

ZONING ORDINANCE

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania**

ARTICLE 1

TITLE AND PURPOSE

110 TITLE

“An ordinance to limit and restrict to specified districts or zones, and to regulate therein, buildings and structures according to their construction and the nature of and the extent of their use, and the nature and extent of the uses of land, in the Township of Washington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as the Township, and providing for the administration and enforcement of the provisions therein contained and fixing penalties for the violations thereof.”

120 SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as “The Washington Township Zoning Ordinance.”

130 DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

This zoning ordinance is adopted for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the community, and to further the following related and more specific objectives:

131 To guide and regulate the orderly growth, development and redevelopment of the Township, in accordance with the statement of goals and objectives contained in “The Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan for the Northern Region of Lehigh County”, latest revision.

132 To promote, in the public interest, the utilization of land for the purposes for which it is most appropriate;

133 To secure safety from flood, and to provide adequate air and convenience of access;

134 To prevent overcrowding of land or buildings, and to avoid undue concentration of population;

135 To lessen and, where possible, to prevent traffic congestion on public streets and highways;

136 To conserve the value of buildings and to enhance the value of land throughout the Township.

140 SEVERABILITY

If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall only affect that portion or provision of the Ordinance. All other portions and provisions shall be held as valid and enforceable.

150 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its adoption.

160 REPEALER

The Washington Township Zoning Ordinance of December 9, 1986, and all amendments thereto, except Ordinance No. 47 on Airport Zoning Regulations for the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport, are hereby repealed. This Ordinance does not repeal provisions of other laws or ordinances except those specifically or implicitly repealed by this Ordinance.