for proper drainage so that all water is drained within the premises and no water shall be permitted to flow on the adjoining streets or other property.

- 5.03.13      **LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES.** See Section 7.03.
- 5.03.14      **SCREENING FOR SHOPPING CENTER.** Where a Shopping Center District adjoins or faces a Residential District, there shall be a buffer zone in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
- 5.03.15      **CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Conditional buildings, structures and uses may be allowed in accordance with this Resolution with the approval of the Board. The following are conditional uses: Gamerooms.

## Section 5.03.16 Dimensional Requirements in an SC District (Table)

SC District Uses	Minimum Building Size	Maximum Height	Coverage	Minimum Lot Area	Location	Minimum Lot Frontage and Width	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Side Yard	Minimum Rear Yard	Space Between Buildings
All Uses Permitted in an SC District  See Section 5.03.02	1000 square feet	35 feet  Accessory Buildings: 15 feet	Minimum Green Space: 40%  Maximum Lot Coverage: 60%	Five (5) Acres	Lots on U.S. 322 or S.R. 306	500 feet	145 feet from centerline or 115 feet from right-of-way, whichever is greater	None if interior except for driveways and access  100 feet, if adjoining an R, R3A or R5A District  Corner lots: 25 feet from side street right-of-way	50 feet  100 feet if adjoining an R, R3A or R5A District	40 feet
					Lots on all other roads	500 feet	100 feet from centerline, or 70 feet from right-of-way, whichever is greater	Same as on U.S. 322 and S.R. 306	Same as on U.S. 322 and S.R. 306	40 feet

5.04 **I-RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I DISTRICT).** Subject to the provisions of Article 4 and Article 5, the following regulations shall apply in an I District and said I District shall not be less than twenty-five (25) acres.

5.04.01 **PERMITTED USES.** Only the following uses shall be permitted in an I District provided that such uses do not emit or create any danger to health and safety in the surrounding area, and do not create any offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, heat, glare, flame, air pollutants or other objectionable influences as defined in Section 5.04.14.

A. Light manufacturing and assembling of the following:

- Advertising and display manufacturing
- Bakers and baked goods
- Bookbinders
- Cabinet makers
- Canvas products such as tents and awnings
- Clock factory
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Doors, sash and trim, wood manufacturing
- Draperies
- Electronic research
- Furniture products
- Glass and optical products from previously manufactured glass
- Iron (custom, decorative wrought iron shops)
- Jewelry, clocks and watches
- Luggage
- Machine shops excluding punch presses with a rating capacity of over twenty (20) tons and drop hammers
- Models and pattern making
- Paper products
- Photographic equipment
- Plastic products
- Scientific and other precision instruments
- Sheet metal (custom fabrication for heating and ventilating)
- Sporting goods
- Venetian blinds, window shades and awnings

B. The following services:

- Agricultural implements (repair and service)
- Automobile repair
- Building material sales
- Building trade contractors' establishments
- Business machines
- Burglar alarm systems (installation)
- Cabinet and carpenter and craft shops
- Carpet cleaning establishments

Coin machines (rental and service)  
Dry cleaning plants  
Electrical appliances and equipment  
Enameling and painting  
Engraving  
Farm implements and machinery  
Furnace cleaning and repair  
Furniture repair and upholstering shops  
Household and office equipment repair shops  
House movers  
Interior decorators  
Laboratories, research, experimental and testing  
Lithographers  
Metal doors, screens and windows  
Motor vehicle and machinery repair, including body repair and painting  
Office furniture and equipment  
Photographic development and printing establishments  
Printing and publishing  
Restaurant equipment installation and repair  
Saw mills  
School equipment suppliers  
Sign painters and erectors  
Venetian blinds, window shades and awnings  
Window cleaners  
Window display shops

C. The Assembly and processing of the following:

Automobile seat covers or convertible tops  
Frozen food processing  
Packing and crating establishment  
Paper products  
Photo engraving  
Silver plating, soldering or welding  
Small wood and metal products, such as radios, lighting fixtures and television equipment

D. The following additional uses:

Maintenance, storage and warehousing within wholly enclosed buildings

5.04.02 **PERMITTED ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES.** Permitted accessory buildings, structures and uses which are on the same lot with and incidental or subordinate to the principal permitted building, structure or use are:

- A. Parking spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- B. Loading/unloading spaces as required by the provisions of this Resolution
- C. Signs as required by the provisions of this Resolution

5.04.03 **AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS.** The regulations set forth on the table in Section 5.04.16 shall apply as indicated to each use permitted in an I District unless otherwise specifically provided. Buildings shall be designed and constructed, and land shall be used and improved for permitted uses only in accordance with the following regulations:

- A. **FRONT YARDS.** a landscaped yard shall be provided in front of all buildings, parking areas, and permitted outdoor uses and shall extend from the street right-of-way to at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the centerline or one hundred twenty (120) feet from the right-of-way, whichever is greater.

Such yards shall be landscaped and maintained in satisfactory condition, and except for permitted signs and entrance and exit drives, shall not be used for any other purpose.

- B. **SIDE YARD ADJOINING OR WITHIN AN "I" OR "C" DISTRICT.** Each lot or separate development shall have a side yard of not less than fifty (50) feet of green area on each side.
- C. **YARDS ADJOINING A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.** Where the boundary line of an I District adjoins the boundary line of any Residential District, the side or rear yard, as the case may be, shall be two hundred fifty (250) feet. No parking or paved area, roadway, lighting or other similar development shall be less than thirty (30) feet from any adjoining boundary of any Residential District, and no loading ramp shall be less than a hundred (100) feet from said boundary. This yard shall have a buffer zone in accordance with Section 5.00.02 E.
- D. **REAR YARDS.** The minimum distance from any rear Industrial District boundary line, or rear lot line within the Industrial District that does not coincide with the rear Industrial District boundary line, to any parking area, drive or permitted open use shall not be less than sixty (60) feet.
- E. **HEIGHT REGULATIONS.** The height of any building or structure in an Industrial District shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet. The height of any accessory building shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet.
- F. **STRUCTURE HEIGHT EXCEPTIONS.** Belfries, church spires, clock towers, monuments and water towers: no maximum height imposed.

5.04.04 **GENERAL AREA REGULATIONS.** Subject to the provisions of Article 4 and Article 5, the following regulations shall apply in an I District:

- A. The lot area shall be the area of any lot, or lots, comprising a development, excluding the right-of-way of an existing, or planned and duly approved future street, or planned street widening, and it shall be construed to encourage larger parcels for each development so as to provide space for expansion of principal and accessory uses.
- B. The landscaped areas shall be that part of any lot which is not covered by buildings, parking areas, driveways or similar permitted outdoor use, and it shall be construed that it may be necessary to further increase the landscaped areas in providing the yards required under Sections 5.04.03, 5.04.09, or 5.04.16. The landscaped areas shall be developed and maintained as lawns along with trees and shrubs, or maintained in an orderly natural state.

5.04.05 **DRIVEWAYS TO PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES.** The location, width and number of entrance and exit driveways servicing accessory parking facilities shall be designed to interfere as little as possible with the use of adjacent properties and the flow of traffic on the streets to which they connect.

- A. **LOCATION OF DRIVEWAYS.** The location of driveways shall be consistent with this subsection.
  - 1. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway shall be not less than sixty (60) feet.
  - 2. The minimum distance between a driveway and the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway shall be not less than forty (40) feet.
  - 3. The minimum distance between a driveway and an adjacent property line shall be not less than twenty (20) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.
  - 4. No lot having less than two hundred (200) feet of frontage shall have more than one (1) two-way drive or two (2) one-way drives.
  - 5. The minimum distance between driveways on the same property shall be forty (40) feet from the point of radii as measured along the pavement edge.



- B. **ENTRANCE AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS.** Entrance and exit driveways shall not exceed three (3) lanes in width, or four (4) lanes divided and shall be designed so that all cars can be driven forward into the street. The width of such driveways, measured at the right-of way, shall conform with the following schedule:

1. **WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY**

Number of lanes	Minimum	Maximum
One lane	12 feet	18 feet
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Three lanes	27 feet	34 feet

Four lane divided driveways shall be no more than 54 feet including a 6-foot median

2. The angle of intersection between the driveway and the street shall be between seventy (70) and ninety (90) degrees. The radii of the edge of the driveway apron shall be at least fifteen (15) feet.
- C. The entrance and exits to an I District shall be planned at places that will cause the least amount of traffic congestion. No such access point shall be located closer than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the intersection of two (2) or more streets.
- D. There shall be no more than two (2) access points on any one street.

5.04.06

**PERMITTED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN REQUIRED YARDS.**

Unless otherwise specifically provided the following are permitted when located in required yards:

- A. Above ground surface sand filters for septic system
- B. Air conditioning units/heat pumps
- C. Fences and walls in accordance with the following regulations:
1. Fences and walls shall be erected outside of the right-of-way of any public or private road.
  2. Fences and walls shall not block or impede clear sight distance of vehicle operators at the intersection of any public or private road.
  3. Fences and walls shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- D. Flagpoles
- E. Uncovered steps

- 5.04.07 **MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE.** The maximum lot coverage shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the lot area. The minimum green space on a lot shall be seventy-five percent (75%) of which a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) shall be landscaped.
- 5.04.08 **SPACING BETWEEN BUILDINGS ON THE SAME LOT.** The spacing between buildings on the same lot, measured perpendicularly from any exterior wall, shall meet the following requirements:
- A. The minimum allowable distance is forty (40) feet, and
  - B. A building group must be so arranged that any building is readily accessible by an emergency vehicle.
- 5.04.09 **CORNER SIGHT CLEARANCE.** On every corner lot within the triangle formed by the street lines on such lot and a line drawn between two (2) points, each twenty (20) feet from the point of intersection of such street lines, there shall be no wall, planting or fence higher than three (3) feet, nor any other obstruction to vision between a height of three (3) feet and a height of ten (10) feet above the established grade of either street.
- 5.04.10 **SIGN REGULATIONS.** Signs shall be regulated in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Resolution.
- 5.04.11 **PARKING.** Except as provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7. All parking facilities shall be located on the same lot as the principal building and use served and shall in no case be located between any street line and its parallel building line.
- 5.04.12 **IMPROVEMENTS.** The parking spaces, maneuvering areas, access driveways and loading/unloading areas shall be surfaced with a concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt, or similar all-weather surface, and graded for proper drainage so that all water is drained within the premises and no water shall be permitted to flow on the adjoining streets or other property.
- 5.04.13 **LOADING/UNLOADING.** Loading/unloading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the regulations set forth in this Resolution for each of the uses permitted in an I District. Wherever possible, the loading/unloading spaces and vehicular access thereto shall be provided at the rear of the building or structure providing such space.

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.** Every performance standard set forth herein, if deemed applicable by the Commission, shall be complied with as a condition to the issuance of a zoning certificate for any use in an I District and is subject to Article 3. The cost of studies needed to show compliance with any performance standard shall be borne by the individual, firm or corporation occupying the site at the time such studies are required by the Commission.

- A. **ENCLOSURE.** All permitted principal and accessory uses and operations shall be performed wholly within an enclosed building or buildings. All raw materials, finished products, mobile and other equipment shall be stored within buildings, with the exception that outdoor overnight parking of cargo carriers in the process of loading or unloading shall be permitted.
- B. **FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS.** The storage, handling and use of flammable or explosive materials shall be permitted only in structures having incombustible exterior walls, and all operations in connection therewith shall be provided with adequate safety and protective devices against hazards or fire and explosion as well as with adequate fire-fighting and suppression equipment and devices standard to the operation involved. The latest edition of the American Insurance Association "Fire Prevention Code" is hereby established as a guide in determining the adequacy of safety and protective devices.
- C. **WASTE MATERIAL.** No discharge shall be permitted at any point, into any private sewage disposal system, or stream, or into the ground, of any materials in such a way or of such nature or temperature as can contaminate any water supply, or otherwise cause the emission of dangerous or objectionable elements, except in accord with standards approved by Ohio State Department of Health, Geauga County Board of Health, Water Pollution Control Board, or, in the event that these agencies have no jurisdiction over the particular use involved, then standards equivalent to those approved by such agencies for similar uses shall apply. Solid wastes shall be stored in structures pending disposal and no accumulation of solid wastes conducive to the breeding of rodents or insects shall be permitted.

A separate storm sewer system, approved by applicable County and State agencies, shall be provided to receive storm water.
- D. **SMOKE.** No emission shall be permitted at any point, from any chimney or otherwise, of visible grey smoke of a shade darker than No. 1 on the Ringelmann Smoke Chart as published by the U.S. Bureau of Mines (Power's Micro-Ringelmann Chart, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 1954, may be used), except that visible grey smoke of a shade not darker than No. 2 on said chart may be emitted for not more than four (4) minutes in any thirty (30) minutes. These provisions, applicable to visible grey smoke, shall also apply to visible smoke of a different color but with an equivalent apparent opacity.

- E. FLY ASH, DUST, FUMES, VAPORS GASES AND OTHER FORMS OF AIR POLLUTION. No emission shall be permitted which can cause any damage to health, to animals or vegetation, or other forms of property, or which can cause any excessive soiling at any point, and in no event any emission, from any chimney or otherwise, of any solid or liquid particles in concentrations exceeding 0.3 grains per cubic foot of the conveying gas or air at any point. For measurement of the amount of particles in gases resulting from combustion, standard corrections shall be applied to a stack temperature of five hundred (500) degrees Fahrenheit and fifty percent (50%) excess air.
- F. NOISE. The sound pressure level of any operation on a lot, other than the operation of auto-calls, bells, motor vehicles, sirens or whistles, shall not exceed the average intensity of street traffic noise at the nearest residential lot line, and no sound shall be objectionable due to intermittence, beat frequency, or shrillness.
- G. VIBRATION. No vibration shall be permitted which is discernible to the human sense of feelings for three (3) minutes more duration in any one (1) hour of the day between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or thirty (30) seconds or more duration in any one hour between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. No vibration at any time shall produce an acceleration of more than 0.1g or shall result in any combination of amplitudes and frequencies beyond the "safe" range of Table 7, U.S. Bureau of Mines Bulletin No. 442, "Seismic Effects of Quarry Blasting", on any structure. The methods and equations of said bulletin No. 442 shall be used to compute all values for the enforcement of this standard.
- H. HEAT, COLD, MOVEMENT OF AIR OR DAMPNESS. No activities shall be permitted which shall produce any material effect on the temperature, motion, or humidity of the atmosphere at the lot line or beyond.
- I. RADIOACTIVE OR ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE. No activities which emit dangerous radioactivity shall be permitted at any point. Radioactive or electrical disturbances shall not be created which would adversely affect any equipment at or beyond the boundaries of the lot occupied by the use.
- J. ODOR. No emission of odorous gases or other odorous matter in such quantities as to be offensive at or beyond the boundaries of the lot occupied by the use shall be permitted. Any process which may involve the creation of emission of any odors shall be provided with a secondary safeguard system, so that control will be maintained if the primary safeguard system should fail. There is hereby established as a guide in determining such quantities of offensive odors Table 111 (Odor Thresholds) in Chapter 5, "Air Pollution Abatement Manual", copyright 1951 by Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Washington, D.C.
- K. GLARE. No direct or sky-reflected glare, whether from floodlights or from high-temperature processes such as combustion or welding or otherwise, so as to create a public nuisance at or beyond the boundaries of the lot occupied by the use shall be permitted. All sources of illumination of the exterior of buildings or grounds shall be shielded so as not to cause glare which is hazardous to vehicle drivers or is objectionable to owners of adjacent property.

**DEVELOPMENT PLANS.** A preliminary and final Development Plan shall be prepared by the developer, or his agent, for all land development proposed in an I District and submitted to the Zoning Inspector for review and approval in accordance with the following regulations.

- A. Plans for development shall be drawn at a scale no smaller than one hundred (100) feet to the inch and shall include:
1. **SURVEY:** property and topography, showing land owned and proposed for development, surrounding streets and the adjoining lots.
  2. **BUILDINGS:** locations, size, height and use of all proposed principal and accessory buildings; the general design, materials and color; and the nearest buildings on adjoining lots.
  3. **TRAFFIC:** proposed system of on-site vehicular circulation, details for accessways to streets, methods for control of traffic and type of pavement.
  4. **PARKING AREAS:** layout and estimate of number of spaces, landscaping and other design features and type of pavement.
  5. **UTILITIES:** location, size and grade for all utility installations and connections to present or proposed facilities.
  6. **OTHER SITE DEVELOPMENTS:** including grading and drainage, design of landscaped yards, planting areas and buffers and adjoining residential areas; the size, locations, type of all outdoor signs; and the location, initial lamp lumen value, and cutoff classification of all exterior lighting fixtures.
- B. **Approval of Plans.** The preliminary Development Plan shall be submitted to the Zoning Inspector for study and review to determine whether the plan conforms with the provisions of the regulations set forth in this Section, or how it may be revised to conform therewith.
1. If the preliminary Development Plan, together with any modifications thereof proposed by the developer, or his agent, is found by the Zoning Inspector to be in accord with the requirements of this Section, it shall approve such preliminary Development Plan within two (2) months from the date of the meeting when all required plans and data were received; if not found to be in agreement therewith, the Zoning Inspector shall recommend revisions to be made by the developer, or his agent.

