

ARTICLE 8
SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 801 PURPOSE AND INTENT

Certain uses of land and/or buildings, as specified herein, whether permitted by right, special exception and or conditional use, shall be subject to supplemental regulations in addition to those of the district in which the use is located.

SECTION 802 USE REGULATIONS

802.01 ANIMAL HOSPITAL

An animal hospital shall maintain all activities within a completely enclosed soundproof building, and no objectionable odors shall be vented outside the building. No animal hospital shall be located less than one-hundred (100) feet from any property line.

802.02 ANIMAL KENNELS

Animal kennels in which animals are kept, boarded or trained may be either enclosed buildings or a combination of buildings and open runways. If all activities are maintained within a completely enclosed building, no objectionable odors shall be vented outside the building. If open runways are used, the building and runways shall be located not less than one hundred (100) feet from all property lines. Where the property abuts a district having residences as a principal permitted use, the building and runways shall be not less than two hundred (200) feet from such property lines.

802.03 AUTOMOBILE RELATED ACTIVITIES

- A. Automotive Repairs (Repair Garage): Activities including the repair of automobiles, trucks, snowmobiles and motorcycles shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building where adequate measures shall be taken to minimize noise, vibrations, fumes and glare. Said buildings shall be equipped with oil containment facilities/equipment which shall prohibit any oil from being discharged upon the ground or into streams, aquifers and/or environment. Refuse and/or waste oil shall be removed from site with disposal required in accordance with governing standards of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Only vehicles to be repaired on the premises or picked up by the vehicles' owner may be stored in the yard area. Where the operation abuts on the side or rear property line of any district having residences as a principal permitted use, a solid wall or solid opaque fencing eight (8) feet in height, designed to conceal and screen the automotive repair facility from adjoining properties, shall be constructed and maintained in good condition along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by a solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

- B. Automotive Sales: Where the operation of an automotive sales use abuts on the side or rear property line of any district having residences as a principal

permitted use, a solid wall or solid opaque fencing eight (8) feet in height, designed to conceal and screen the automotive sales facility from adjoining properties, shall be constructed and maintained in good condition along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

- C. Gasoline Service Stations (Also Includes Convenience Stores With Gasoline Sales): When a service station abuts on the rear or side lot line on the side or rear property line of any district with residences as a principal permitted use, a solid wall or solid opaque fencing eight (8) feet in height, designed to conceal and screen the gasoline service station from adjoining properties, shall be constructed and maintained in good condition along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties. When a service station occupies a corner lot, the access driveways shall be located at least sixty (60) feet from the intersection of the front and side street lines of the lot. All access driveways shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in width. Gasoline pumps or other service appliances and canopies may be located in the required front yard subject to having a setback of not less than twenty feet from the right-of-way line of the adjoining road. All repairs, service, storage or similar activities in connection with the use shall be conducted within the building where adequate measures shall be taken to minimize noise, fumes and glare. Outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties
- D. Car Wash: Appropriate drainage facilities for washing activities shall be provided. The facility shall be designed with a water reclamation system. The site shall be sufficiently large to accommodate three (3) cars per stall waiting washing during peak periods so that lines along public streets are avoided. Such operations shall also comply with any applicable regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Car wash operations abutting on the side or rear property lines of a district having residences as a principal permitted use shall provide a solid wall or solid opaque fencing eight (8) feet in height and well maintained along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area by solid opaque fencing, not less than six (6) feet in height. Outdoor lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.04 BANKS

Banks and other similar financial offices shall provide sufficient space to accommodate parking, vehicular circulation areas for drive-in tellers, access areas for parking lots separated from drive-in areas, and areas for pedestrian traffic separated from vehicular traffic for safety. Access driveways shall be no more than twenty-five (25) feet in width. Canopies over drive-through areas shall meet all yard setback requirements.

802.05 BED AND BREAKFAST

A Bed and Breakfast shall be within an owner occupied dwelling containing not more than three (3) bed and breakfast units which are rented on a nightly basis for periods of normally not more than a week. Dining and other facilities shall not be open to the public, but shall be exclusively for the use of the residents and registered guests. Breakfast shall be the only meal served. Two off street parking spaces shall be provided for each rental unit.

802.06 BOARDING/ROOMING HOUSE

The property shall be limited to providing lodging for not more than four (4) persons, excluding the owner of the property. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each person residing therein.

