

TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, has enacted the New Britain Township Zoning Ordinance, which is codified in Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of New Britain Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interests of New Britain Township to revise the Zoning Ordinance in order to revise definitions of terms used in the Zoning Ordinance; to revise setback and buffer yard requirements and permitted activities within setbacks; to revise the general regulations applicable to all uses and districts; and to revise regulations pertaining to off-street parking, sightlines, lighting, fences and environmental standards; to relocate provisions that are more appropriate to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; and to make editorial and clarifying amendments throughout the Zoning Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, Chapter 27-Zoning of the Township of New Britain is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The following Sections of Chapter 27 Zoning is amended to read as provided for in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

- a. Section 201 General Definitions.
 - i. Area; Lot Area
 - ii. Site Area; Site Area, Base
 - iii. Land Development
- b. Section 300 Applicability of Regulations
- c. Section 305 Use Definitions and Regulations
- d. Section 502 Area and Dimensional Requirements (WS District)

- e. Section 505 Environmentally Sensitive Land Standards for Watershed District
- f. Section 1403 Performance Standards (C-3 District)
- g. Section 1904 Requirements of the Floodplain Overlay District
- h. Section 2103 Minimum Lot Width
- i. Section 2108 Bifurcation of Restrictions
- j. Section 2109 Fences and Terraces in Yards
- k. Section 2111 Traffic Visibility Across Corners
- l. Section 2114 Special Considerations for ~~Municipal Uses and Emergency~~ Service Uses
- m. Section 2115 Septic System Setbacks
- n. Section 2400 Natural Resources
- o. Section 2401 Application of Natural Resource Protection Standards
- p. Section 2606 Sign Type Specific Regulations
- q. Section 2702 Open Space Designation
- r. Section 2800 Purpose and Applicability (Buffer Yard Requirements)
- s. Section 2803 General Requirements (Buffer Yard Requirements)
- t. Section 2900 Purpose and General Requirements (Off-Street Parking and Loading)
- u. Section 2901 Off-Street Parking Requirements
- v. Section 2902 General Regulations for Off-Street Parking
- w. Section 2904 Design Standards for Off-Street Parking
- x. Section 2905 Parking of Trucks and Junk Vehicles in Residential Districts
- y. Section 3003 Application Requirements for Zoning Permits
- z. Attachment 1 – Appendix A. Environmental Impact Statement Report

Section 2. The following subsections shall be deleted from Section 305 Use Regulations: A3.b.5; A8.b.3.; A10.b.7.; C6.b.5.; D1.b.5.; D2.b.4; E1.b.3.; E2.b.4; E3.b.6.; E5.b.2.; E7.b.3; E8.b.2.; F2.b.2.; F3.b.3.; F4.b.2.; F5.b.6; G2.b.1.; G3.b.7; H15e.4.; H15f.2.; H15.g.7.; I.I1.b.1.; I2.b.2.; I3.b.1.; I4.b.1.; J.J1.b.1.; J3.b.1.; J4.b.2.; J5.b.1.; J6.b.1.; J7.b.3.; J8.b.1.; J10.b.; J11.b.1.; J12.b.5.; J13.b.1; J15.b.1.; J16.b.3.; J17.b.1.; J18.b.1.; J19.b.13.(g); J20.b.2.; J21.b.3.; J22.b.1.; J23.b.1.; J25.a.4.; J25.b.4.; J26.b.2.; J28.b.; J29.b.2.; J30.b.; J34.b.1. K.K1.b.1.; K2.b.1.; K3.b.2.; K4.b.1.; K5.b.1.; K6.b.5.; K7.b.1.; K8.b.1.; K9.b.1.; K10.b.2.; K15.d.5.; K17.b.17.; K20.h.; and K21.b.1.

Section 3. Sections 701, 801, 1001 and 1101 shall be amended to include Use H6 Residential Solar Energy Systems as a use permitted by Right. The Table of Use Regulations shall be amended to reflect this change.

Section 4. Sections 1201, 1401, 1501, 1601, 1701 and 1801 are amended to reflect that Use I3 is now titled “General Office” instead of Professional Office.

Section 5. Part 25 Traffic Impact Analysis shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 6. Section 2802 Content of Planting Strips shall be deleted in its entirety.

Section 7. Severability.

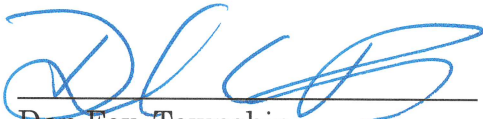
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provisions hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences, parts of provisions of this Ordinance or prior Ordinances. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, clause, sentence, part or provision had not been included.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the date of enactment, listed below.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township this 21 day of July, 2025.

Attest:



Dan Fox, Township
Manager

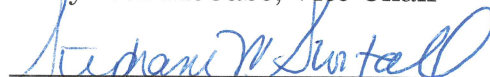
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Cynthia Jones, Chair



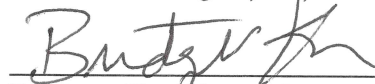
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