2. Upon approval of a preliminary Development Plan, the developer, or his agent, may prepare a final Development Plan and submit it to the Zoning Inspector. If the proposed final Development Plan is found to comply with and represents a detailed expansion of the preliminary Development Plan as previously approved and complies with any conditions which may have been imposed in the approval of the preliminary Development Plan, and complies with all applicable provisions of this Section, the final Development Plan shall be recommended to the Trustees within fifteen (15) days from the date of the meeting when all required plans and data were received for filing by the Zoning Inspector. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the Zoning Inspector's recommendation of the final Development Plan, the Trustees shall approve, disapprove or modify the final plan. The developer or his agent may then apply for a zoning certificate if the final Development Plan is found to comply with other applicable regulations of Chester Township, Geauga County and other applicable agencies.
- C. The final Development Plan may be revised by the developer, or his agent, and resubmitted through the same procedure required for the original preliminary and final Development Plan. Failure to begin the construction of all or a substantial portion of the improvements approved by the final Development Plan within one (1) year after the issuance of a Zoning Certificate shall make null and void the plan as approved unless an extension of time is granted by the Trustees.

Section 5.04.16 Dimensional Requirements in an I Restricted Industrial District (Table)

I District Uses	Minimum Building Size	Maximum Height	Coverage	Minimum Area	Minimum Lot Frontage and Width	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Side and Rear Yard	Space Between Buildings
<p>All Uses Permitted in an I District</p> <p>See Section 5.04.01</p>	2,500 square feet	<p>35 feet</p> <p>Accessory Buildings: 15 feet</p>	<p>Minimum Green Space: 75%, of which a minimum of 25% will be landscaped</p> <p>Maximum Lot Coverage: 25%</p>	<p>25 acres minimum for each I District</p> <p>5 acres for each lot</p>	300 feet	150 feet from centerline	<p>Side yard: 50 feet if adjoining or within an I or C District</p> <p>Rear yard: 60 feet if adjoining or within an I or C District</p> <p>Side and rear yard: 250 feet if adjoining an R, R3A or R5A District</p> <p>See Section 5.04.03</p>	40 feet

**ARTICLE 6  
CONDITIONAL USES**

**6.00        CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.**

No person shall locate, erect, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, or structurally alter any building or structure nor shall any building, structure or real property be changed in use that is classified as a conditional use within the territory included in this Zoning Resolution without obtaining a conditional zoning certificate and no such zoning certificate shall be issued unless the plans for the proposed building, structure, or use fully comply with this Zoning Resolution.

**6.01        CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

Written application for a conditional zoning certificate shall be made on forms provided by the Township Zoning Inspector and shall be signed and dated by the owner, the applicant, or his authorized representative, attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information supplied in the application.

All applications for conditional zoning certificates shall contain the following language:

The penalty for falsification is imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

All completed applications for a conditional zoning certificate shall be submitted to the Township Zoning Inspector and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A.     The name, address and telephone number of the applicant;
- B.     The name, address and telephone number of the owner of record;
- C.     The address of the property, if different from the applicant's current address;
- D.     The names and addresses of all parties in interest from the County Auditor's current tax list (all properties within five hundred [500] feet from the perimeter of the subject property);
- E.     Documentation as to the applicant's authority (standing) to file this application (e.g. deed, power of attorney, lease or purchase agreement);
- F.     A legal description of the property, as recorded with the Geauga County Recorder;
- G.     The current zoning district in which the property is located;
- H.     A description of the existing use of the property;



- I. A description of the proposed use of the property;
- J. Two (2) copies of a plan or map, drawn to scale, with a north arrow and date showing the following information:
  1. The dimensions (in feet) of all property lines and the total acreage of the property;
  2. The dimensions (in feet) of all existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;
  3. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of existing buildings or structures on the property, if any;
  4. The dimensions (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  5. The total amount of square feet of floor space for each floor of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  6. The setback (in feet) from all property lines of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  7. The height (in feet) of existing buildings or structures on the property;
  8. The height (in feet) of proposed buildings or structures on the property or of any addition or structural alteration to existing buildings or structures;
  9. The name and location of the existing road(s), public and private, adjacent to the property;
  10. The number of dwelling units existing (if any) and proposed for the property;
  11. The location, dimensions (in feet), and number of parking spaces existing (if any) and proposed;
  12. For commercial, shopping center and industrial uses: The location, dimensions (in feet), and number of loading/unloading spaces;
  13. The location and dimensions (in feet) of any existing or proposed easements on the property;
  14. The location and type of exterior lighting structures or fixtures and a statement of the initial rated lumens for each fixture and whether or not the fixture will be installed as a full cutoff fixture as required in Section 5.00.02.1 of this Resolution.

- K. Provide the type and design of any sign(s);
  - 1. Two (2) copies of a drawing or map, drawn to scale with a north arrow and date showing:
    - a. The dimensions (in feet) of the sign;
    - b. The area of the sign (per sign face) in square feet;
    - c. The location of the sign on the building, structure, or property including dimensions (in feet) from the front and side lot lines;
    - d. The height (in feet) of the sign;
    - e. The method of illumination, if any;
    - f. The dimensions of the lettering and/or the elements of the matter displayed (e.g. a logo).
- L. Two (2) copies of an erosion control plan as required by Section 5.00.06 of this Resolution or written documentation of plan approval from the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.
- M. The application fee. See Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses; and Collection Procedure, Section 1.01.05.

**6.02 TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

Within seven (7) days after the receipt of a completed application for a conditional zoning certificate, the Township Zoning Inspector shall transmit said application to the secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals or to the chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals, if the secretary is unavailable.

**6.03 MEETING OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

The chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing to consider the application for a conditional zoning certificate which shall commence not later than sixty (60) days from the date that said application was received by the chairperson or secretary. The hearing on the application may be continued from day to day for good cause shown.

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall give at least ten (10) days notice in writing to the parties in interest, give notice of such public hearing by one (1) publication in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the county at least ten (10) days before the date of such hearing and decide the appeal within a reasonable time after it is submitted; notice of continued public hearings shall be given at least by one (1) publication in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the county and in writing to the parties in interest at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of such hearing. Written notice may be provided by personal delivery or ordinary mail.

6.03.01      **ACTION BY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.**

- A.      Hearings and decisions before the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be conducted in accordance with Section 3.00.03.4 (Procedures of the Board of Zoning Appeals) of this Resolution.
- B.      One (1) copy of the plans submitted with the application shall be returned to the applicant by the Board of Zoning Appeals after said copy has been marked either approved or disapproved, dated, and attested to by the signature of the chairperson or the secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals. One (1) copy of the plans so marked shall be retained by the Board of Zoning Appeals for its permanent records.
- C.      The date of the signing of the written decision by the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be the date of entry as provided in R.C. 2505.07 for purposes of appeal to the court of common pleas pursuant to R.C. Chapter 2506.

6.04      **ISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

Upon receiving written notice of the approval of an application for a conditional zoning certificate as provided by Section 6.03.01, the Zoning Inspector shall issue a conditional zoning certificate to the applicant.

6.05      **GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATES.**

All conditional zoning certificates may contain the following conditions, in addition to those specifically required by other sections of this Zoning Resolution and those required by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- A.      A conditional zoning certificate shall not be transferred or assigned without prior notification to the Zoning Inspector of such transfer or assignment.
- B.      A conditional zoning certificate for any of the uses provided herein shall be valid for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of issuance.
- C.      Application for renewal of a conditional zoning certificate shall be made not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of such certificate.

6.06      **REVOCATION OF CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

A conditional zoning certificate shall be revoked by the Board of Zoning Appeals if:

- A.      The conditional zoning certificate has been issued in error.
- B.      The conditional zoning certificate was issued based upon a false statement by the applicant.
- C.      A change of ownership or lease of the premises occurred and application for a conditional zoning certificate was not made by the new owner or lessee within thirty (30) days of the date of transfer or lease.

- D. The construction or use described in the conditional zoning certificate has not begun within six (6) months from the date of issuance or if construction has begun within six (6) months and said construction has not been completed within two (2) years from the date of issuance.
- E. The conditional use described therein is voluntarily discontinued for a period of two (2) years.
- F. Any of the conditions set forth in the conditional zoning certificate are violated.

6.06.01

#### **PROCEDURE FOR REVOCATION OF CONDITIONAL ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall notify the holder of the conditional zoning certificate by certified mail of its intent to revoke said certificate and the reason(s) therefor and his/her right to a hearing before the Board, within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the notice, if he/she so requests. If the holder requests a hearing, the Board shall set a time and place for the hearing and notify the holder. At the hearing, the holder may appear in person, by his/her attorney or other representative, or he/she may present his/her position in writing. He/she may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against him/her. If no hearing is requested, the Board may revoke the certificate without a hearing. The authority to revoke a certificate is in addition to any other means of zoning enforcement provided by law.

When a conditional zoning certificate has been declared revoked by the Board of Zoning Appeals, written notice of its revocation shall be sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) to the applicant and such notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the affected property as described in the conditional zoning certificate. Such notice shall set forth the reason(s) for the revocation of the conditional zoning certificate. Such notice shall also include a statement that all construction upon or use of the building, structure or land described in the conditional zoning certificate shall cease unless and until a new conditional zoning certificate has been issued.

6.07

#### **GENERAL STANDARDS FOR CONDITIONAL USES.**

In addition to the specific requirements for conditional uses specified in this Resolution, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall review the particular facts and circumstances of each proposed conditional use in terms of the following standards:

- A. The location, size and intensity of the proposed use shall be considered in relationship to the size and location of the site.
- B. The proposed roads and other means of ingress and egress are of adequate width and condition to accommodate expected vehicular traffic to be generated by the proposed use and are reasonably constructed to permit access by firefighting, police, ambulance and other safety vehicles and will not interfere with traffic on adjacent thoroughfares.
- C. The size and number of proposed parking spaces and loading/unloading spaces (if applicable) are adequate and are in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this Resolution.

- D. The type, size, location and number of proposed signs are in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Resolution.
- E. The proposed use will be compatible with the Township Land Use Plan.
- F. The proposed use will not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses.
- G. The proposed use will be served adequately by essential public facilities including roads, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewage disposal facilities, and schools, or that the applicant shall be able to adequately provide such services.
- H. The proposed use will not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.
- I. The proposed use will not involve uses, activities, processes, materials, equipment and conditions that will be detrimental to any persons, property or the general welfare.
- J. The proposed use will not result in the destruction, loss or damage of a natural, scenic, or historic feature of major importance.
- K. The proposed use will not obstruct light and air from adjacent buildings to a greater extent than would result from the applications of the regulations prescribed for the districts in which such use is located.
- L. The proposed use will be examined to determine the necessity for landscaping, fences, and walls designed to further the purposes of this Resolution.
- M. Applicant for the proposed use must show proof of compliance with applicable regulations of the Ohio E.P.A. and Geauga County General Health District.
- N. Except as otherwise provided, the proposed use shall comply with all the regulations for the zoning district in which it is located.

**6.08            CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.**

**6.08.01        CHURCHES.** Subject to the provisions of Article 6, churches may be permitted by the Board of Zoning Appeals as a conditional use in any Residential District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. **BUILDING OR PREMISES USE.** No part of any building or land used for church purposes shall be used for business, commercial use or non-church related activities.
- B. **LOCATION.** No church shall be located closer than one-quarter mile from any other place of assembly as defined in the Ohio Basic Building Code.

- C. **FRONTAGE.** The minimum front lot line of a church shall be three hundred fifty (350) feet, except for a corner lot where the minimum front and side lot lines shall be four hundred twenty-five (425) feet each.
- D. **DRIVEWAYS.** The driveways used to provide accessibility to such facility shall be so located and arranged to minimize traffic congestion. Therefore, no church entrance or exit driveway shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of any intersecting right-of-way as measured from the right-of-way.
- E. **YARDS.** The minimum side and rear yard setback line of any church shall be one hundred (100) feet. The minimum front yard setback line shall be two hundred (200) feet or the line joining the front building lines of adjoining properties, whichever is the greater distance. Required front, side and rear yards shall be landscaped and maintained in a satisfactory condition.
- F. **HEIGHT.** The maximum church building height shall be the same as is specified for the district in which the church is proposed to be located, subject to the building height exceptions.
- G. **LOT AREA.** The minimum church lot size and coverage shall be the same as is specified for the district in which the church is proposed to be located.
- H. **PARKING.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7.
  - 1. The required parking spaces for each church shall be one (1) space per six (6) seats located in the main assembly hall or sanctuary.
  - 2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
  - 3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.
- I. **BUFFER ZONE.** A buffer zone of not less than sixty (60) feet in width measured from the lot line and the nearest edge of the parking area shall be required wherever a church abuts a single family detached dwelling. No structure, building, accessory building, parking area, driveway or sign shall be permitted in a buffer zone. The buffer zone shall be part of the lot on which the church is located. All buffer zones abutting along the side or rear lot lines shall be landscaped and maintained in an appropriate manner. In addition, the buffer zone shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.

6.08.02

**GOLF CLUBS, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC.** A private golf club may be established and operated but subject to the following conditions:

- A. **MINIMUM LOT AREA.** There shall be provided a minimum lot area of eighty (80) acres for a 9-hole and one hundred and sixty (160) acres for an 18-hole course.

- B. **PARKING.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7.
1. The required parking spaces shall be one and one-half (1 ½) for each green.
  2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
  3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.
- C. **DRIVEWAYS:** The driveways used to provide accessibility to such facility shall be so located and arranged to minimize traffic congestion. Therefore, the center line of such driveway shall be at least sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway and at least forty (40) feet from the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway.
- D. **FENCING.** The entire premises upon which such club is located shall be fenced on the lot lines by suitable wire fencing.
- E. **MODIFICATION OF SCREENING AND FENCING BY THE BOARD.** The Board may modify the provisions of Section 7.00L and this paragraph D in those cases where there is no development of uses permitted in any Residential District that immediately adjoins such club. However, the required screening and fencing shall be installed by the golf club at the time development of the Residential District use takes place.
- F. **ACCESSORY FACILITIES.** Accessory recreation facilities may be permitted, but shall be limited in size so that they do not become the principal use of the premises. Therefore,
1. An accessory swimming pool shall not exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet in area, and an accessory wading pool five hundred (500) square feet in area. All pools shall be completely enclosed with a woven wire fence at least four (4) feet high.
  2. Tennis facilities shall not exceed ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area.
  3. There shall be no picnics or picnicking facilities.
  4. A club house, maintenance buildings, and sheds and shelters may be permitted. Retail sales and services may be permitted but shall be limited to members only. Such sales and services may include a restaurant, snack bar, and the sale and repair of athletic equipment associated with the golf club.
- G. **DWELLINGS TO CONFORM.** No building shall be used as a dwelling that does not conform completely to the requirements of the Zoning Resolution.

- H. **DISTANCES FROM LOT LINES.** All buildings, structures, driveways, parking areas, edges of fairways, and outdoor activities shall be at least one hundred (100) feet from all lot lines. The Board may modify this provision in cases of unnecessary hardship or to insure a more appropriate site layout, but in no case less than seventy-five (75) feet from all lot lines.
- I. **MEMBERSHIP LIMIT.** Membership shall be limited to one thousand (1,000) members.
- J. **FRONTAGE ON THOROUGHFARE.** Wherever possible such club shall front upon a major thoroughfare as specified in the "Geauga County Township Thoroughfare Plan".
- K. **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE.** At least the construction of the club house and the required off-street parking spaces shall be completed within two (2) years, and at least nine (9) holes of the golf course within three (3) years of the date of issuance of the conditional zoning certificate.

6.08.03 **MEMORIAL PARK.** A memorial park may be established and operated subject to the following conditions:

- A. **DRIVEWAYS.** Ingress and egress to and from the memorial park shall be from a major thoroughfare as shown on the official "Geauga County Thoroughfare Plan". The entrances and exits shall be planned at places that will cause the least amount of traffic congestion and hazard. Therefore:
  - 1. The center line of such driveway shall be at least sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway and at least forty (40) feet from the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway.
  - 2. There shall be no more than two (2) driveways on any one street.
- B. **PARKING.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7.
  - 1. One (1) parking space shall be provided for each employee. In addition, a minimum of twenty (20) parking spaces shall be provided. The private roads within the memorial park may be used for parking only if they are of sufficient width to accommodate moving traffic and parked vehicles.
  - 2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
  - 3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.