802.07 CEMETERIES

The property shall not be less than ten (10) acres. A structure, grave or place of permanent burial shall be set back not less than fifty (50) feet from the property line. The cemetery shall be enclosed along all boundaries by a fence, wall or shrubbery, or any combination thereof, at least four (4) feet in height. The interior roads shall have a minimum width of fifteen (15) feet and shall be properly maintained with either gravel or paving.

802.08 CLUB/PRIVATE LODGE

Buildings utilized for such purposes shall not be less than forty (40) feet from any property line. Where the use abuts on the rear or side lot line of any district with residences as the principal permitted use, a solid wall or solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height, designed to conceal and screen the use from adjoining properties, shall be constructed and maintained in good condition along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.09 CONTRACTORS' STORAGE YARDS

Commercial or industrial uses utilizing outdoor storage space of more than 1,000 square feet, shall be located on a tract of land not less than two (2) acres. Supplies stored outdoors shall be neatly arranged and no required yard setback areas shall be used for storage. There shall be a roadway fourteen (14) feet in width provided for every forty linear (40) feet of stored materials. The roadway shall be kept passable for fire-fighting equipment. Where the operation abuts on the rear or side lot line on the side or rear property line of any district having residences as the principal permitted use, a solid wall or solid opaque fencing eight (8) feet in height, designed to conceal and screen the outdoor storage areas from adjoining properties, shall be constructed and maintained in good condition along such boundary. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.10 DAY CARE FACILITIES

All day care facilities shall comply with the following:

- A. The applicant or owner shall provide evidence of certification of compliance with all appropriate regulations of any designated State agency whose approval and/or license is required by the laws of the Commonwealth.
- B. Noise and all other possible disturbing aspects connected such use shall be controlled to the extent that the operation of such use shall not unduly interfere with the use and enjoyment of properties in the surrounding area.
- C. All day care facilities shall have an outdoor play area which shall be completely enclosed with a fence six (6') feet in height. Outdoor play activities shall be limited to the hours between 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. local time. The minimum area of said play area shall be three-hundred (300) square feet or ten (10) square feet per child, whichever is greater.
- D. The applicant shall supply evidence that vehicular traffic congestion will be avoided in "pick-up and drop-off points" utilized in transporting individuals to and from the facility.

802.11 DWELLING OVER OR ATTACHED TO A BUSINESS

A dwelling unit over or attached to business establishments may be permitted provided that such dwelling is occupied by the owner or manager of such business. Said dwelling unit shall be designed as living quarters with private access, having adequate natural light and kitchen and bathroom facilities. The required off-street parking shall include residence parking spaces in addition to commercial parking spaces as required by Article 11.

802.12 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES

Entertainment facilities as defined in Article 2 of this Ordinance shall provide proper parking areas with vehicular circulation and access designed to minimize any potential traffic congestion. Such facilities shall not be closer than fifty (50) feet from any boundary of a district having residences as principal permitted use, shall provide adequate screening from any residential district, and shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed structure.

802.13 FORESTRY ACTIVITIES (TIMBER HARVESTING)

In order to preserve forests and the environmental and economic benefits that they provide, it is the policy of Bear Creek Township to encourage the owners of forest land to continue to use their land for forestry purposes, including the long-term production of timer, recreation, wildlife, historical and amenity values. The timber harvesting regulations set forth in this Section are intended to further this policy by:

1. promoting good forest stewardship;

2. protecting the rights of adjoining property owners;
3. minimizing the potential for adverse environmental impacts;
4. preserving historical and environmental sensitive areas; and
5. avoiding unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions of the right to practice forestry.

“Forestry activities that include timbering operations that exceed five (5) acres shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

1. A Zoning Permit Application shall be submitted to the Bear Creek Township Zoning Officer prior to harvesting or otherwise removing trees on any tract of land larger than five (5) acres;
2. Prior to the start of operations, a Forestry Management Plan shall be prepared and filed with the submission of the Zoning Permit Application. Said plan shall be prepared by a qualified forester or forest technician, with a four year degree from an accredited college;
3. The Forestry Management Plan shall be consistent with the Timber Harvesting Guidelines of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association;
4. Prior to the approval of the Zoning Permit Application, an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be submitted by the Applicant to the Luzerne County Conservation District for its review, recommendation and approval;
5. Clear cutting shall be prohibited except on tracts of less than five (5) acres;
6. When harvesting or otherwise removing on tracts larger than five (5) acres, at least 30% of the forest cover (canopy) shall be kept and the residual trees shall be well distributed. At least 30% of these residual trees shall be composed of highest value species as determined and documented by the Forestry Management Plan;
7. Clear cutting is prohibited on acres with slopes greater than 15% or within the 100 year floodway.

