

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTON
A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 320, TITLED "ZONING" OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF NORRISTOWN TO ELIMINATE AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND/OR ARCADES AS A PERMITTED PRIMARY USE IN THE MAIN STREET MIXED-USE DISTRICT (MSMU), THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (NC), THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT DISTRICT (DR) AND PERMITTING SUCH USE IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (CR) BY CONDITIONAL USE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Norristown is a Home Rule Municipality organized operating in accordance with the Charter of the Municipality of Norristown as permitted by the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, 53 Pa. C.S. 2901 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Charter and Pennsylvania law, the Municipal Council has the authority to enact and amend at any time it deems proper the provisions of the Municipality's General Laws including those provisions relating to zoning within the Municipality;

WHEREAS, after review of its General Laws, particularly its existing zoning regulations, Municipal Council has determined it would be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Municipality and consistent with the Municipality's existing Comprehensive Plan to amend its zoning code as codified in Chapter 320 to further regulate amusement device and arcade uses within the boundaries of the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** that Norristown Municipal Council amends its General Laws as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 320, titled "Zoning," Article VI MSMU Main Street Mixed-Use District, §320-56.B.(2)(g) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word "Reserved":

- (g) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION II. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article VIII NC Neighborhood Commercial District, §320-76.A(17) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (17) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION III. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article IX CR Commercial Retail District, §320-86.A(16) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and to replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (16) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION VI. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article IX CR Commercial Retail District, §320-86 is hereby amended **to add** a new subsection “G” that states as following:

G. Conditional Use. The following uses when approved by Municipal Council as a conditional use in accord with the Conditional Use standards set forth in §320-326 and any additional standards as listed herein:

- (1) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices and provided that:*

(a) The property is not located within 1000 feet, measured property line to property line, from a school (private or public), family day-care home, child-care facility, youth center, community center, recreational facility, park, church or religious institution, hospital, or other similar uses where children regularly gather regardless of the municipality or zoning district in which said use is located.

(b) The property is not located within 1000 feet, measured from property line to property line, from another Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices.

(c) The business operations shall cease between the hours of 11:00 PM and 10:00 AM every day that the business is operating.

SECTION V. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article XII DR Downtown Riverfront District, §320-116.A(18) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (18) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION VI. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article XIII Town Center District, §320-129.A(13) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (13) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION VII. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article XIX TCII Town Center II District, §320-141.A(2)(i) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (i) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION VIII. Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article XV LIMU Limited Industrial Mixed Use District, §320-151.B(9) is hereby amended **to delete** the following and replace it with the word “Reserved”:

- (9) *Arcade or place of business with four or more amusement devices, according to the regulations of § 320-271, Amusement Devices.*

SECTION IX: **SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any section, sentence, clause, or word of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude or otherwise foreclose the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION X: **REPEALER.** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specially repealed.

SECTION XI: **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of April, 2026.

Seal:

**Municipality of Norristown
Municipal Council**

Attest: Jayne Musonye
Jayne Musonye
Interim Municipal Administrator

By: Rashaad Bates
Rashaad Bates
Council President