- C. **BUFFER ZONE AND SCREENING.** A buffer zone of not less than sixty (60) feet in width measured from the lot line and the nearest edge of the parking area shall be required wherever a memorial park abuts a Residential District. No structure, building, accessory building, parking area, driveway or sign shall be permitted in a buffer zone. The buffer zone shall be part of the lot on which the memorial park is located. All buffer zones abutting along the side or rear lot lines shall be landscaped and maintained in an appropriate manner. In addition, the buffer zone shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
- D. **MODIFICATION OF SCREENING AND FENCING BY THE BOARD.** The Board may modify the provisions of this paragraph C temporarily only in those cases where there is no residential development immediately adjoining such use. However, the required screening shall be installed at the time residential development takes place.
- E. **LOCATION OF STRUCTURE.** Fences and gates shall be erected or located at least twenty-five (25) feet from the street right-of-way line and may be located on the side or rear lot lines. Mausoleums, memorial walls, and other structures shall be erected or located at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from all lot lines.
- F. **MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES.** The height of any structure shall not exceed twenty (20) feet, measured from the average finished grade level at the building line to, in the case of flat roofs, the highest point on the roof, or, in the case of a pitched roof, to the mean level between the eaves and the highest point of the roof.
- G. **SITE PLAN.** The applicant shall furnish the Board with:
1. A site plan indicating the location, size and height of all buildings and structures, including fences, walls, gates and signs.
  2. Architectural plans for all proposed buildings and structures.
  3. Landscaping plans for the premises upon which the buildings and structures are to be located. These plans shall indicate the planting treatment proposed at the boundary of the memorial park and the planting treatment between the parking lanes. This plan shall also show the design features and layout of the land to be used for parking, the type of pavement to be used, the type of lighting fixtures proposed, and a grading and drainage plan for the memorial park.
  4. A proposed system of vehicular traffic circulation within the memorial park, access points from adjoining streets, and estimates of traffic volumes for the proposed memorial park.

- H. FISCAL PLAN. Neglected memorial parks become problems and nuisances for the Township. Therefore, to preserve the Township's tax base and the general welfare of its people, the applicant shall furnish the Board with a fiscal plan which documents the applicant's financial responsibility to insure the maintenance of the memorial park. Toward this end, the Board may require the establishment of a perpetual care trust fund having sufficient capital to insure proper maintenance.

6.08.04

**MUSEUMS.** Subject to the provisions of Article 6, museums may be permitted by the Board of Zoning Appeals as a conditional use in any Residential District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. BUILDING OR PREMISES USE. No part of any building or land shall be used for non-museum related activities.
- B. LOCATION. No museum shall be located closer than one-quarter mile from any other museum.
- C. FRONTAGE. The minimum front lot line of a museum shall be three hundred fifty (350) feet, except for a corner lot where the minimum front and side lot lines shall be four hundred twenty-five (425) feet each.
- D. DRIVEWAYS. The driveways used to provide accessibility to such facility shall be so located and arranged to minimize traffic congestion. Therefore, the center line of such driveway shall be at least sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of the nearest parallel State or Federal highway and at least forty (40) feet from the right-of-way line of a parallel street other than a State or Federal highway.
- E. YARDS. The minimum side and rear yard setback line of any museum shall be one hundred (100) feet. The minimum front yard setback line shall be two hundred (200) feet or the line joining the front building lines of adjoining properties, whichever is the greater distance. Required front, side and rear yards shall be landscaped and maintained in a satisfactory condition.
- F. HEIGHT. The maximum museum building height shall be the same as is specified for the district in which the museum is proposed to be located, subject to the building height exceptions.
- G. LOT AREA. The minimum museum lot size and coverage shall be the same as is specified for the district in which the museum is proposed to be located.
- II. PARKING. Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirement of Article 7.
  - 1. The required parking spaces shall be one (1) for each employee, plus one (1) for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area.
  - 2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.

3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.

- I. **BUFFER ZONE.** A buffer zone of not less than sixty (60) feet in width measured from the lot line and the nearest edge of the parking area shall be required wherever a museum abuts a single family detached dwelling. No structure, building, accessory building, parking area, driveway or sign shall be permitted in a buffer zone. The buffer zone shall be part of the lot on which the museum is located. All buffer zones abutting along the side or rear lot lines shall be landscaped and maintained in an appropriate manner. In addition, the buffer zone shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.

**6.09            CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.**

**6.09.01        GOLF DRIVING RANGES AND MINIATURE GOLF COURSES.**

Conditions for golf driving ranges and miniature golf courses:

- A. The entire premises shall be fenced by suitable wire fencing.
- B. **PARKING.** Except as provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7.
  1. The required parking spaces shall be two (2) for each driving tee, plus one (1) for each operator, and one (1) for each employee.
  2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
  3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.

**6.09.02        LIMOUSINE AND TAXI SERVICES.**

Conditions for limousine and taxi services:

- A. Exclusive of parking regulations, no more than three (3) vehicles shall be parked outside of a completely enclosed building or structure and no vehicles shall be parked within any required yard area.
- B. No vehicle shall be parked for display within one hundred five (105) feet of the road right-of-way or one hundred thirty-five (135) feet of the centerline whichever is greater.
- C. **PARKING.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking spaces shall comply with the requirements of Article 7.
  1. There shall be five (5) parking spaces required.

2. Parking spaces shall be screened as required in Section 7.00L.
3. No parking shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard as required in Section 7.00D.

6.10 **CONDITIONAL BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES IN SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICTS.** Subject to the provisions of Article 6, the following Conditional Uses may be permitted in a Shopping Center District with the approval of the Board.

6.10.01 **GAMEROOMS.** A gameroom may be established and operated subject to the following conditions:

- A. No more the twenty-five percent (25%) of the net floor area of gameroom(s) or game area(s) shall be occupied by tables, machines, games, or amusement devices. The remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of the net floor area shall be devoted to aisles, walkways and open spaces.
- B. **SUPERVISION.** Each operator of a gameroom shall provide one or more responsible adults, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, as a supervisor(s) who shall be readily identifiable and on duty at all times when the gameroom equipment is operated in operating condition or otherwise opened for business. Such supervisor shall maintain the decorum of the gameroom and keep the aisles free for passage throughout the gameroom.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES**

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS.** Parking and loading/unloading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the following provisions except as otherwise provided in this Resolution:

- A. No building, structure, or use shall be used or occupied and no building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, enlarged, or structurally altered unless permanently maintained parking and loading/unloading spaces shall be provided as required and in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.
- B. Whenever the use of a building or structure is changed or is increased in floor area, number of employees, seating capacity or otherwise so as to create a need for an increase in the number of existing parking and loading/unloading spaces, additional spaces shall be provided on the basis of such change or increase.
- C. All parking and loading/unloading spaces shall not be permitted within ten (10) feet of any street right-of-way line. Parking spaces shall be provided with wheel or bumper guards that are so located that no part of a parked vehicle will extend beyond said ten (10) feet.
- D. All parking and loading/unloading spaces shall be located on the same lot as the use to be served. No parking and loading/unloading shall be permitted on a lot in the required minimum front, side or rear yard.
- E. All parking and loading/unloading spaces shall be graded for proper drainage so that all water is drained within the lot and no water be permitted to flow on to adjoining street or other property.
- F. All parking and loading/unloading spaces together with driveways, aisles, and other circulation areas shall be surfaced with an impervious all-weather material such as concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt or other similar hard-surfaced, all-weather material.
- G. The owner of the property used for parking and loading/unloading spaces shall maintain such areas in good condition without holes and free of all dust, trash, and other debris.
- H. All parking and loading/unloading spaces intended to be used during non-daylight hours shall be properly illuminated to avoid accidents. Where lighting is provided for parking loading/unloading spaces, it shall be so designed and constructed to prevent the emission of light upon adjoining lots or streets, and shall be provided from a concealed light source only. Flashing lights are prohibited.

- I. All parking lots with a capacity over ten (10) vehicles shall be striped or otherwise delineated between spaces to facilitate the movement into or out of parking spaces.
- J. All parking lots and loading/unloading spaces shall be designed in such a manner that any vehicle entering or leaving such parking lots and loading/unloading spaces from or into a public or private road shall be traveling in a forward motion. Access driveways for parking lots and loading/unloading spaces shall be located in such a way that any vehicle entering or leaving such area shall be clearly visible for a reasonable distance to any pedestrian or motorist approaching the access driveway from a public or private road.
- K. Parking lots shall be designed based on the following criteria:

Parking Angle (degrees)	Stall Width (measured on a perpendicular between the parallel lines)	Stall Length (stall to curb)	Aisle Width
45	10' 0"	20.0'	13.0'
60	10' 0"	20.0'	18.0'
90	10' 0"	20.0'	22.0'

- L. Whenever a parking lot and loading/unloading space is located on a lot that is adjacent to a residential district or that adjoins a building containing dwelling units, such parking spaces shall be screened from all adjoining lots in the residential district or a building containing dwelling units, including such districts and buildings across a street, by an opaque wall, a uniformly painted fence of fire resistant material, or a strip of land at least four (4) feet wide and densely planted with shrubs that form a dense year-round screen. Such wall, fence or shrubs shall be at least six (6) feet in height. However, such wall or fence shall not be more than eight (8) feet in height. Any screening device located within twenty-five (25) feet of the intersection of two (2) or more streets or the intersection of an access driveway and a street, shall have a maximum height of three (3) feet and a minimum height of two (2) feet and there shall be no other obstruction to vision between a height of three (3) feet and a height of ten (10) feet above the established grade of either street or driveway.

The required screening shall be maintained in good condition at all times.

No signs shall be permitted to be attached to or hung from the required screening.

- M. **LOADING/UNLOADING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.** For any non-residential building or structure hereafter erected, loading/unloading space shall be provided in such amount and manner that all loading and unloading operations will be conducted entirely within the lot lines of the lot concerned.

**NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED.** In all zoning districts, the minimum number of parking spaces provided shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

Each use listed in the left-hand column of this Section shall provide parking spaces in an amount listed in the corresponding right-hand column.

For the purpose of determining the amount of parking spaces required, gross floor area shall be the total area of all floors in a building or structure, excluding basement space used for storage or utilities, measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls.

USES

REQUIRED SPACES

A. RESIDENTIAL USES AND  
RESIDENTIAL-BUSINESS USES:

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| 1. | Dwelling        | Two (2) for each dwelling unit                                     |
| 2. | Home occupation | Two (2) in addition to the required two (2) for each dwelling unit |

B. COMMUNITY, CIVIC & INSTITUTIONAL USES:

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| 1. | Schools                             | <p>Elementary &amp; Junior High Schools: One (1) for each staff member &amp; other employees.</p> <p>Senior High Schools: See above plus one (1) for each twelve (12) seats in a classroom based on planned classroom capacity.</p> <p>Trade, Vocational Business, Commercial &amp; Private Schools; Classes of Instruction: See above plus one (1) for each eight (8) seats in a classroom based on planned classroom capacity.</p> <p>All schools &amp; classes of instruction, see also auditoriums, gymnasiums &amp; stadiums.</p> |
| 2. | Libraries                           | One (1) for each employee, plus one (1) for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area.  |
| 3. | Lodges, Clubrooms,<br>Meeting Halls | Total parking area equal to one-half (1/2) the gross floor area.   |

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| 4. | Auditoriums, Stadiums<br>Gymnasiums | One (1) for each six (6) seats or the total parking area equal to three (3) times the gross floor area, whichever is greater. |
| 5. | Day Care, Pre-school                | One (1) for each three (3) children on the premises at any one time plus one (1) for each employee on duty at any one time.   |
| 6. | Community & Recreation<br>Centers   | One for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of gross floor area, plus one for each employee.                             |

C. RECREATIONAL OR ENTERTAINMENT:

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| 1. | Lunchrooms, Restaurants,<br>Taverns, Cafeterias, Bars | <p>For establishments having less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each five hundred (500) square feet of gross floor area.</p> <p>For establishments having two thousand (2,000) square feet of gross floor area, up to and including four thousand (4,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area.</p> <p>For establishments having over four thousand (4,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet of gross floor area.</p> |
| 2. | Indoor Theaters                                       | One (1) for each four (4) seats or total parking area equal to three (3) times the gross floor area, whichever is greater.   |
| 3. | Bowling Alleys  | Seven (7) for each lane.   |

D. OFFICE, BUSINESS, AND COMMERCIAL USES:

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| 1. | Medical or Dental                                       | Five (5) for each doctor or dentist, plus one (1) for each two (2) employees, or one (1) for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of gross floor area, whichever is greater. |
| 2. | Permitted Office Use<br>Other Than Medical<br>or Dental | One (1) for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area.  |



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| 3.  | Banks, Financial &<br>Other Lending<br>Institutions   | One (1) for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area.  |
| 4.  | Funeral Homes   | One (1) for each seventy-five (75) square feet of floor area used for assembly or service rooms, plus one (1) for each employee, plus one (1) for each vehicle maintained on the premises.   |
| 5.  | Farm Markets  | Three (3) spaces.  |
| 6.  | Seed, Plant, Lawn, Garden<br>Equipment & Supply Stores  | One (1) for each employee, plus one (1) for for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet of gross floor area.  |
| 7.  | Landscaping Business  | One (1) for each employee, plus eight (8) for each acre of lot area.   |
| 8.  | Temporary enclosed<br>Storage Facilities  | Two (2) for each building.   |
| 9.  | Food & Beverage Stores  | <p>For establishments having less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each five hundred (500) square feet of gross floor area.</p> <p>For establishments having two thousand (2,000) square feet of gross floor area, up to and including four thousand (4,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area.</p> <p>For establishments having over four thousand (4,000) square feet of gross floor area, one (1) for each one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet of gross floor area.</p> |
| 10. | Conditional Uses:<br>Museums, Churches or<br>Places of Worship, Golf<br>Clubs, Golf Driving<br>Ranges, Miniature Golf<br>Ranges, Gamerooms,<br>Memorial Parks, Limousine<br>Service, Taxi Service | See Article 6 for required parking and loading/unloading spaces.   |

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| 11. | All Other Permitted<br>Uses listed in<br>Sections 5.02.01A,<br>5.02.01B, 5.02.01C<br>5.03.02A & 5.03.02B | One (1) for each two hundred fifty (250)<br>square feet of gross floor area, plus one (1)<br>for each employee, plus one (1) for each<br>vehicle maintained on the premises. |
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E. INDUSTRIAL:

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| 1. | Storage or Warehouse<br>Uses   | One (1) for each two (2) employees on the<br>premises during the largest work shift period,<br>or total parking area equivalent to ten<br>percent (10%) of the gross floor area,<br>whichever is greater.         |
| 2. | All Other Permitted<br>Uses listed in<br>Sections 5.04.01A<br>5.04.01B, 5.04.01C<br>5.04.01D | One (1) for each two (2) employees on the<br>premises during the largest work shift period<br>or total parking area equivalent to twenty-<br>five percent (25%) of the gross floor area,<br>whichever is greater. |

7.02 **SIZE OF PARKING SPACES.** The width of a parking space shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet and the length shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet. The total area of a parking space shall be a minimum of two hundred (200) square feet.

7.03 **NUMBER OF LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES REQUIRED.** For Commercial, Shopping Center and Industrial District uses permitted by this Resolution, one (1) loading/unloading space shall be provided for each use with a minimum floor area of eight thousand (8,000) square feet. One (1) additional loading/unloading space shall be provided for each twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of floor area above the minimum of eight thousand (8,000) square feet.

No such loading/unloading spaces shall be placed in any setback or side yard. The design of all loading/unloading spaces shall be subject to the following regulations:

- A. No motor or conveyance shall in any manner use public streets, sidewalks, or rights-of-way for loading or unloading operations except as a means of ingress or egress to the lot. The loading/unloading space and vehicular access thereto shall be provided at the rear of the building or structure providing such space.
- B. The area of the lot required to be used for loading/unloading spaces shall not be used to compute the amount of area required for parking space.

7.04 **SIZE OF LOADING/UNLOADING SPACES.** The width of a loading/unloading space shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet and the length shall be a minimum of sixty (60) feet. The total area of a loading/unloading space shall be a minimum of seven hundred twenty (720) square feet.

Certified by the Board of Elections on June 18, 1992

AMENDMENT TO ZONING RESTRICTIONS  
CHESTER TOWNSHIP  
Z-91-1

Extraction of Oil, Natural Gas and Hydrocarbons

Exploration for Such Substances

CHESTER TOWNSHIP

Section 8:

For the purpose of this Resolution, the following words and terms shall be defined and interpreted in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 8.

Definitions: Extraction of Oil, Natural Gas and Hydrocarbons; Exploration for Such Substances; Storage Thereof; Drilling, Reopening, Operation, Maintenance, Plugging and Plugging Back to Another Source of Oil and Gas Wells - In order to preserve health and safety, the natural groundwater, aquifers, surface waters, and other features of the Township's environmental infrastructure, and for the protection of neighboring properties from potentially deleterious effects of gas and oil well operations, the extraction of oil, natural gas, and hydrocarbons, any operations involving exploration for such substances or storage thereof, and the drilling, reopening, operation, maintenance and plugging back of oil and gas wells shall not be permitted without compliance with the following standards and regulations and such compliance shall be necessary even though no permit is necessary to be obtained from Chester Township.

Section 8:1 Gas and Oil Wells:

(a) Well: Means any bore hole, whether drilled or bored, for production, extraction or injection of any gas or liquid mineral, excluding potable water to be used as such but including natural or artificial brines and oil filled waters.

(b) Oil: Means crude petroleum oil and all other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, that are produced in liquid form by ordinary production methods, but does not include hydrocarbons that were originally in a gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(c) Gas: Means all natural gas and other fluid hydrocarbons not defined herein as oil, including condensate.

(d) Condensate: Means liquid hydrocarbons that were originally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir.

(e) Oil and Gas Wells: Shall mean all wells as defined herein for the production or extraction of oil and/or gas.

(f) Brine: Means all saline geological formation water resulting, obtained, or produced in connection with the exploration, drilling or production of oil and gas wells.