802.14 FUNERAL HOME

Funeral homes shall accommodate all of the parking areas required as provided in Article 11 of this Ordinance. In addition, sufficient area shall be provided for vehicular circulation on the lot and for the assembly area for the procession beyond the street right-of-way line. Points of vehicular access to the site shall not create traffic hazards on the street. Loading and unloading areas for ambulances and hearses shall be within an enclosed building or shall be screened from view from adjacent properties by a solid wall or solid opaque fencing six (6) feet in height. Outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.15 GROUP RESIDENCE

Any party wishing to establish and/or operate a "Group Residence", in addition to all other applicable zoning regulations and/or requirements, shall be subject to the following supplemental requirements:

- A. The maximum occupancy of a Group Residence shall not exceed eight (9) persons, excluding staff. The occupancy of said Group Residence shall be governed by the standards and requirements as provided for within the most recent housing code standards by the governing code as provided for under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code.
- B. The Group Residence shall be under the jurisdictional and regulatory control of a governmental entity (County, State and/or Federal).
- C. The applicant and/or operator of a Group Residence shall provide written documentation from the applicable governmental entity which certifies said Group Residence complies with the location, supervised services, operation, staffing and management of all applicable standards and regulations of the subject governing program.
- D. The applicable requirements and standards which govern off-street parking for a single family dwelling shall also govern for a Group Residence, however two (2) additional off-street parking spaces shall be provided and if there is any required staffing associated with the management and operation of a Group Residence.

802.16 HOME OCCUPATIONS

A home occupation which is conducted within a dwelling unit or an existing accessory building to the dwelling shall be subject to the following provisions:

- A. The occupation shall be carried on wholly indoors, within the principal building or within a building accessory thereto.
- B. There shall be permitted a sign, not to exceed two (2) square feet in surface area, placed flat against the building as a wall sign, and shall not be permitted above the first story level. No other exterior display or exterior storage of materials or any other exterior indication of the home occupation shall be permitted.
- C. There shall be no maintenance of a stock in trade or show windows or displays or advertising visible outside the premises.
- D. There shall be no repetitive servicing by truck.
- E. No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or glare shall be produced.
- F. The home occupation shall be carried on only by members of the immediate family residing in the dwelling unit, plus not more than two (2) additional employees. Licensed medical practitioners and attorneys may have more than two (2) additional employees, subject to approval by the Zoning Hearing Board.

- G. The floor area devoted to a home occupation, regardless of where located on a lot, shall be equivalent to not more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the floor area of the dwelling unit.
- H. Each home occupation shall have off-street parking as indicated below, in addition to that required for the dwelling unit:
 - (1) Four (4) spaces for each physician, dentist, or other licensed medical practitioner.
 - (2) Three (3) spaces for all other home occupations.

802.17 INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the applicable requirements of this Ordinance, all industrial activities and uses permitted by right, special exception and/or conditional use shall comply with all regulations governing odors, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration, noise, sewage, industrial waste, fire hazards and any other of the activities and uses with side effects that are deemed injurious to the public health, safety and welfare by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide the Zoning Officer with a complete listing of all State and Federal regulations governing the proposed use and written compliance from the governing agency. All industries are required to supply the Township Emergency Management Agency and the Fire Department with all applicable MSDS sheets, emergency operations and evacuation plans.

802.18 MOTELS AND HOTELS

Motel and Hotel uses shall require a minimum lot size of not less than three (3) acres with a lot width of not less than two hundred (200) feet.

- A. The hotel/motel shall be serviced by centralized sewage and centralized water.
- B. There shall be more than ten (10) sleeping rooms.
- C. Fifty (50%) percent or more of the gross floor area shall be devoted to sleeping rooms.
- D. There may be club rooms, ballrooms, and common dining facilities.
- E. In the case of a corner lot, access drives shall be not less than eighty (80) feet from the intersection of any two streets as measured from the intersection of their right-of-way lines.

