



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP CODE TITLED "ZONING" TO AMEND CERTAIN SIGN REGULATIONS; SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 200-94.B, 200-94.I, 200-94.O, 200-95.F, 200-95.K, 200-96, 200-98(C)(3), 200-98(C)(4), 200-98(D)(3); TO DELETE SECTIONS 200-94.E, 200-94.F, 200-94.G, 200-94.W AND 200-94.X; TO AMEND SECTION 200-62.B TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 26,001 POUNDS REGISTERED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT TO BE PARKED ON A LOT IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO AMEND SECTION 200-73.2B TO ADD THREE REGULATIONS FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Uwchlan Township that Chapter 200 of the Upper Uwchlan Township Code, titled "Zoning", shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph B shall be amended as follows:

"B. No sign shall be erected or maintained within the lines of, or project over, any public street or public sidewalk, or shall be closer to a street or sidewalk surface than 5 feet, unless said sign is a street sign or attached to a building.

SECTION 2. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph E shall be deleted and the section number reserved.

SECTION 3. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph F shall be deleted.

SECTION 4. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph G shall be deleted.

SECTION 5. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph I shall be revised as follows:

"I. Signs on vehicles denoting a business-related activity are business signs. Vehicles containing a business sign and parked in a residential district shall be permitted provided the vehicle is parked on the driveway or within a garage. This prohibition shall not apply where the vehicle owner is actually engaged in authorized repairs or construction at the location where the vehicle is parked."

SECTION 6. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph O shall be revised as follows:

"O. Any sign which no longer advertises an existing use conducted on the premises shall be removed by the owner of the property within 30 days. The Zoning Officer, upon determining that a use has ceased while a sign remains, shall notify the owner of the premises, in writing, to remove said sign within 30 days from the date of such notice. Upon failure to comply with such notice within the prescribed period, the Zoning Officer may remove or cause the removal of such sign and collect the cost of such removal, together with any penalties, from the owner in a manner provided by law."

SECTION 7. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph W shall be deleted.

SECTION 8. Section 200-94, titled, "Regulations applicable to all signs", subparagraph X shall be deleted.

SECTION 9. Section 200-95, titled, "Exempt signs", subparagraph F shall be revised as follows:

"F. Permanent window signs shall not be included in the computation of total permitted sign area and shall not require a sign permit. The total area of all window signs, including both temporary and permanent window signs, shall be limited to 25% of the glass area and shall not obscure views from the outside to the interior of the commercial use."

SECTION 10. Section 200-95, titled, "Exempt signs", subparagraph K shall be revised as follows:

"K. The following temporary signs:

(1) One temporary sign per 1/4 acre of net lot area of property may be located on the owner's property for a period of 30 days prior to an election involving a voter referendum or candidates for a federal, state or local office that represents the district in which the property is located. Such signs shall not exceed 15 square feet and shall be removed within 14 days of the election.

(2) One temporary sign may be located on a property that is being offered for sale for a period of 7 days following the date on which the settlement occurs. Such signs shall not exceed 15 square feet.

(3) A temporary sign of contractors or artisans, erected and maintained on the premises during the period of their work or as established by any applicable building permit. Such signs shall not exceed 15 square feet.

(4) Temporary signs announcing special events, promotions and the temporary lawful sale of products, goods and/or services such as the sale of Christmas trees. Such signs shall not exceed 24 square feet and shall be removed within 14 days of the special event, promotion or temporary sale.

(5) Temporary signs advertising a community special event. Where such signs are in the form of banners proposed for suspension across public roads, the following standards shall apply in addition to the above standards:

[a] The sign shall not exceed 3 feet high by 30 feet wide and the bottom edge of the sign shall be at least 15 feet above the road surface.

[b] The Township shall be notified prior to the erection of such signs.

[c] When the proposed banner spans a state road, the applicant shall also comply with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) procedural requirements for the placement of signs or banners across state highways. Evidence of such compliance shall be supplied to the Township prior to the erection of the sign."