(g) Dormant Well: An oil and gas well that meets all of the following criteria: (i) The owner of the well has received a permit under existing law to drill, re-open convert the well or plug it back to a new source of supply from the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas in the Department of Natural Resources. (ii) Drilling on the well has been completed. (iii) The well is capable of production. (iv) The Well has been out of production for at least six months and (v) the owner has not applied to the Chief for a permit to plug and abandon the well under existing law.

(h) Oil and Gas: Means oil or gas or both.

(i) Producer: Means the owner of a well capable of or producing oil or gas or both or a person intending to produce an oil and gas well. Production shall include transmission of oil and gas within pipelines when used in the Zoning Code.

(j) Owner: Means the person who has the right to drill on a tract or drilling unit and to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil or gas that is produced therefrom either for themselves or for others.

(k) Contractor: Means any third party engaged by an owner or producer to conduct drilling, producing and other operations.

(l) Division: Means Division of Oil and Gas, Department of Natural Resources for the State of Ohio.

(m) Applicant: Means record owner of the real property, and owner if different than record owner and producer, it being the intent that the record owner, owner and producer shall comply with all laws and regulations and shall be treated as jointly and severally responsible for all acts performed in the drilling, production and abandonment of oil and gas wells.

## Section 8:2

(A) All well drilling, production and transmission operations and facilities for oil and gas shall comply and conform with all requirements of the Zoning Resolution, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1509, the rules of the Division, and all other Ohio Revised Code Sections and administrative regulations, or requirements of the Ohio and Federal Environmental Protection Agencies and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Regulations and permit provisions, if applicable, and statutes and regulations promulgated thereunder, all anti-degradation statutes and regulations for the State of Ohio and all other applicable Federal laws and regulations. In case of any conflict between any Local, State or Federal laws, regulations, or standards, the greater restriction or a

more stringent provision shall apply and control. No person, firm, corporation or any other entity shall violate any provision of any law, regulation, or standard applicable to gas and oil well drilling, production and/or transmission.

(B) No gas and oil well shall be drilled unless the owner, producer, or contractor complies with all requirements set forth in the Zoning Resolution. The owner shall have primary responsibility for filing all applications.

(C) The minimum lot area for each gas and oil well shall be no less than the minimum set forth in Ohio Administrative Chapter 1501:9-1-04 and said minimum area shall be deemed to be a drilling unit. The applicant shall submit a legal description of the drilling unit and note the boundary lines of the drilling unit on information to be submitted under this Section.

(D) There shall be no tanks, separators, sumps, pit areas, wells, or other apparatus or equipment erected for or maintained for the drilling, production, transmission, or storage of gas, oil, waste, natural or artificial brines, oil field waters, sewage or any liquid used in or resulting from any drilling or production of an oil or gas well within thirty feet of any side or rear yard or seven hundred and fifty feet of any occupied structure or dwelling or potable water well supplying water to any person or animal. Nor shall any drilling or production equipment be located within 750 feet of any lake, pond, river, stream.

(E) Any applicant for a gas and oil well whose proposed well shall be within 750 feet of any lake or pond, whether natural or man-made, river, stream, creek, or other body of surface water within Chester Township shall indicate the same on their registration application form. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to assure that any said body of water shall not be exposed to any danger of erosion, siltation, pollution, contamination, or alteration. In addition, the Township of Chester hereby deems Griswald Creek and the East Branch of the Chagrin River within the limits of Chester Township to be an environmentally protected zone as the habitat of aquatic life listed or recognized as endangered species.

(F) An applicant for a gas and oil well shall file a registration application form on Form Z-1 and submit all information set forth and required under the Chester Township Zoning Resolution. The application shall be filed with the Township Zoning Inspector at least thirty days prior to the date upon which any drilling of a gas and oil well or site preparation for the drilling of the gas and oil well shall commence within the Township. The applicant shall file Form Z-1 executed by the record owner of the real property, and owner if different from record owner, and producer if different from record owner, and provide the following information:

i. Applicant shall file a copy of the State permit application as submitted to the Division, including all salt water and waste disposal

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plans and surveyor's map. Applicant shall provide the Zoning Inspector with a plan for the handling, storage, removal and disposal of drilling fluids and materials, salt water, frac-water, sludge and any other gas and oil field waste. Applicant shall also submit a copy of the spill prevention control and counter-measure plan when required by Federal laws or regulations. In addition, the applicant shall submit a timetable listing when site preparation is to begin, when drilling is to begin and end, and when drilling equipment is to be removed, when access roads are to be installed and completed, when permanent storage tanks are to be erected, when transmission lines are to be installed, and when production is to commence.

ii. Applicant shall submit a statement naming the land owner and owner if different from record owner, producer, all contractors, and the qualifications and experience of producers and contractors.

iii. Applicant shall submit a schematic drawing of the loading area and measures to be taken for removal of brine and oil from storage tanks in order to confine any spillage of the same. Said schematic drawing shall show an aerial view, and side view, indicating location of separator, tank, sump, and loading area.

iv. Applicant shall submit a site development plan to the Zoning Inspector. Said plan shall include the following, and applicant shall develop the property in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) North arrows.

(2) Name, address and telephone number of record owners of property, applicant and driller.

(3) A vicinity map to a convenient scale showing the following:

(a) Property lines, boundary lines of drilling unit, streets, rights-of-way, Township lines and easements adjacent to the site.

(b) Well site.

(c) Tank battery site.

(d) Proposed permanent and construction drive locations.

(e) Piping from well to tanks and from tanks to point of connection to existing supply line.

(f) Locate by dimension all dwellings, occupied buildings and/or water wells in every quadrant within 2,000 feet of the site.

(g) Show water courses, tree lines, marshes, water impoundments or other significant natural or man-made features within 2,000 feet of the site.

iv. Enlarged details shall be provided at the well site and the tank battery site showing the following:

(a) Well appurtenances:, tanks, separators, piping valves, steel pits and dikes.

(b) Fences - to be provided around both the well site and tank battery site. Fence to be a cyclone fence with a minimum of 8 feet height and 3 strands of barbed wire on top. Gates to have provision for padlocking. An additional gate is to be provided at the driveway entrance, outside of right-of-way, to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering the site. Provide for padlocking. Show detail of gate on plan.

(c) Existing contours, with a minimum interval of two feet, shall be shown within 100 feet of the outer boundaries delineating the area of the proposed well site, steel pits, storage tanks, and all other temporary or permanent fixtures associated with either drilling or production. Maintain positive drainage. Show spoil pile locations.

(d) Drainage structures, sized in accordance with criteria available through the Geauga County Engineer.

(5) Provide details as to width and composition of proposed permanent driveway. Driveway width to be a minimum of 15 feet with a minimum overhead clearance of 11 feet. Minimum requirement for driveway material to be a graded, crushed aggregate of a size, and placed to a thickness, sufficient to prevent displacement under a 20,000 pound axle load. The permanent driveway shall serve both the well and tank sites. Driveway must be a minimum of ten feet from any property line.

Provide details of the temporary construction drive which shall be installed to provide access and a staging area for equipment and materials. This drive shall be not less than 40 feet in width at the street tapering to not less than 30 feet at the right-of-way and extending from the right-of-way a minimum distance of 100 feet onto private property. It shall be constructed of a graded, crushed aggregate of a size, and placed to a thickness, to prevent displacement under the anticipated loading. If required by the County Engineer, a property sized culvert shall be installed at the street (minimum requirement is 12" diameter, 16 gage with annular ends). Unless the temporary drive is incorporated into the permanent drive, it shall be removed along with the culvert and the area restored to its original condition when the well site is restored. Positive drainage shall be maintained around this area at all times.

(6) Access drives exceeding 300 feet in length from a public road shall provide a vehicle turnaround area with a minimum radius of 35 feet for fire access. The location and configuration of the turnaround shall be subject to approval of the Township Zoning Inspector.

(7) Show typical cross-sections through diked areas around tanks. Specify liners and method of securing same. State volume of each diked area (minimum volume to be twice tank capacity). No direct discharge will be permitted from the containment areas. Contents must be pumped out and removed from the site along with the brine.

(8) Include restoration details. All disturbed areas to be fine graded, seeded and mulched on completion of grading operations. Between November 1 and March 1 apply mulch only. Temporary mulch to be removed and areas dressed, seeded and mulched after March 1. Weather permitting, restoration shall be completed within 60 days after drilling is complete.

(9) Provide an equipment list of those items to be installed at the site by manufacturer with model number of specifications, as applicable. Provide a list of all subcontractors to be employed and the work they will perform.

(10) Provide typical trench sections for pipe lines showing depth of line, trench width, backfill, including bedding and encasement details (where applicable).

(11) Give details of steel pit to be provided during the drilling operation, including dimensions and weight of steel pit, capacity, and method of transport of steel pit into the Township and onto the drilling unit.

(12) Add note indicating pressure testing procedures will be performed on all lines transporting gas (minimum requirement is two times anticipated operating pressure).

(13) Within 30 days after commencement of production, submit to the Township Zoning Inspector an "as-built" mylar reproducible of the Site Development Plan for record.

(14) Applicant shall file Form Z-1 and attach to said for all information requested herein and shall also attach a description of the drilling procedures to be followed to include the intended depth of drilling, the method of extraction of oil and gas, and the method for abandonment of said well. Also attached to Form Z-1 shall be a list of all names and addresses of all persons, firms or other entities engaged in the process of site preparation, drilling, production, removal of brine or oil, transmission of gas, or any other activity necessary for the drilling and production of gas and oil on the well under consideration and for



which a registration application form is to be filed. The applicant shall submit a geology report, prepared by and bearing the signature of a qualified geologist which shall include information as to the geological formation to be tapped, total depth of the proposed well, resistivity analysis to locate water aquifers that may be encountered and an analysis to determine the degree, if any, of the subsidence that may result from exploration and/or future extraction of gas and oil and other hydrocarbons.

v. Whenever any well is proposed and the well site is located within 2,000 feet of Griswald Creek and the East Branch of the Chagrin River, the applicant shall submit with Form Z-1 a recommended course of procedure to control spills and reduce the risk of contamination or injury to Griswald Creek, the East Branch of the Chagrin River and its inhabitants.

vi. The applicant shall submit information to the Zoning Inspector with satisfactory proof that applicant has the ability to remove all brine, drilling materials, sludge, and other materials required to be removed and which shall not be disposed of anywhere in the Township of Chester. Applicant shall submit evidence to the Township Inspector that the applicant has available a brine injection well with sufficient capacity to accept all materials to be removed from the Township and that said injection well or wells have been inspected and approved by the State of Ohio.

vii. After submission of Form Z-1 and after providing all information required by Form Z-1 and the Township Zoning Resolution, and in the event that the applicant is in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County and Township laws, regulations, resolutions and rules, the applicant may commence site preparation for and drilling of a gas and oil well within the Township. The applicant shall at all reasonable hours and at any time during the site preparation and drilling stages allow the Township Zoning Inspector to enter onto the applicant's premises where said gas and oil well will be drilled to ensure that all applicable laws, regulations, resolutions and rules are being complied with by applicant. In the event that the Township Zoning Inspector determines that the applicant is violating any of the terms of the Zoning Resolution, and upon the applicant receiving either oral or written notice of the same, the applicant shall immediately cease all activities in furtherance of the development of the well site until in compliance with the Zoning Resolution.

Section 8:3

(A) Roads to all well sites shall be constructed prior to drilling in accordance with plans submitted to the Township Zoning Inspector. Roads to storage tank sites shall be constructed prior to installation of said tanks and in accordance with plans submitted to the Township Zoning Inspector. All access roads shall be maintained so as to be dust free and passable in all seasons and weather conditions. Access roads shall be adequately fenced with a locked gate to prevent unauthorized entry from public roads. Not more than two access points shall be established from any public road to any well site.

(B) The applicant shall fill and level all areas excavated for steel pits and restore the land to its original condition within seven days after the applicant is ready to commence production. The applicant shall remove all drilling fluids, materials and sludge from the steel pit prior to removing the steel pit from the site and haul the drilling fluids, materials or sludge outside the Township for disposal. The applicant shall notify the Township Zoning Inspector at initiation and upon completion of restoration.

(C) The name, address and telephone number of each person signed on the application, along with each operator and contractor responsible for ownership, operation, and all maintenance of each well site located within the Township shall be conspicuously placed on each tank battery and be furnished to the Zoning Inspector, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief for the Township. The applicant shall provide the location of each well site, separation and storage tanks, and the location and color identity of power and shutoff valves. Before commencing drilling operations and during production of the well, a sign of two square feet, and orange in color, shall be posted at the access road entrance gate showing the street number, owner, operator, lessee, if any, well number, State permit number, and all emergency telephone numbers.

(D) All storage tanks shall be above ground, and shall be lined with a coal-tar based material held with an epoxy to eliminate leakage. Each applicant company shall paint all its storage tanks with a single color. All shutoff valves shall be painted in fluorescent orange. All power, storage and transmission line shutoff valves shall be secured by locks or similar devices to prevent unauthorized access or usage.

(E) Prior to commencing production, all permanent producing and storage facilities shall be enclosed entirely by a cyclone fence to be a minimum of eight feet high, with three strands of barbed wire on the top and adequate to prevent trespassing at all times. A temporary fence shall be constructed prior to commencement of drilling to prevent unauthorized access to drilling equipment and any excavations.

(F) During drilling of wells, casings shall be cemented to a minimum depth of 500 feet below the surface. The applicant shall insure that the cement provided shall be sufficiently adequate to case 500 feet of annular volume and shall fill the annular space entirely for a minimum depth of 500 feet. A record of the depth of the cemented casings shall be filled with the Zoning Inspector for the Township.

(G) The applicant shall provide the Zoning Inspector with a plat of all buried transmission lines. No person shall place any transmission lines within the Township without first obtaining a written easement therefor and recording the same with the Geauga County Recorder. Prior to opening any public street to bury transmission lines, the applicant shall comply with all County regulations and obtain any permits necessary by the County or the State. All buried transmission lines crossing any public street shall be marked by a permanent marker on both sides of the street, in a location and format acceptable to the Township Road Superintendent. At street crossings the line shall be installed to a minimum depth of six feet and to a minimum depth of thirty-six inches beneath ditches. All pipes being installed other than at street crossings shall be buried a minimum of twenty-four inches under the surface or twenty-four inches below a normal river or creek bed. All pipelines used to transport leasehold gas (used for the purpose of transporting gas from the leasehold facilities to points or places where said gas may be utilized on such premises) shall be buried a minimum of twenty-four inches under the surface, all connections to structures on the leasehold premises shall be in accordance with either the Regional Dwelling House Code or the Ohio Basic Building Code, whichever is applicable, and a plat indicating the location and depth of the pipe shall be given to the owner of such structure and a copy to the Zoning Inspector within fifteen days after connecting said pipeline to such structure. No transmission lines intended for burial across public streets shall be covered until the installed line is inspected by the Township Road Superintendent. When required by the Township Road Superintendent, the applicant shall increase or decrease the depth of transmission lines. The applicant shall coordinate the laying of transmission lines with all public utilities servicing the Township.

Section 8:4

During drilling and production of oil and gas wells, the applicant shall comply with the following regulations:

(A) During the drilling phase, all flowback and waste shall be accumulated in containers and no hydrocarbons, waste, water or other such elements shall be permitted to enter the atmosphere at the well site. Upon fracturing of any well, the applicant shall contain flowback entirely within an adequately vented enclosed system.

(B) All storage tanks shall be equipped with a hatch cover. The hatch cover shall be kept locked at all times in such a manner as to enable visual inspection of the tank when open. The oil storage tank shall be equipped with a vent pipe with a safety check valve. Oil storage tanks shall be no larger than that sufficient to contain and store 210 barrels of oil (each barrel capable of holding 42 U. S. gallons).

(C) In the event that any drilling or production of a gas and oil well causes any sour gas, or gas or oil odor deemed to be detrimental to inhabited structures and residents of the Township, as determined by the Township Zoning Inspector, the applicant shall take all necessary steps to eliminate escape of any sour gas and where ordered by the Township Zoning Inspector, shall provide a filter retrofitted on all storage tanks and shall insure during production of any well that said filters are either cleaned or replaced in order to adequately suppress odor. At least once each year, commencing at initial production of a well, the applicant shall test all safety valves used in the production of oil and gas to determine that they are properly functioning and shall report the same to the Zoning Inspector.

(D) The flow line from the well to the separator device shall have a pressure activated shutoff valve system to cut off the flow prior to the opening of the safety valve on the separator.

(E) A pump jack shall be equipped with an automatic shutdown system, to stop fluid spill if the rod packing leaks.

(F) All motor powered equipment intended for permanent use in production of wells or transmission of fluid or gas shall be operated only on electrical power. Any internal combustion engines being utilized during the drilling stage shall have adequate mufflers to suppress sound.

(G) All storage tanks, separators, and distribution pipes shall be surrounded by a minimum of one-inch clay seal on the surface of the ground and shall be contained by a retainer wall with a minimum one-inch clay seal capable of holding two times the capacity of all storage tanks. The applicant shall provide a loading area to the storage tanks with provisions for a ramp so that if any spillage occurs while removing any materials from storage tanks that any spill will go into a sump which can be pumped into a brine removal vehicle. The sump area shall be constructed by excavating a hole that shall be lined with clay and sufficient in size to contain a 55 gallon metal drum that shall be placed in the hole and said drum shall be weighted down with rocks, metal, or other materials in order to keep said drum submerged. Whenever the brine removal vehicle is at the loading area, all fluids in said sump shall be pumped into the brine removal vehicle. Applicant shall not permit the fluids in the sump to overflow at any time. Such areas shall be developed in accordance with Diagram "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the area of the pit shall be equal to or greater than two times the capacity of all storage tanks at the site.