802.19 NO IMPACT HOME-BASED BUSINESS

A No Impact Home-Based Business, as defined in Article 2 of this Ordinance, shall be permitted by right in all Residential Zoning Districts and zoning districts in which residences are permitted as a principal permitted use, except that such permission

shall not supersede any deed restriction, covenant, or agreement restricting the use of the land, nor any master deed, bylaw, or other document applicable to common interest ownership community. The following standards and criteria shall apply to a No Impact Home-Based Business:

- A. The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
- B. The business shall employ no employees other than the family members residing in the dwelling.
- C. There shall be no display or sale of retail goods and no stockpiling or inventory of a substantial nature.
- D. There shall be no outside appearance of a business, including, but not limited to, parking, signs or lights.
- E. The business activity shall not use any equipment or process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, which is detectable in the neighborhood.
- F. The business activity shall not generate any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, which is not normally associated with a residential use in the neighborhood.
- G. The business activity shall not occupy more than twenty-five (25%) of the habitable floor area.
- H. The business shall not involve any illegal activity.

802.20 OUTDOOR FUEL BURNING FURNACE:

An outdoor fuel burning furnace shall be deemed to be an accessory structure permitted in all zoning districts, as a special exception use, thereby requiring approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. Said furnaces shall only be located within a rear yard of a property. An outdoor fuel burning furnace shall comply with the following standards

- A. A safe flue or chimney shall be provided which has a minimum termination height of twenty-five (25) feet above the natural ground level upon which the furnace is located.
- B. A fan or blower attached to the appliance to increase the efficiency of the furnace.
- C. An outdoor fuel burning furnace shall be located not less than one hundred (100) feet from any property line and not less than forty (40) feet to any principal structure or building located upon the property.
- D. All outdoor fuel burning furnace are required to meet emission standards currently required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Emission

standards currently required by the EPA are hereby adopted by reference together with any amendments or modifications made to them in the future.

- E. All outdoor fuel burning appliances shall be installed, operated and maintained in strict conformance with the manufacturer's instructions and the regulations promulgated hereunder. In the event of a conflict, the regulations promulgated within this Section shall apply unless the manufacturer's instructions are stricter, in which case the manufacturer's instructions shall apply.
- F. The owner of the outdoor fuel burning furnace shall produce the manufacturer's instructions for all devices that do not conform to the requirements of this Section.
- G. All outdoor fuel burning furnaces may only be utilized for the sole purpose of furnishing heat to a structure or building and/or providing hot water during the time period of October 1 through April 30; and subject to meeting the requirements of this Section.
- H. No homemade outdoor fuel burning appliances will be allowed.
- I. Only natural wood, coal, heating oil, natural gas, kerosene or wood specifically permitted by the manufacturer in writing may be burned in outdoor furnaces. The burning in outside furnaces of processed wood products and non-wood products, household or other garbage, recyclable material, rubber tires, railroad ties, leaves, laminated wood, wet or soggy wood, painted or treated wood and any item not specifically and in writing permitted by the manufacturer is prohibited.
- J. All storage of materials to be burnt in the outdoor fuel burning furnace shall be neatly stacked and/or stored under cover and free from insects (termites, ants, etc.) or any type of disease carrying rodents.
- K. Ashes or waste cannot be accumulated in a large area on the property. They may be dispersed on the property as long as no accumulation can be seen (for example: spread in a driveway). Any large accumulation of ashes or waste must be disposed of weekly with the owner's trash.

802.21 PLACE OF WORSHIP:

A parking area shall accommodate all parking spaces as required in Article 11 of this Ordinance. Access driveways shall be not greater than twenty-five (25) feet in width. In the case of a corner lot, access driveways shall be not less than sixty (60) feet from the intersection of the two streets, as measured from the intersection of their right-of-way lines.

802.22 PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - (OUTDOORS)

All such facilities shall conform to the following regulations:

- A. No outdoor recreation activity, excluding trails and nature paths, shall be conducted closer than thirty-five (35) feet to any property line.

- B. Storm drainage from the site shall be channeled to natural drainage courses and away from adjoining properties.

802.23 PUBLIC USES

MUNICIPAL, POLICE AND FIRE BUILDINGS: Where the parking area abuts the side or rear property lines of an adjoining residential use, a fence being not less than six (6) feet in height along with a planting of shrubbery or evergreen trees shall be provided.

802.24 PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Public utility facilities as defined in Article 2 shall conform to the following regulations for properties containing such uses:

- A. Access and parking shall be provided only in relationship to the maintenance and servicing of such facilities.
- B. A chain-link fence and locked gate eight (8) feet in height shall surround the building or structures of such facilities.
- C. Outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.
- D. The location, design and operation of such facilities shall not adversely affect the character of any adjacent residential properties.
- E. A buffer area not less than ten (10) feet in depth and comprised of trees and/or shrubs designed to conceal such buildings or structures of such facilities shall be required.