[d] The sign shall be removed within 14 days of the special event."

SECTION 12. Section 200-96, titled, "Temporary sign regulations", shall be retitled "Portable signs" and shall be revised as follows:

"§ 200-96. Portable signs. A limit of one portable sign per commercial use shall be permitted and may be placed within the sidewalk, so long as each portable sign shall not exceed 9 square feet, and a minimum clear walking width of 5 feet shall be maintained on the sidewalk. Portable signs shall be constructed of weather-resistant materials, such as wood, plastic or metal. No portable sign shall create hazardous conditions to motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians. No portable sign may contain lights of any kind. Portable signs must be sufficiently weighted or constructed to keep the sign in the approved location. All portable signs shall be taken indoors at the close of each business day. The area of portable signs shall not be included in the computation of total permitted sign area."

SECTION 13. Section 200-98, titled, "Signs in commercial, limited industrial and planned industrial/office districts", subparagraph C(1) shall be revised as follows:

"C(1). Not more than one freestanding sign (pole or monument) shall be permitted for an establishment occupying an individual structure on a single lot. In the case of uses in combination, shopping centers, industrial or office parks, only one freestanding sign shall be permitted to identify the combined uses. For tracts with street frontage in excess of 1,000 feet of frontage, one additional freestanding sign shall be permitted provided that such sign shall be located no closer than 400 feet from the other sign."

SECTION 14. Section 200-98, titled, "Signs in commercial, limited industrial and planned industrial/office districts", subparagraph C(3) shall be revised by deleting subparagraph (c).

SECTION 15. Section 200-98, titled, "Signs in commercial, limited industrial and planned industrial/office districts", subparagraph C(4) shall be revised as follows:

"C(4). No freestanding sign shall exceed 12 feet in height when measured from the ground level to the top of the sign."

SECTION 16. Section 200-98, titled, "Signs in commercial, limited industrial and planned industrial/office districts", subparagraph D(3) shall be revised to delete subparagraph (b) so that the section now reads:

"D(3). The maximum display area of a sign mounted on any wall of a building or structure shall not exceed one square foot for each linear foot of building frontage on which the sign is mounted, provided that the total display area of such sign shall not exceed 10% of the total area of the wall on which the sign is mounted."

SECTION 17. Section 200-98, titled, "Signs in commercial, limited industrial and planned industrial/office districts", subparagraph D(5) shall be deleted.

SECTION 18. Section 200-62.B(2) shall be revised as follows:

"B. No commercial vehicle, or part thereof or combination thereof, having a registered gross weight, either solely or in combination exceeding 26,001 pounds, or which is in excess of 18 feet in length, shall be parked, stored or maintained on any lot in any residential district established in § 200-8 of this chapter, except a construction vehicle or vehicles owned by a contractor or other tradesman temporarily engaged in the performance of actual work or delivery of materials to any such lot. The proper maintenance and storage of farm equipment, horse vans, boats, recreation vehicles or a motor home, a recreational trailer or a farm truck, as the latter terms are defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, on a lot owned or occupied by the owner of such equipment or vehicle, shall not be deemed to be prohibited by this section. For the purposes of this section, the term "registered gross weight" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the definitions section of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code."

SECTION 19. Section 200-72.3., titled, "Standards and criteria for short term rentals" shall be amended by adding new subparagraphs B(10), (11), (12) and (13) as follows:

"(10) The conditional use approval for a short term rental shall be specific to the applicant and any zoning approval may not be assigned to a new owner.

(11) If the owner of the short term rental permits their guests to bring animals, the maximum number of dogs that shall be permitted is two and the owner must provide a fenced in area in the rear or side yard for the animals.

(12) The owner of the short term rental shall include in their rules and regulations that quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(13) The owner of the short term rental shall require the individuals who rent the short term rental to be a minimum of 25 years old."

SECTION 20. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that

this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 21. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 22. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following the enactment as by law provided.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 20 day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


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