(H) The maximum sound level of all operations for the exploration, drilling or extraction of oil, natural gas and other hydrocarbons shall be 65 decibels at a distance of 350 feet, to be exceeded no more than 10% of the time during drilling and exploration only. In the event that the Zoning Inspector determines that the decibel limit has been violated, such official shall order the applicant to cease production until adequate measures are taken to reduce the decibel level equal to or less than 65 decibels at a distance of 350 feet.

(I) Prior to drilling, the applicant shall transport steel pits to the site sufficient in size to contain all liquids produced as a result of anticipated drilling procedures. The steel pit shall have a capacity not to exceed 10,000 gallons. Whether or not said steel pits are buried in the ground or entirely on the surface, there shall be a minimum one-inch clay seal underneath said steel pit. During drilling, the drilling fluids, and other materials in said steel pits shall not be permitted to exceed a level of 18 inches from the top of said steel pit. No earthen pits shall be permitted for containment of drilling fluids or materials.

(J) Any liquid or waste, other than water used within the contained flowback process, extracted from a well during drilling or production shall not be re-injected into the ground within the Township. Annular disposal wells shall be prohibited within the Township and annular disposal of any waste or brine from an oil and gas well shall not be permitted within the Township. All such wastes and brines shall be stored in tanks and removed from the Township by haulers who shall be in compliance with any County, State, and Federal laws requiring registration, licensing or other regulations. When requested by Township officials, said hauler shall produce receipts for the location where such wastes or brine are injected.

Section 8:5

(A) During drilling of a well, the applicant shall install a blowout preventer with a remote manual preventer control, to shut down the system. All rotary rigs used in the drilling process must be equipped with a blowout preventer in good working condition of sufficient size and working pressure rating to control normal hydrostatic pressure for the deepest pool to be penetrated. Such blowout preventer must be installed on the surface casing prior to drilling below the surface casing. The applicant shall also install a gas detector meter to the drilling apparatus to determine if a gas pocket has been hit during drilling. The applicant or his agents shall insure that knowledgeable and experienced drillers shall be on site during all phases of drilling.

(B) The applicant, during production of a well, shall make daily fluid level checks of all oil, gas, brine, waste and other elements removed from any well and shall also check on a daily basis the condition of all equipment to ensure that all equipment required to be secured or locked is so secured. Any joint or connection under pressure and above ground which carries fluids or gases under pressure shall be inspected weekly to ensure no leakage. The applicant shall provide a monthly report to the Zoning Inspector of fluid levels indicated herein, the condition of all equipment, the pressure level of all equipment, leaks, if any, and advise the Zoning Inspector of efforts taken to avoid build-up of paraffin on any equipment or apparatus contained at a well site. The Zoning Inspector shall prepare an inspection form to be filled out monthly by the applicant and filed by the 5th of each month.

(C) After conclusion of the drilling stage, and upon the date when notice is required to be given to the Township of the commencement of production, the applicant shall remove all drilling equipment, temporary tanks and other materials not intended to be permanently placed at the well site.

(D) All disturbed areas are to be fine-graded, seeded, and mulched upon completion of drilling operations. Between November 1 and March 1, fine mulch only. Temporary mulch is to be removed in areas dressed, seeded and mulched after March 1. Weather permitting, all grading required herein shall be completed within 14 days after completion of drilling and all landscaping required herein shall be completed within 60 days after completion of drilling. In no event shall grading and landscaping required in this paragraph be completed in excess of 150 days after completion of drilling.

(E) All storage tanks, apparatus and other equipment located above ground at a well site shall be removed and abandonment completed within 180 days after a well stops producing and the ground shall be restored, to the extent possible, to its original condition prior to drilling of said well, within said 180 day period.

(F) The Township may, at any time, test the nearest water well, spring, and downstream surface water at locations selected by the Township to insure that no groundwater or surface water is being contaminated as a result of any oil and gas well operation. In the event that said testing determines that such contamination has occurred, the Zoning Inspector shall order the applicant to cease production until the source of contamination is located and the applicant is able to eliminate the source of contamination to the satisfaction of the Zoning Inspector.

The owner shall before beginning drilling operations test the water in every water well located within a radius of one-quarter mile from the location of the proposed oil and gas well location in order to obtain a base line quality of the water, unless the owner of the water well objects.

Section 8:6

(A) In the event an applicant at any time determines to cap a producing well, the applicant shall notify the Zoning Inspector. The applicant shall advise the Zoning Inspector of the length of time said well shall be capped and shall further notify the Zoning Inspector ten (10) days prior to when the well will again be made productive.

(B) The applicant shall not permit any hydrocarbons or brines to enter the Sharon or Berea Sandstone formations during drilling or production of any oil and gas well. In the event that such contamination of either sandstone shall occur, the applicant shall immediately notify the Zoning Inspector.

(C) During the drilling stage, no other improvement or additional use shall be placed on the drilling unit. Following initiation of production, such additional improvements and uses as may conform to the Zoning Resolution may be initiated on the drilling unit subject to the restrictions of all other applicable laws and regulations of the Township, County and State of Ohio. Unless other regulations require a greater distance, no new structure shall be located within 750 feet of any well site area within the drilling unit or any land outside of the drilling unit contiguous thereto and owned by applicant. No new subdivisions shall be developed to place a well site area in any common area nor be developed in such a manner that any well site would cause unreasonable sights, smells, odors, sounds, attractions to minors, or other detriments to the health and safety of the residents and natural resources contained within the Township. No structures or common areas are permitted to be developed in an area that may be unreasonably exposed to dangers associated with production, transmission or abandonment of oil and gas wells. The well site area shall be defined to include the oil and gas well, any storage or separation tanks, compressor station, or pit or containment areas for the storage of brine and other wastes.

(D) Applicant shall be prohibited from accumulating combustible materials in the well site area and upon order of the Township Zoning Inspector or Fire Inspector, shall remove any combustible materials that in the opinion of such Township official may be hazardous. Permanent no smoking signs shall be posted in the entrance gate, on the oil storage tanks and temporary signs shall be posted at the drilling site until production commences. No person shall smoke any cigarette, cigar, pipe or other form of tobacco or have any matches, open flames, or burn any other combustible material at the well site during drilling or when handling or removing gas at the well site. The applicant shall insure that when any welding occurs on the premises that suitable welding screens are utilized to protect any person from injury.

(E) All artificial lighting used during drilling or production of any gas and oil well shall be designed, constructed and located in such a manner to prevent emission upon any property not within the drilling unit.

(F) The applicant and any contractor shall be prohibited from increasing the porosity and permeability of the subsurface by the use of explosives.

(G) No person shall refine or otherwise process for extraction the products of a gas and oil well except when necessary to make gas acceptable to flow through gas transmission lines and in the event that the latter becomes necessary, the applicant shall notify the Zoning Inspector prior to commencement of such processing or production. Any burner unit installed in an oil storage tank shall be properly vented and attended to ensure no excess heating within the tank while in use.

(H) If during drilling, the site will be unattended at any time, the applicant shall cap the assembled sections of the well to avoid any hazard or leakage of hydrocarbons or wastes or other elements.

(I) All pipe and related fittings must be equal to or better than the American Petroleum Institute Code 5-L, Grade B, and consist of prime material with standard coating. Upon completion of construction of all tanks and other apparatus to remain on the well site and laying of pipelines, the applicant shall return all disturbed public or private roads, driveways, walks, or approaches to their original condition before disturbance to the satisfaction of the Township Road Superintendent. Applicant shall backfill to existing grade level in such a manner so as to prevent erosion or siltation and shall complete all of the same within 14 days after completion of the installation of storage tanks and other apparatus and pipelines.

(J) A hydrostatic test of all pipeline from the well to the separator and from the separator to transmission lines shall be performed by the applicant prior to placing said line or any section thereof into operation. The test shall consist of a pressure not less than two times the expected maximum operating pressure and shall be recorded over a minimum period of 48 hours. In the event that any drop of pressure is noted within said 48 hour period, the line shall not be made operational



until the line is capable of performing as set forth in this paragraph.

Section 8:7

(A) All gas produced from wells shall be transported from the drill site by means of underground pipeline connected directly with the producing well to the separator or treating facilities by a completely closed system without venting high pressure gas or the products of gas to the atmosphere at the production site. All oil produced from the wells on the well site may be transported from storage tanks by means of underground pipelines or by tank trucks whose holding capacity shall not exceed 100 barrels.

(B) All waste substances such as drilling muds, brine or acids produced or used in connection with drilling operations or production shall be retained in water-tight receptors from which they shall be hauled from the premises for disposal outside of Chester Township within ten days after the completion of drilling and no production shall commence until such removal has occurred.

(C) Truck routes in and out of the well site shall be approved by the Township Road Superintendent. The Superintendent shall require that truck routes through Township roads be limited to roads that can accept the load limits and shall consider routes that will minimize wear on public streets within the Township and which would prevent hazards and damage to other properties in the Township. When a vehicle exceeds load limits on Township roads, the driver shall post any bond which may be required and which is at the time of passage of this resolution \$10,000.00.

(D) The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the public roads in a debris-free condition at all times and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to cause the public roads to be free of all debris, mud and other materials that accumulate as a result of drilling, production, transmission, hauling or abandonment proceedings.

(E) The applicant shall provide one off-street parking space for each employee engaged in the drilling process and shall provide at least two permanent off-street parking spaces at the site where production equipment will be located. All trucks, machinery, drilling rigs and other equipment temporarily stored at the site shall be kept within a temporary fenced-in area around the well site when not in use.

Section 8:8

Applicant shall at all times maintain, repair, repaint and replace any storage tank on the drilling unit and shall adequately maintain, repair and replace all fences required under the Zoning Resolution. In the event that the applicant fails to maintain, repair or replace any fence, tank dike, or other structure or apparatus contained on the drilling unit for the purpose of oil and gas well drilling, production or transmission, the same shall be a violation of this Zoning Resolution and the Zoning

Inspector may order the applicant to shut down and cap any producing well or seek any remedies otherwise provided in this Zoning Resolution. (See Sections 3.01.07 and 3.01.08.)

- 8:9
- A. In the event an oversized or overweight vehicle is used or is to enter the Township and exceeds the classifications set for load limits on streets and roads within the Township, the applicant and vehicle owner, if different than applicant, shall obtain a special permit for overweight vehicles and enter into an agreement to pay for road repairs in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the special permit and agreement as more fully set forth in Exhibits B and attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully rewritten herein, unless the Board of Trustees deems it necessary to provide additional regulations.
  - B. In the event that the Zoning Inspector determines that site preparation, drilling operations, or fracturing operations become hazardous, or may cause damage to surrounding properties due to either adverse weather conditions, geologic conditions, or other conditions which become known to said officials, and said drilling or fracturing will adversely affect the health and safety of the residents of the Township, the applicant shall cease drilling or fracturing operations upon oral or written notice from such officials and shall not commence further operations until said hazard or adverse effect on health and safety can be eliminated.

written notice shall not be construed to waive, release or forego any obligation which may have arisen prior to the effective date of such written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

(For use Where Principal is a Corporation)

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(Corporation Name)

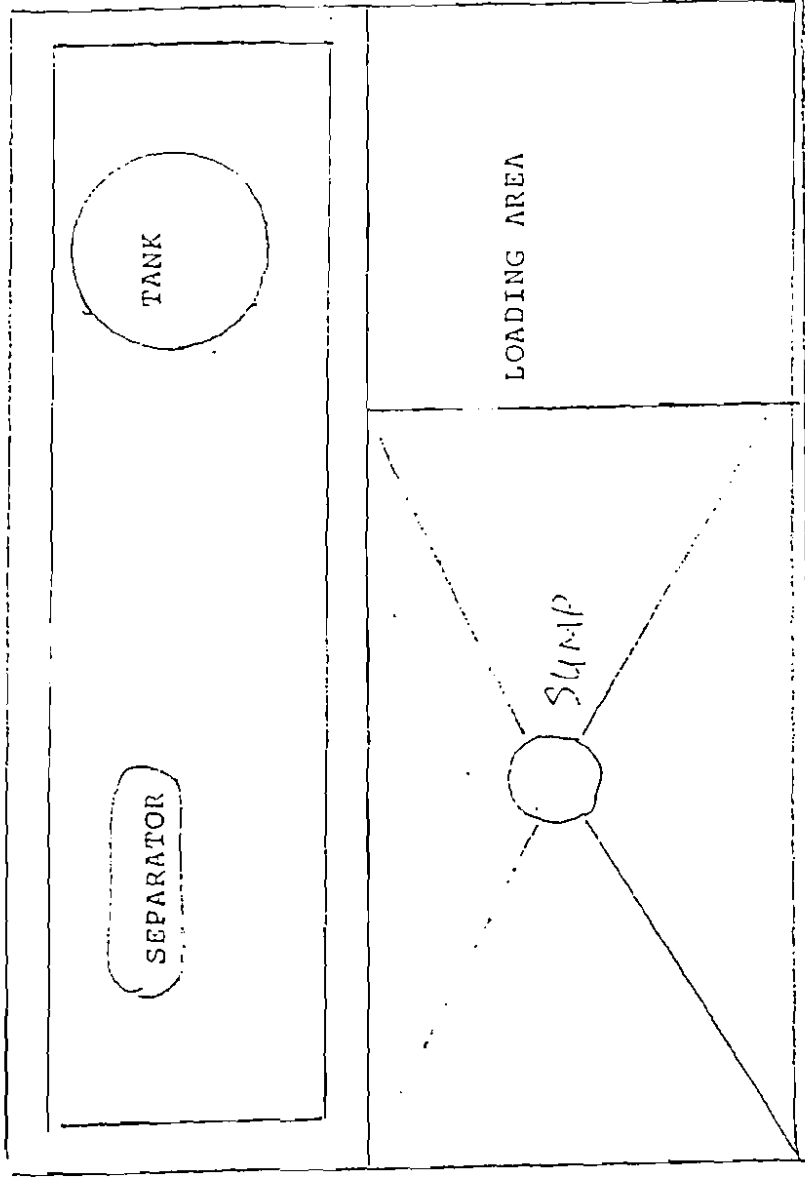
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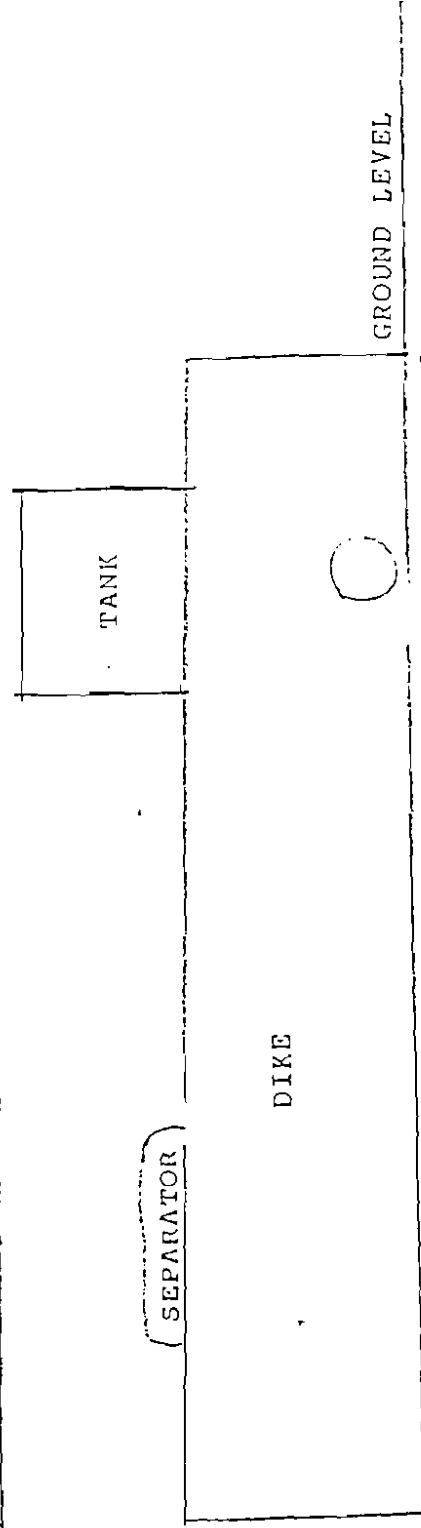
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AERIAL VIEW



SIDE VIEW



Chester Township  
12701 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026

To: The Board of Township Trustees of Chester Township, Chesterland, Ohio

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

hereby makes application to move the following \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to be loaded on \_\_\_\_\_

over and upon the public roads, bridges, and culverts within Chester Township, Ohio, and only on the following described route: \_\_\_\_\_

starting point

(Route)

(Destination)

the same to be done within daylight hours only and we hereby agree to comply with any or all restrictions and conditions hereby imposed, and expressly to save and keep the Township of Chester free and harmless from all damages whatsoever, either to the roads, bridges or culverts and to the traveling public thereon, occasioned by the operation of moving the said \_\_\_\_\_ as noted above.