802.25 RESTAURANTS AND TAVERNS

Access drives shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in width and for those establishments located on a corner lot, no access drive shall be located less than sixty (60) feet from an intersection, as measured from the right-of-way lines, from the intersection of the two abutting streets. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.26 RESTAURANT, FAST FOOD

Access drives shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in width and for those establishments located on a corner lot, no access drive shall be located less than sixty (60) feet from an intersection, as measured from the right-of-way lines, from the intersection of the two abutting streets. Outdoor trash dumpsters shall be concealed within an area surrounded by solid opaque fencing not less than six (6) feet in height. The provision of any outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties. All drive-through lanes shall be distinctly marked and shall be separate from circulation lanes. Lanes shall not cross any principal pedestrian access to the building or site. To avoid internal traffic congestion, the site layout shall provide a minimum queuing distance of 150 feet for vehicles between

start of lane order to service window and a minimum queuing distance of fifty (50) feet from start of lane to order.

802.27 RIPARIAN BUFFER:

In all Zoning Districts, a minimum setback of one hundred (100) feet from any Natural Watercourse, (as defined in Article 2) shall be required for any form of development and/or improvements

802.28 SINGLE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, CONTAINING
MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS

Such structures shall contain a lot area of not less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet for each dwelling. A minimum lot width of not less than one hundred (100) feet shall be required. Each sideyard shall have a setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet.

802.29 TOWNHOUSES

Townhouses which are not being developed as part of a Planned Residential Development, shall be subject to the following provisions and all applicable provisions of the Bear Creek Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

- A. Minimum lot size for the development of Townhouses shall be four (4) acres.
- B. Minimum Lot Width shall be two-hundred (200) feet.
- C. Maximum percentage of building coverage on a lot per dwelling unit, exclusive of common or public open areas, shall be forty (40%) percent.
- D. Minimum lot width per dwelling unit shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
- E. Minimum lot depth per dwelling unit shall be not less than one-hundred (100') feet.
- F. Minimum lot area per dwelling unit shall be not less than 2,000 square feet.
- G. Minimum front yard setback shall be not less than thirty (30) feet.
- H. No side yard setbacks shall be required for attached interior Townhouse units. A minimum sideyard setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet shall be required only at the ends of the rows of Townhouses.
- I. Minimum rear yard setback shall be not less than thirty (30) feet.
- J. Minimum width of each dwelling unit shall be not less than twenty (20) feet.
- K. Maximum building height shall be 2¹/₂ stories or thirty-five (35) feet.
- L. Minimum distance between principal structures shall be not less than thirty (30) feet.
- M. Minimum front yard setback for off-street parking areas shall be not less than ten (10) feet.

- N. Minimum rear yard setbacks for off-street parking areas shall be not less than fifteen (15) feet.
- O. Two (2) off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit.
- P. Unattached accessory structures such as pools, garages, carports and sheds shall be prohibited in the front yard. Unattached accessory structures located in the side or rear yard shall have not less than five (5) feet side and rear yard setbacks. Attached accessory structures shall have the same setbacks as required for principal structures.

802.30 TRUCKING FACILITIES

The property shall not be less than three (3) acres in area. Access drives shall be no more than twenty-five (25) feet in width; parking and loading areas shall conform to the regulations within Article 11. No truck parking or terminal operation shall be allowed within one-hundred (100) feet of any lot line. Outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.

802.31 WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

All materials shall be stored within a completely enclosed building and yard areas shall be kept clear of junk, trash or other types of debris. Access drives shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in width; parking and loading areas shall conform to the regulations of Article 11 of this Ordinance. No warehouse activities, including parking and/or loading areas, shall be allowed within fifty (50) feet of any property line.

802.32 WAREHOUSE (SELF-STORAGE)

These facilities may be a building or group of buildings in a controlled-access and fenced compound, containing varying sizes of individual compartmentalized and controlled-access stalls or lockers for dead storage of customers' goods and personal property, with storage space available for rental to the general public. All storage shall be contained within a completely enclosed building or buildings. There shall be a minimum spacing of twenty-five (25) feet between buildings for traffic circulation, parking and fire lane purposes. All outside lighting shall be directed away from adjacent properties.