We further agree, if it becomes necessary to detour traffic from any section of roads covered by the operation of moving the said \_\_\_\_\_, notice to that effect will be given to the traveling public, at ALL POINTS OF DETOUR, by watchmen stationed at such points.

Also, if any road, bridge or culvert is obstructed at night, proper lights and/or flares will be prominently displayed, together with competent watchmen with signal lights, stationed at ALL DETOUR POINTS, giving proper notice to the traveling public of such obstructions, and indicating the detour provided.

We further post with the Township of Chester the following \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) Dollars, as a bond and/or surety, guaranteeing that all imposed conditions herein will be faithfully complied with, and that diligence will be exercised at all times, to protect and save from damage all roads, bridges, culverts and the traveling public.

However, should any damage occur to any roads, bridges or culverts, and/or proper watchmen or flagmen not be maintained during this moving (or parking within the highways), it is hereby agreed that Chester Township may repair such damaged road, bridge or culvert, and/or provide such watchmen or flagmen, and the cost of the same shall be borne by the applicant herein.

The granting of a permit does not guarantee that the load described can be moved without damage to the pavement or structures; although the permit is granted on the assumption that the load can be moved without damage based on the best information available.

Permit Valid From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

The above stipulations and conditions have been read and fully understood, and are hereby agreed to and full responsibility assumed by:

Bonding Company (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Operator \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

To: The Board of Trustees of Chester Township, Chesterland, Ohio:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ do not recommend the granting of a moving permit as per above. subject to the following: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF GEauga

BOND

Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_

Covering any and all Permits Issued to principal  
for  
Movement of Excess Loads over Township Roads  
Pursuant to R.C. 4513.34

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned, being  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

as principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
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truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our  
heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, by these  
presents.

Whereas, the above-named principal has made application to the  
Township of Chester for a permit to move one or more loads in excess of  
the legal limitation over certain Township Roads and may make further  
applications, and as a condition precedent to granting such applica-  
tions, the Township of Chester has established the requirements of the  
furnishing of a penal bond in the sum of Two-thousand five-hundred  
dollars for each applicant.

Now, Therefore, the condition of the above obligation is such that  
if the above-named principal shall move the load(s) described in any  
and/or all of the applications filed by the above-named principal on  
and after the date of the execution of this obligation over the  
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Chester and shall well and truly pay for all damages to said roads,  
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void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Provided, however, that the said surety may cancel this bond at  
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United States mail, addressed to the Board of Chester Township Trustees  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Corporation Name)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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The following materials shall be submitted with the application:

1. Site Development Plan
2. State Application and supporting documentation
3. Spill Prevention Plan
4. Schematic of Loading Area

Applicant proposed to handle drilling fluids in the following manner:

Applicant submits that the timetable for development of the well is as follows:

Applicant submits that the drilling procedures to be employed are as follows:

Applicant is within 2,000 feet of

The location of the proposed injection well for injection of fluids and materials not permitted to be reenacted in Chester Township is located at

and the State Permit Number is \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy of said State Permit is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Record Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner if different from Record  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Producer

## ARTICLE 9 SIGN REGULATIONS

### 9.00 DEFINITIONS.

- A. **BANNER.** Any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole, building, or any other structure at one or more edges.
- B. **BEACON.** Any light with one or more beams directed into the atmosphere or directed at one or more points that are not in the same zone as the light source; also, any light with one or more beams that rotate or move.
- C. **BULLETIN BOARD SIGN.** See Changeable Copy Sign.
- D. **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 shall not be considered a canopy.
- E. **CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN (ALSO BULLETIN BOARD SIGN, VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN).** A sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be changed or rearranged without altering the face or surface of the sign. A sign on which the message changes more than eight (8) times per day shall be considered an animated sign and not a changeable copy sign for purposes of this Resolution. A sign on which the only copy that changes is an electronic or mechanical indication of time or temperature shall be considered a "time and temperature" portion of a sign and shall not be considered a changeable copy sign for purposes of this Resolution.
- F. **COMMERCIAL MESSAGE.** Any sign wording, logo, or other representation that, directly or indirectly, names, advertises, or calls attention to a business, product, service, or other commercial activity.
- G. **DIRECTORY SIGN.** A sign on which the names and locations of occupants and/or use of the building is given.
- H. **FLAG.** Any fabric, banner, or bunting containing distinctive colors, patterns, or symbols, used as a symbol of a government, political subdivision, or other entity.
- I. **GOVERNMENTAL SIGN.** A sign located or erected by a political subdivision pursuant to law and serving an official function such as traffic control.

- J. **GROUND SIGN.** Any sign supported by one (1) or more uprights, poles, braces, or a permanent foundation and which is entirely independent of any building for support.
- K. **INCIDENTAL SIGN.** A sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the 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 lot on which the sign is located shall be considered incidental. (However, menu boards, pre-order boards and drive-thru signs which are not legible from a position off-site may be considered incidental.)
- L. **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.
- M. **NAMEPLATE.** Any sign identifying the name and/or address of the occupant of the premises.
- N. **NONCONFORMING SIGN.** Any sign that does not conform to the requirements of this Resolution.
- O. **OFF-SITE, OFF-PREMISES OR BILLBOARD.** Any sign which is not located on the site of the use to which the subject matter on such sign is related.
- P. **PENNANT.** Any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.
- Q. **POLITICAL SIGN.** Any sign which displays the name and/or picture of an individual seeking election or referendum, or pertaining to or advocating political views and policies.
- R. **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; 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.
- S. **PROJECTING SIGN.** Any sign extending beyond the vertical surface or plane of the exterior wall of a building to which such sign is attached.
- T. **REAL ESTATE DIRECTIONAL SIGN.** A temporary off-site sign which conveys directions to a specific real estate property for sale, rent or lease, such as a residential subdivision, home for sale, or any other real estate property for sale, rent or lease.

- U. **REAL ESTATE SIGN.** A temporary sign advertising the sale, rent or lease of the property on which it is located.
- V. **RESIDENTIAL SIGN.** Any sign located in a Residential District that contains no commercial message except advertising for goods or services legally offered on the premises where the sign is located, if offering such services at such location conforms with all requirements of the Zoning Resolution.
- W. **ROOF SIGN.** Any sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building, supported by the roof structure, and extending vertically above the highest portion of the roof.
- X. **ROOF SIGN, INTEGRAL.** Any sign erected or constructed as an integral or essentially integral part of a normal roof structure of any design, such that no part of the sign extends vertically above the highest portion of the roof and such that no part of the sign is separated from the rest of the roof by a space of more than six (6) inches.
- Y. **SIGN.** Any device, fixture, placard or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol, or writing to attract, advertise, announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of a person or entity, or to communicate information of any kind to the public.
- Z. **SIGN FACE.** That portion of the surface of a sign structure where words, letters, figures, symbols, logos, fixtures, colors, or other design elements are or may be located in order to convey the message, idea, or intent for which the sign has been erected or placed. The sign face may be composed of two (2) or more modules on the same surface that are separated or surrounded by portions of a sign structure not intended to contain any advertising message or idea and are purely structural. For purposes of this Resolution, sign face shall also include all sign frame appurtenances, supports, or structural members above the average finished grade at the sign base.
- AA. **TEMPORARY SIGN.** Any sign that is intended to draw attention to a particular event or occurrence including but not limited to elections, sales, festivals, and the like.
- BB. **WALL OR FLAT SIGN.** Any sign painted on or attached to and erected parallel to the face of, and erected and confined within the limits of, the outside wall of a building and supported by such wall and which displays only one (1) advertising surface or face.
- CC. **WINDOW SIGN.** Any sign, pictures, symbol, or combination thereof, designed to communicate information about an activity, sale, or service that is placed inside a window or upon the inside of the window panes or glass and is visible from the exterior of the window.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SIGNS.** The following regulations shall apply to all signs in all zoning districts:

- A. Any illuminated sign or lighting device shall employ only light emitting a constant intensity and no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving lights. In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed or directed so as to permit the beams and illumination therefrom to be directed upon a public or private road or adjacent premises so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard, nuisance or distraction. Also, see Section 5.00.02.1.
- B. No sign shall include any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, spin or otherwise make use of motion to attract attention. No sign shall emit smoke, visible vapors, particles, or sound. See partial exemption in Section 9.06A.5.b.
- C. No sign, other than exit signs, shall be installed, erected, or attached in any form, shape, or manner to a fire escape or any door or window providing access to any fire escape or exit.
- D. Except as noted in Sections 9.04A.9 and 9.06A.3, no sign or part thereof shall contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners, or other similar moving devices. Such devices, as well as strings of lights, shall not be used for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention.
- E. No sign shall be placed within any public right-of-way except governmental signs. No sign shall be permitted which is posted, stapled or otherwise permanently or temporarily attached to public utility poles or trees within a public right-of-way.
- F. Should any sign be or become unsafe, obsolete, or be in danger of falling, the owner of the real property upon which the sign is located shall, upon receipt of written notice from the Zoning Inspector, proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign.
- G. No sign shall project beyond any lot line. No sign or part thereof shall be less than ten (10) feet from any lot line or right-of way.
- H. All signs except temporary signs shall be constructed of durable material and kept in good condition and repair. Electric wiring shall be installed and maintained in accordance with local electrical codes. Signs and supports shall be structurally designed to withstand a wind force of seventy-five (75) miles per hour. Written verification of compliance with the foregoing shall be submitted to the Zoning Inspector.
- I. Off-site signs, when permitted, shall be posted on private property only with permission of the owner or agent of such property.

- J. No lighted signs shall be constructed or maintained within one hundred (100) feet of any one-family dwelling.
- K. No sign shall be allowed within the Township, except as provided herein.

9.02 **PROHIBITED SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS.** The following signs shall be prohibited in all districts:

- A. Signs which prevent the driver of a vehicle from having a clear and unobstructed view of approaching or merging traffic.
- B. Signs which interfere with, obstruct the view of, imitate or resemble an official governmental sign, signal, or device.
- C. Signs illuminated so as to interfere with the effectiveness of or which obscure an official governmental sign, signal, or device.
- D. Roof signs and integral roof signs.
- E. Portable signs.
- F. Off-site signs or billboards with an area larger than thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face.
- G. Projecting signs

9.03 **EXEMPTIONS.** The following signs shall be exempt from the provision of this Article:

- A. Signs erected and maintained pursuant to or required by any law or governmental regulation.
- B. Historical or commemorative signs issued by a recognized historical agency.

9.04 **SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS NOT REQUIRING A ZONING CERTIFICATE.**

- A. The following types and designs of signs may be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, or structurally altered in all zoning districts without a zoning certificate, provided, however, that all other regulations in this Section shall apply to such signs, including but not limited to location requirements and sign prohibitions; that no such sign shall be illuminated; and subject to the following limitations:
  - 1. Real estate directional signs shall have a maximum area of four (4) square feet per sign face, and shall be removed within five (5) days after the sale of the property.

2. One temporary (1) real estate sign per lot, dwelling unit, or use which advertises the sale, lease, or rental of the premises upon which such sign is located. The sign shall not exceed an area of six (6) square feet per sign face and shall be removed within five (5) days of the closing or consummation of an agreement for the sale, rental, or lease of the property advertised. No more than one (1) such sign shall be permitted along each street frontage of the property.
3. Temporary signs of contractors, developers, architects, engineers, builders, and artisans upon a property where such persons are conducting work. No such sign shall have a face area exceeding six (6) square feet per sign face. No such sign shall have more than two sign faces. Such signs shall not be placed before work commences and shall be removed by the contractor, developer, architect, engineer, builder or artisan within three (3) days after completion of the work.
4. One (1) nameplate sign per lot, dwelling unit, or use shall have a maximum area of three (3) square feet per sign face.
5. Residential security signs shall be limited to a maximum area of one (1) square foot per sign face and two (2) signs per lot.
6. Trespassing signs; signs indicating the private nature of a road, driveway, or premises; and signs controlling fishing or hunting on the premises. No such sign shall have an area greater than four (4) square feet per sign face.
7. Incidental signs, other than pre-order boards, menu boards, and drive-thru signs, shall have a maximum area of two (2) square feet per sign face and a maximum three (3) feet in height and containing information that is secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as directional information.
8. Window signs.
9. Holiday banners that have no logo or message on them which have special permission to be attached to utility poles. These banners shall be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday and shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the holiday. See Section 9.05A.7. in regard to holiday and decorative banners in Residential Districts.

10. Political Signs

- a. Political signs are permitted in all zoning districts for a period beginning not more than thirty (30) days before a duly authorized election date. These signs shall be removed within five (5) days following the authorized general election date (or run-off date if applicable) or within five (5) days of the candidate's or issue's election or defeat, whichever comes first. Primary and general election dates shall be established by applicable federal, state, or local law. Said signs must otherwise be in compliance with applicable state law.
- b. On single-family residential lots, political signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet per sign face with a total footage of thirty-two (32) square feet for all such signs on a lot.
- c. On other than single-family residential lots, political signs shall not exceed a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face.

11. Weekend directional signs

- a. Weekend directional signs shall be limited to garage sale signs, yard sale signs, and the like.
- b. Such signs shall be allowed in all zoning districts from Thursday evening through Sunday evening.
- c. Signs shall not exceed an area of four (4) square feet per sign face.

12. Temporary signs, not previously mentioned in this Section, intended to draw attention to a particular event or occurrence, such as sales, festivals and the like, sponsored by a church, school, community group, or other non-profit group shall be erected not more than thirty (30) days prior to the advertised event and shall be removed within seven (7) days following the advertised event. Not more than one (1) on-site sign which shall not exceed an area of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face, and four (4) off-site signs which shall not exceed an area of sixteen (16) square feet per sign face each, shall be permitted.

13. Flags of the United States, the state and political subdivisions thereof, foreign nations having diplomatic relations with the United States, and any other flag adopted or sanctioned by an elected legislative body of competent jurisdiction, provided such flag shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet in area and shall not be flown from a pole the top of which is more than thirty-five (35) feet in height. Any flag not meeting any one or more of these regulations shall be considered a banner sign and shall be subject to this Resolution.



- B. No zoning certificate shall be required for the change of content or subject matter of a sign provided that there is no structural or design alteration of said sign.

9.05

**SIGNS PERMITTED IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.** (See also Section 9.04)

- A. Only the following types and designs of signs may be located, erected, moved, constructed, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, or structurally altered in a residential zoning district upon the issuance of a zoning certificate and fee, provided however, that all other regulations in this Section shall apply to such signs, including but not limited to location requirements and sign prohibitions; and subject to the following limitations:
  - 1. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, each residential dwelling may be permitted only one (1) of the following non-commercial signs on the premises: wall or ground.
    - a. Wall signs shall have a maximum of three (3) square feet per sign face.
    - b. Ground signs shall have a maximum area of three (3) square feet per sign face.
  - 2. One (1) temporary real estate development sign per subdivision which advertises the sale of lots in the subdivision upon which such sign is located. The sign shall not exceed an area of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face and shall be removed when the last available lots are conveyed or within three (3) years of final plat recording, whichever comes first.
  - 3. One (1) permanent identifying ground sign displaying the name of a subdivision shall be permitted for each entrance to the subdivision. The area of such sign shall not exceed an area of sixteen (16) square feet per sign face. Such sign shall be maintained by the owner of the real property upon which the sign is located.
  - 4. Only one (1) home occupation sign for uses permitted on the lot. The area of such sign shall not exceed an area of two (2) square feet per sign face. Any such sign shall be erected only on the premises wherein the home occupation is located.
  - 5. Only one (1) permanent identification sign with a maximum sixteen (16) square feet per sign face for each church, school, memorial park, golf course, museum, or other residential conditional use.

6. One (1) permanent or temporary on-site roadside sign for lands used for agricultural purposes with a maximum area of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face which advertises only goods sold on the premises. In addition, such agricultural lot shall be allowed two (2) permanent off-site directional signs, and four (4) temporary seasonal directional signs, each with a maximum area of three (3) square feet per sign face and a maximum height of six (6) feet. The temporary signs shall be removed within three (3) days after the conclusion of the sale or season.
  7. Holiday and decorative banners that have no commercial logos or commercial message on them. Such banners shall not require a zoning certificate.
- B. No sign, shall be illuminated by electricity, gas, or other artificial light, including reflecting or phosphorescent light, in any residential zoning district. However, nameplate signs, not denoting a home occupation, and identification signs for a church, school, memorial park, golf club, museum or other conditional residential use, may be illuminated.

9.06

**SIGNS PERMITTED IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SHOPPING CENTER ZONING DISTRICTS.** (See also Section 9.04)

- A. Only the following types and designs of signs may be located, erected, moved, constructed, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, or structurally altered in the commercial and shopping center districts upon the issuance of a zoning certificate and subject to the following limitations:
1. Each commercial or shopping center lot may be permitted only:
    - a. One (1) wall sign per building occupant with a maximum area of three-fourths (.75) square feet per sign face for each lineal foot or part thereof of building frontage occupied, but not exceeding a maximum of seventy-five (75) square feet per sign face, or;
    - b. One (1) sign on a mansard placed in the center one-third at a height not greater than one-fourth the mansard height, with a maximum area of three-fourths (.75) square feet per sign face for each lineal foot or part thereof of building frontage occupied but not exceeding a maximum of seventy-five (75) square feet per sign face, or;
    - c. One (1) canopy sign per business with a maximum of eight (8) square feet per sign face and a minimum height of eight (8) feet.

2. In addition to a wall sign, there shall be permitted only one (1) ground sign with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per face area per business lot or combination of lots or portions thereof combined to form one (1) parcel.
  3. One (1) temporary event sign or banner with a maximum of twenty-four (24) square feet per face area per commercial or shopping center occupant. Such signs or banners shall require a separate zoning permit per event. Signs or banners shall be displayed a maximum of twice per year per commercial or shopping center occupant. Signs or banners may be displayed a maximum of fourteen (14) days per event.
  4. One (1) identification sign per rear door limited to a maximum area of six (6) square feet per sign face for a public rear entrance and limited to a maximum area of three (3) square feet per sign face for a service entrance.
  5. Incidental signs of the following types:
    - a. Only one (1) sign for a pre-order board with a maximum of eighteen (18) square feet per sign face, and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.
    - b. Only one (1) sign for a menu board with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. One set of two-way speakers shall be permitted as long as the sound cannot be heard beyond any lot lines.
    - c. Only one (1) for a drive-thru pick-up window with a maximum of four (4) square feet per sign face and a minimum height of eight (8) feet.
- B. All signs in the Commercial and Shopping Center Districts shall be subject to the following:
1. Signs shall be exhibited only on the property being developed or used in connection with such sign.
  2. All signs may be illuminated and have changeable, commercial, or directory copy.
  3. Abandoned signs and supporting components relating to any business which has moved or discontinued operations shall be removed by the property or building owner or his agent within thirty (30) days after such vacation or discontinuance.

**SIGNS PERMITTED IN THE RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.**  
(See also Section 9.04)

- A. Only the following types and designs of signs may be located, erected, moved, constructed, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, or structurally altered in the industrial districts upon the issuance of a zoning certificate and subject to the following limitations:
1. Each industrial lot may be permitted only:
    - a. One (1) wall sign per building occupant with a maximum area of three-fourths (.75) square feet per sign face for each lineal foot or part thereof of building frontage occupied, but not exceeding a maximum of seventy-five (75) square feet per sign face, or;
    - b. One (1) sign on a mansard placed in the center one-third at a height not greater than one-fourth the mansard height, with a maximum area of three-fourths (.75) square feet per sign face for each lineal foot or part thereof of building frontage occupied but not exceeding a maximum of seventy-five (75) square feet per sign face.
  2. In addition to a wall sign, there shall be permitted only one (1) ground sign with a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet per face area per industrial lot or combination of lots or portions thereof combined to form one (1) parcel.
  3. One (1) identification sign per rear door limited to a maximum area of six (6) square feet per sign face for a public rear entrance and limited to a maximum area of three (3) square feet per sign face for a service entrance.
  4. Temporary hiring signs for use in the Industrial District with a maximum area of four (4) square feet per sign face and a maximum height of six (6) feet. Such signs shall not require a zoning certificate.
- B. All signs in the Restricted Industrial Districts shall be subject to the following:
1. Signs shall be exhibited only on the property being developed or used in connection with such sign.
  2. All signs may be illuminated and have changeable, commercial or directory copy.

3. Abandoned signs and supporting components relating to any business which has moved or discontinued operations shall be removed by the property or building owner or his agent within thirty (30) days after such vacation or discontinuance.

9.08 **AGRICULTURAL SIGNS.** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C. 519.21C), in order to adequately protect and provide for the health and safety of Chester Township residents, the following regulations shall apply to signs pertaining to farm markets:

- A. The General Requirements stated in Section 9.01 of this Article.
- B. The total signage, not including temporary signs, shall not exceed thirty-two square feet of sign face.
- C. See also Sections 9.04 and 9.05 A.6.

9.09 **MEASUREMENT OF SIGN AREA.** The surface or face area of a sign shall be computed as including the entire area within a regular, geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms comprising all of the display area of the sign and including all of the elements of the matter displayed. Frames and structural members not displaying advertising matter shall be included in computation of surface area.

9.10 **MEASUREMENT OF SIGN HEIGHT.** The height of a sign shall be measured from the average finished grade level adjacent to the base of the sign, and vertically to the highest point of such sign including frames and structural members.

9.11 **MAXIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. Wall and marquee signs shall not exceed the height of the wall face to which such signs are attached.
- B. Ground signs shall have a maximum height of eight (8) feet, and shall be landscaped with all season planting or ground cover, extending a minimum distance equal to half the height of the sign around the sign support perimeter.

9.12 **NONCONFORMING SIGNS.** See Article 10, Nonconforming Uses.

### Section 9.13 - DIMENSIONS OF SIGNS BY ZONING DISTRICT

(This chart is intended as a guide only and shall not be construed as superceding other regulations set herein.  
See applicable Sections of Article 9 for complete regulations pertaining to signs.)

MAXIMUM AREA PER SIGN	1 SQ. FT.	2 SQ. FT.	3 SQ. FT.	4 SQ. FT.	6 SQ. FT.	8 SQ. FT.	16 SQ. FT.	18 SQ. FT.	24 SQ. FT.	32 SQ. FT.	OTHER-see referenced Sections
ALL DISTRICTS Section 9.04	Residential security signs	Incidental, other than pre-order, menu-board, and drive-thru	Nameplate	Real estate directional Trespass or private drive. Weekend directional.	Temporary real estate Temporary signs for contractors, developers, architects, etc.		Temporary off-site signs for particular events, such as festivals.			Temporary on-site signs for particular events, such as festivals	Window signs See Section 9.04A.8. Holiday Banners See Section 9.04A.9
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT Section 9.05		Home occupations	Wall signs. Ground signs. Temporary seasonal directional signs		Political signs with total footage 32 sq ft. See Section 9.04A.10.b		Permanent signs for subdivisions. Permanent IDs for conditional uses			Temporary real estate development signs for subdivisions.	
COMMERCIAL AND SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT Section 9.06			Rear door service entrance signs	Drive-thru pick-up window sign, minimum height eight (8) feet	Rear door public entrance sign.	Canopy sign, minimum height eight (8) feet		Pre-order board	Temporary event sign or banner	Ground sign Menu board Political signs, see Section 9.04A.10.c	Wall sign or sign on mansard. See Section 9.06A.1.a or 9.07A.1.b
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT Section 9.07			Rear door service entrance signs.	Temporary hiring signs. Maximum height six (6) feet. See Section 9.07A.4.	Rear door public entrance sign.					Ground sign. Political signs, see Section 9.04A.10.c.	Wall sign or sign on mansard. See Section 9.07A.1.a. or 9.07A.1.b.
AGRICULTURAL SIGNS Section 9.08			Temporary seasonal directional signs. Maximum height six (6) feet. See Section 9.05A.6.							See Section 9.05A.6. Also see Section 9.08.	

**ARTICLE 10**  
**NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND USES**

- 10.00      **NONCONFORMING USE OF BUILDINGS AND LAND NOT AFFECTED BY ZONING.** The lawful use of any dwelling, building or structure and of any land or premises, as existing and lawful at the time of the effective date of this Resolution or any amendment thereto, may be continued, although such use does not conform with this Resolution or amendment, but if any such nonconforming use is voluntarily discontinued for two (2) years or more, any future use of said land shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Resolution or amendment thereto.
- 10.01      **COMPLETION OF NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES.** The construction of any dwelling, building, structure which commenced prior to the effective date of this Resolution or amendment thereto which rendered the property nonconforming, and for which a zoning certificate has been lawfully obtained, may be continued and completed, although such use does not conform with this Resolution or amendment. Construction is hereby defined as the placing of construction materials in permanent position and fastened in a permanent manner. Construction must be completed within two (2) years of the effective date of this Resolution or amendment thereto for the building or structure to be a lawful nonconforming use as provided in Section 10.00 of this Resolution. A building or structure shall be deemed complete for purposes of this section only upon issuance of an occupancy permit by the appropriate building authority.
- 10.02      **CHANGE OF USE.** A nonconforming use may be changed to a conforming use. A lawful nonconforming use may be changed to another lawful nonconforming use by special permission of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Such special permission may be granted only if the Board finds, after public hearing, that such changed use is of a more restrictive nature than the existing lawful nonconforming use.
- 10.03      **REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT.** On any nonconforming building or structure containing a nonconforming use, repair and replacement shall be regulated as follows:
- A.      If a building or structure occupied by a nonconforming use is damaged or destroyed by any cause, and the cost of repair or replacement exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost of the building or structure on the date of such damage or destruction, the right to maintain and operate such nonconforming use shall terminate immediately.

- B. If a nonconforming building or structure is damaged or destroyed including an exterior lighting fixture, or otherwise becomes obsolete or substandard, as determined by any applicable provisions of the County Building Code, and the cost of repair, replacement, or of bringing the building or structure into conformity with such Code exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost of such building or structure on the date it is lawfully determined to be damaged or destroyed or otherwise becomes obsolete or substandard by the Zoning Inspector, the right to repair or replace such nonconforming building or structure shall terminate immediately.
- C. In determining the cost of repair or replacement of any building or structure, the Zoning Inspector shall not consider the cost of the land or any items other than the building or structure itself.
- D. The repair or replacement of such obsolete, substandard, damaged, or destroyed building or structure shall be completed within two (2) years of the date of the actual damage and destruction, or of the date such building or structure is lawfully determined to be obsolete or substandard by the Zoning Inspector.

10.04

**RECONSTRUCTION OF NONCONFORMING USES.**

- A. Should a nonconforming building or structure or nonconforming portion of a building or structure be totally destroyed by any means, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this Resolution.
- B. Should a building or structure be moved for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.

10.05

**EXTENSION.** The Board of Zoning Appeals may permit, after public hearing, some extensions of nonconforming uses, nonconforming buildings or structures, or nonconforming buildings or structures and land in combination, but before granting such permission the Board shall find that the extension conforms to the area, yard and height regulations of the district in which it is located; the applicable loading/unloading requirements are complied with for the entire use and not only the extended portion; and, such extended nonconforming use will not be more harmful or objectionable to the surrounding area, nor impair the orderly development of the Township.

- A. Any building or structure, or building or structure and land in combination, in or on which a nonconforming use is superseded by a permitted use, shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district, and the nonconforming use may not thereafter be resumed.



- B. Any nonconforming use may be extended throughout any parts of a building or structure which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of the effective date of this Resolution or any amendment thereto which rendered the property nonconforming, but no such use shall be extended to occupy any land outside such building or structure without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- C. No lawful nonconforming uses shall be enlarged or increased, nor extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the time of the effective date of this Resolution or any amendment thereto which rendered the uses nonconforming without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- D. No lawful nonconforming uses shall be moved in whole or in part to any portion of the lot or property other than that occupied by such uses at the time of the effective date of this Resolution or any amendment thereto which rendered the property nonconforming without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- E. No lawful nonconforming building or structure may be enlarged, altered or relocated in a way which increases its nonconformity without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals, but any building, structure or portion thereof, may be altered or relocated to decrease its nonconformity.
- F. No additional building or structure not conforming to the requirements of this Resolution or any amendment thereto shall be erected in connection with such nonconforming use of land without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- G. No existing building or structure devoted to a use not permitted by this Resolution in the district in which it is located shall be enlarged, extended, constructed, reconstructed, moved, or structurally altered except in changing the use of the structure to a use permitted in the district in which it is located or by the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- H. These provisions shall not apply to the extension of the floor area of a nonconforming residential building where such extension conforms in every other respect, except minimum lot size, frontage and setback regulations, to applicable yard and height regulations of the district in which it is located.

10.06 **MAINTENANCE AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.** Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prevent normal maintenance and repair of a building or structure containing a nonconforming use, or of a nonconforming building or structure. Maintenance and structural alterations shall be regulated as follows:

- A. Work may be done on ordinary repairs, or on repair or placement of non-bearing walls, fixtures, wiring, or plumbing, provided that the square footage existing when it became nonconforming shall not be increased. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building, structure or part thereof declared to be unsafe by any official charged with protecting the public safety, upon order of such official.
- B. Work may be done to convert the nonconforming use to a conforming use.
- C. Work may be done pursuant to Section 10.05.
- D. Without the grant of a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals, no structural alterations shall be made in excess of the area, height or yard regulations of the district in which such building is located.

10.07 **SUBSTITUTION OF NONCONFORMING USES.** A nonconforming use may be substituted for a lawful nonconforming use provided that such use is of the same kind and character as the prior lawful nonconforming use and does not result in an increase in noise, pollution, traffic, or in the number of persons using the property.

10.08 **NONCONFORMING LOT OF RECORD.** In any zoning district, a building, structure, or use, as permitted herein, shall be allowed on any lot of record with a lot area or lot width less than the minimum prescribed herein, which meets all of the following:

- A. It was a lot of record prior to the enactment of the Zoning Resolution or amendment thereto which resulted in the nonconformity;
- B. It is in conformity with all of the regulations of the Zoning Resolution or amendment thereto which were in effect at the time it became a lot of record;
- C. The amount of nonconformity has not increased since it became nonconforming; and
- D. The building, structure, or use complies with all other regulations set forth herein, except minimum lot area and minimum width.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

**11.00 PURPOSE.**

11.00.01 The purpose of this Article of the Chester Township Zoning Resolution is to regulate wireless communication facilities in order to promote public health, safety and morals and in accordance with a comprehensive plan. Accordingly, the regulations and conditions set forth herein are warranted and necessary, inter alia, to:

- A. Protect residential districts and land uses from potential adverse impacts of wireless telecommunication facilities;
- B. Accommodate the directives of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law, 104-104, to enhance telecommunication services and competition, and particularly wireless telecommunication services;
- C. Promote collocation of wireless telecommunication antennae as an alternative to siting new telecommunication towers and appurtenances and to maximize the use of existing and approved towers and buildings to collocate new wireless telecommunication antenna(s);
- D. Consider the public health and safety issues surrounding wireless telecommunication towers and appurtenances; and.
- E. Protect adjacent properties from potential damage from wireless telecommunication tower failure through careful siting of such structures.

11.00.02 This Resolution shall not unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services nor shall it prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services. Any requests for authorization to place, construct, or modify personal wireless service facilities shall be acted upon within a reasonable period of time after the request has been duly filed with the Zoning Inspector. Any decision to deny a request to place, construct, or modify wireless telecommunication facilities shall be in writing and supported by substantial evidence contained in a written record. This Resolution shall not regulate the placement, construction, and modification of wireless telecommunication facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) regulations concerning such emissions.

**11.01 LOCATION.**

11.01.01 **PROHIBITED.** Subject to Section 11.04, wireless telecommunication facilities in locations not specifically listed in this Article shall not be permitted, nor shall any zoning certificate be issued therefor.

11.01.02

**PERMITTED USES.** A wireless telecommunication facility may be located in the following areas, under the following circumstances and requirements of this Article 11 and upon application for a zoning certificate and issuance of such certificate from the Zoning Inspector.

- A. The erection, construction or replacement of a wireless telecommunication antenna(s) on a lawfully existing tower and with the necessary equipment building may be a permitted use as a collocation on such existing wireless telecommunication tower and facility.
- B. A wireless telecommunication tower facility may be located in the Restricted Industrial District (I District).
- C. A wireless telecommunication tower facility may be located on designated property, other than park land, owned or controlled by the Board of Township Trustees or the Geauga County Board of Commissioners on the effective date of this Article, June 14, 1997.
- D. A wireless telecommunication tower facility may be located within a recorded electric high tension power line easement. A tower located within such an easement shall not be subject to the standards set forth in Section 11.02, B, G, L and Y.

11.01.03

**CONDITIONAL USES.** A wireless telecommunication facility may be located on park land owned or controlled by the Board of Township Trustees, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, or the Geauga County Park District, or on property owned by a public school district, provided such park land or school district property is owned or controlled by such governmental entities on the effective date of this Resolution, but such facility may only be permitted as a conditional use upon approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals and provided the applicant demonstrates compliance with the following standards:

- A. There is no technically suitable space for the applicant's antenna(s) and related facilities reasonably available on an existing tower or structure within the geographic area to be served, including the areas set forth in Section 11.01.02. With the zoning certificate application, the applicant shall list the location of every tower, building or structure and all of the areas set forth in Section 11.01.02 that could support the proposed antenna(s) so as to allow it to serve its intended function. The applicant must demonstrate that a technically suitable location is not reasonably available on an existing tower, building or structure or a technically suitable location is not available in any area set forth in Section 11.01.02. If another tower, building or structure, or an area set forth in Section 11.02.02 is technically suitable, the applicant must show that it has requested to collocate on the existing tower and the collocation was rejected by the owner of the tower, building or structure or that it has requested all property owners with technically suitable locations within a two (2)-mile radius to permit it to locate a tower facility in all technically suitable area(s) set forth in Section 11.01.02 under reasonable terms and that each request was rejected. In all circumstances, owners of existing towers shall promptly respond to requests for collocation, but in no event shall they respond more than thirty (30) days from the receipt of a written request for collocation. If another telecommunication tower is technically suitable, the applicant must further show that it has offered to allow the

owner of that other tower to collocate an antenna(s) on another tower within the Township, if such a tower exists and space is available on the tower for collocation, which is owned or controlled by the applicant on reasonably reciprocal terms and the offer was not accepted. In all cases, the Township shall use its best efforts to encourage collocation; and

- B. As a condition of issuing a conditional zoning certificate to construct and operate a tower in the Township, the owner/operator of the telecommunication tower is required to allow collocation until said tower has reached full antenna capacity, but in no event fewer than two (2) additional antenna platforms of equal loading capacity to the owner's/operator's antenna platform for two (2) additional providers unrelated to the owner/operator. Agreement to this provision must be included in the applicant's lease with the landowner, if different from the owner/operator of the tower. Written documentation must be presented to the Zoning Inspector evidencing that the landowner of the property on which the tower is to be located has agreed to the terms of this Subsection as well as all other applicable requirements, regulations and standards set forth in Article 11.
- C. The minimum setback from the nearest lot line to the base of the telecommunication tower shall be one hundred ten percent (110%) of the height of the tower.

#### 11.02

**GENERAL REGULATIONS.** The regulations and conditions set forth in this Resolution shall apply with respect to the location, erection, construction, reconstruction change, alteration, removal, or enlargement of a telecommunication tower and all appurtenances thereto. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, all wireless telecommunication tower facilities shall comply with the following standards:

- A. All towers shall be of a monopole design, as opposed to a lattice design. Lattice towers existing on the effective date of this provision, however, may be rebuilt as lattice towers of the same height and volume for the purpose of increasing the structural loading capacity of the tower in order to provide for collocation of additional antennas.
- B. Only one (1) wireless telecommunication tower shall be located on a lot.
- C. No telecommunication facility shall be located within a designated one hundred (100) year flood plain as depicted on the maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Geauga County.
- D. No telecommunication facility shall be located within a wetland as defined by federal law.
- E. A telecommunication facility shall not be mounted on a building or structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- F. A report shall be prepared and submitted by a qualified and licensed professional engineer and shall provide proof of compliance with all applicable federal, state, and county regulations. The report shall include a detailed site plan as required by Section 3.01.02 of this Resolution; a detailed description of the telecommunication tower, antenna(s), equipment building, and appurtenances as well as the tower's structural loading capacity to support at least three (3) antenna platforms of equal loading capacity; and shall verify that radio frequency (electromagnetic) emissions are within compliance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- G. For applications for wireless telecommunication towers and related facilities, as opposed to applications for collocation of antennas and related equipment building(s), the applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed site is the most appropriate location for a telecommunication tower, equipment building, and appurtenances. The applicant shall submit a study by a qualified and licensed professional engineer comparing all potential host sites for the proposed facility to the subject site. The study shall include a description of such sites and a discussion of the ability or inability of the alternative sites to host a facility. Reasons for excluding an alternative site from consideration may include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Written documentation of the property owner's refusal to locate a telecommunication facility on the site.
  2. Topographic limitations on the site.
  3. Adjacent impediments that would obstruct transmission.
  4. The physical constraints on the site that would preclude construction.
  5. Other technical limitations including a violation of federal, state, or county regulations.
- H. The shared use (i.e. collocation) of pre-existing telecommunications towers and antenna facilities shall be preferred to the construction of new towers and antenna facilities. For applications for wireless telecommunication towers and related facilities, as opposed to applications for collocation of antennas and related equipment building(s), the applicant shall submit a report by a qualified and licensed professional engineer inventorying existing telecommunication facility sites within a two (2)-mile radius of the proposed site outlining the reasons each existing site may or may not be used as an alternative for collocation. The applicant shall demonstrate that collocation is not feasible for the following reasons:
1. Written documentation of the owner's refusal to allow co-location on the existing tower;

2. The proposed equipment would exceed the structural capacity of existing and approved towers and facilities, considering the existing and currently planned uses for those facilities, and the existing or approved tower cannot be reinforced, modified, or replaced to accommodate currently planned or equivalent equipment at a reasonable cost;
  3. The proposed equipment would cause interference materially impacting the usability of other existing or currently planned equipment at the tower or building as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer and the interference cannot be prevented at reasonable cost;
  4. Existing or approved towers and buildings cannot accommodate the planned equipment at a height necessary to function reasonably as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer;
  5. The location of existing towers or buildings are not technically suitable; and/or
  6. Collocation would violate federal, state, or county regulations.
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- I. The applicant shall submit a plan documenting how the telecommunication facility will be maintained on the site in an ongoing manner that meets industry standards.
  - J. Except as required by law, an antenna or a tower shall not be illuminated and lighting fixtures or signs shall not be attached to the antenna or tower. If lighting is required by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, white strobe lights shall not be permitted at night unless no other alternative is permitted by the FAA.
  - K. A security fence not less than eight (8) feet in height shall fully enclose the base of the telecommunication facility including anchors for guy wires. Gates shall be locked at all times.
  - L. A landscaped buffer area of not less than fifteen (15) feet in depth shall be placed between the security fence surrounding the wireless communication facilities and the public rights-of-way and any adjacent properties from which a direct view can be had of the facilities, other than the tower itself. The fifteen (15)-foot landscaped buffer shall have a tight screen fence of hardy evergreen shrubbery not less than six (6) feet in height. The landscaping shall be continuously maintained and promptly restored, if necessary.
  - M. No advertising sign(s) shall be permitted anywhere on a telecommunication tower, equipment building, and appurtenances or on the site.

- N. A permanent warning sign with a minimum size of two (2) square feet and a maximum size of six (6) square feet shall be posted on the site as well as the emergency telephone number of the owner/operator of each platform. The owner/operator shall also provide the Chester Township fire department, the Chester Township police, and the county emergency management agency with information on who to contact, an address, and a telephone number in the event of an emergency.
- O. There shall be no outdoor storage of equipment or other items on the site except during the facility construction period and to supply emergency power to the facility only during a power outage.
- P. The access driveway to the wireless telecommunication facility shall, whenever feasible, be provided along with the circulation driveways of the existing use on the lot, if any. Where use of an existing driveway is not feasible, the driveway to the site shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet in width with a minimum overhead clearance of eleven (11) feet and shall be setback a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the nearest side or rear lot line. This driveway shall meet the load limitations for fire equipment. A turnaround shall be provided for emergency vehicles at the site. A bypass, adequate for emergency vehicles, with an approachable access shall be provided for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of driveway. There shall be a minimum of one (1) parking space.
- Q. A telecommunication tower shall be painted a neutral color to minimize its visibility unless otherwise required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- R. The minimum distance between a telecommunication tower and structures located off the lot the tower is located on shall be one hundred ten percent (110%) of the height of the tower.
- S. If at any time the use of the telecommunication facility is discontinued for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, said facility shall be deemed abandoned. The Zoning Inspector shall notify the applicant in writing and advise that the facility must be reactivated within sixty (60) days or it must be dismantled and removed from the site and the site restored to a condition reasonably similar to the condition at the time of the issuance of the zoning certificate. This shall be done at the cost of the owner/operator. The owner/operator of the telecommunication facility shall, on no less than an annual basis from the date of issuance of the zoning certificate, file a declaration with the Zoning Inspector as to the continuing operation of every facility which is subject to Article 11.
- T. The owner/operator of a wireless telecommunication tower shall notify the Township fire department by certified mail of the location and height of the proposed tower as a condition of issuance of a zoning certificate.



- U. After issuance of a zoning certificate to construct a wireless telecommunication facility, the applicant shall commence construction within one hundred eighty (180) days and shall complete construction within one (1) year or the zoning certificate shall expire.
- V. The height of a free-standing telecommunication tower, antenna, and appurtenances shall be less than two hundred (200) feet.
- W. The maximum cumulative total size of all equipment buildings accessory to a telecommunication tower or antenna on a lot shall be six hundred (600) square feet and its maximum height shall be fifteen (15) feet from building grade. Only one (1) equipment building, or the configuration of more than one (1) building to appear that there is one (1) building, shall be permitted on a lot.
- X. A telecommunication tower, shall be setback a minimum of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the height of the tower to a dwelling.
- Y. There shall be no tower erected between a public road and the principal building on a lot which is nearest to the public right-of-way.
- Z. A telecommunication tower, antenna, equipment building, and appurtenances shall comply with all of the regulations for the zoning district in which it is located, except as may otherwise be specified in Article 11 of this Resolution.

#### 11.03

#### **FEES.**

- A. Application Fee. The fees for application for zoning certificates as required by this Section shall be as specified by the Board of Township Trustees. See Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Expenses; and Collection Procedure, Section 1.01.05.
- B. Reimbursement of Expenses. The applicant for a wireless communication tower and/or antenna facility shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by the Township for any technical and/or engineering services deemed necessary by the Zoning Inspector, the Board of Zoning Appeals, or the Board of Township Trustees to perform the reviews and/or inspections set forth in this Article which are not covered by the application fee established by the Board of Township Trustees.

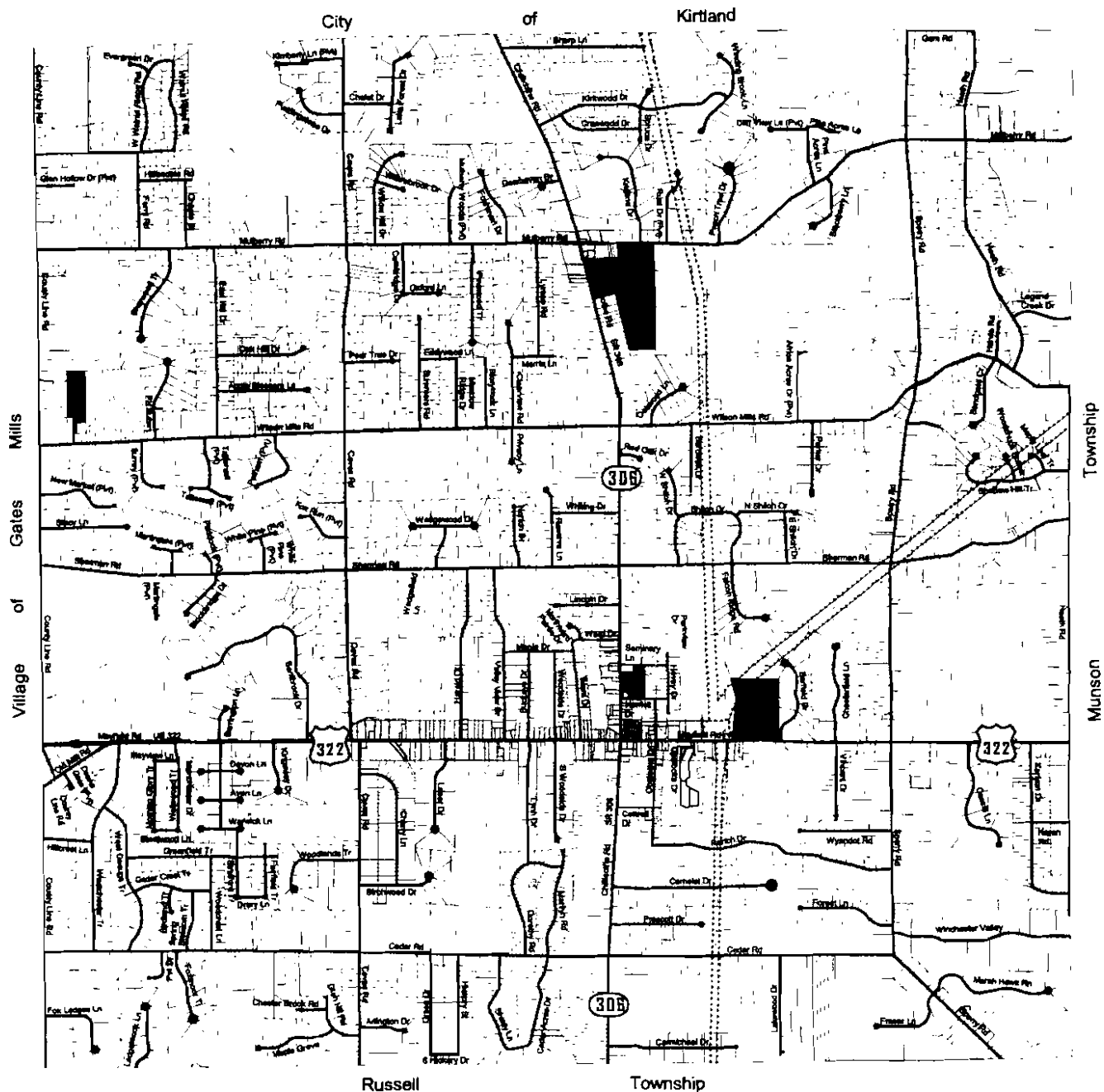
#### 11.04

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY EXEMPTION.**

- A. In the event a wireless telecommunications tower facility is to be owned or principally used by a public utility engaged in the provision of telecommunication services, the regulations of this Article 11 do not apply when the proposed location of the tower facility is in an area of the Township which is not residentially zoned. The proponent of such tower facility must file a written application with the Zoning Inspector supported in writing by substantial evidence that the tower will be owned or principally used by a public utility engaged in the provision of telecommunication services. The applicant must also demonstrate by substantial evidence that it possesses a sufficient degree of the following attributes associated with being a public utility to be considered a "public utility" for purposes of this exemption:

1. Whether the applicant devotes an essential good or service to the general public which has a legal right to demand or receive this good or service;
  2. Whether the applicant provides its good or service to the public indiscriminately and reasonably;
  3. Whether the applicant has an obligation to provide the good or service which cannot be arbitrarily or unreasonably withdrawn;
  4. Whether the applicant conducts its operations in such a manner as to be a matter of public concern;
  5. Whether the good or service is vital;
  6. Whether there is a lack of competition in the local marketplace for the good or service;
  7. Whether there is regulation by a government authority and the extent of that regulation;
  8. Whether the applicant possesses the power of eminent domain.
- B. No single factor set forth above is controlling as to whether the applicant is a "public utility engaged in the provision of telecommunications services". Each factor should be considered and weighed according to the factual circumstances presented and, in specific circumstances, some factors may be given more weight than others.
- C. If the Zoning Inspector determines to deny the applicant such "public utility" status, the Inspector shall do so in writing, and state the reasons therefor. Such decision of denial by the Zoning Inspector shall not be a final decision by the Township on this issue. Any determination by the Zoning Inspector that the applicant is not a public utility engaged in the provision of telecommunications services shall be appealable to the Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Zoning Resolution. The decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be the final decision of the Township on this issue.
- D. In the event a wireless telecommunications tower facility is proposed to be located in an unincorporated area of the Township, in an area zoned for residential use, and is to be owned or principally used by a public utility engaged in the provision of telecommunications services, the public utility shall be exempt from the requirements of this Zoning Resolution if it meets all of the criteria in 1, 2, and 3 below, as follows:
1. All of the requirements of Subsection 11.04 A through C are met;

2. The public utility provides both of the following by certified mail:
  - a. Written notice to each owner of property, as shown on the County Auditor's current tax list, whose land is contiguous to or directly across a street or roadway from the property on which the tower is proposed to be constructed, stating all of the following in clear and concise language:
    - (1) The public utility's intent to construct the tower; and
    - (2) A description of the property sufficient to identify the proposed location; and
    - (3) That no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of the notice, any such property owner may give written notice to the Board of Township Trustees requesting that the provisions of this Zoning Resolution apply to the proposed location of the tower. If the notice to a property owner is returned unclaimed or refused, the person shall mail the notice by regular mail. The failure of delivery of the notice does not invalidate the notice; and
  - b. Written notice to the Board of Township Trustees of the information specified in Subsection B.2.a. of this Section; and
3. If the Board of Township Trustees receives notice from a property owner under Subsection D.2.a.(3) of this Section within the time specified in that Subsection, or if a Trustee makes an objection to the proposed location of the telecommunications tower within fifteen (15) days after the date of mailing of the notice sent under Subsection D.2.b. of this Section, the Board of Trustees shall request that the Clerk of the Township send the person proposing to construct the tower written notice that the tower is subject to the regulations of this Zoning Resolution. The notice shall be sent no later than five (5) days after the earlier of the date the Board of Trustees first receives such a notice from a property owner or the date upon which a Trustee makes an objection. Upon the date of mailing of the notice to the person, the provisions of this Zoning Resolution shall apply to the tower without exception. If the Board of Township Trustees, however, receives no notice under Subsection D.2.a. of this Section within the time prescribed by that Subsection or no Trustee has an objection as provided under this Subsection D.3. within the time prescribed by this Subsection, the applicant will be exempt from the regulations of this Zoning Resolution.



## Chester Township Zoning Map

### Zoning Districts

- R: One Family Residential
- R3A: One Family Residential
- R5A: One Family Residential
- SC: Shopping Center
- C: General Commercial
- I: Restricted Industrial
- High Tension Wires



Note: Two Family Residential, Min. 3 acres Deleted By Amendment Z-92-2 Eff. 2/11/93

Prepared by: The Geauga County Planning Commission October 1989. Lot lines updated September 1993. Note: The Geauga County Planning Commission does not warrant the accuracy of this map. It is not based upon a land survey Rev. Sept. 1996

Revised November 2000. Revised December 2001 (roads, lot lines, & high tension wires)

Amendment No. Z-96-2 is Hereby Adopted By The Chester Township Board Of Trustees This 5th Day of September, 1996.

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Effective The 5th Day Of October 1996.

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