

**TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-_____

The Board of Supervisors of Tunkhannock Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, Adopts the following Amendment to the Driveway Ordinance adopted at its regular monthly meeting held on June 1996 at the Tunkhannock Township Municipal Building, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

1. Driveways shall be located as to provide safe stopping sight distance at intersections with streets and shall not be located in any required clear sight triangles. Access shall be provided to the street of lesser classification where there is more than one street classification involved. Driveways shall not interfere with normal traffic movement or be inconsistent with the design, maintenance and drainage of the street.

2. Single family residential driveways shall have a minimum width at the street right of way line of (10) feet and a maximum width at the street light of way line of twenty four (24) feet. Multifamily and commercial driveways shall have a minimum width at the street right of way line of fifteen (15) feet and a maximum width at the street right of way line of thirty five (35) feet. The number of driveway entrances per dwelling shall not exceed two (2).

3. Common driveways are prohibited unless a waiver of this Section is granted by the Board of Supervisors. When common driveways are permitted by waiver, an access and maintenance agreement shall be provided in the deeds of the lots having use of the common driveway. The agreement shall be in form satisfactory to the Township Solicitor.

4. When a proposed driveway has access to a street which, in the opinion of the Township Roadmaster, has large traffic volumes, high traffic speeds of poor sight distance the Township may require the construction of a turnaround area on the lot to prevent vehicles from backing into the existing street.

5. All driveways shall have a maximum gradient of eight (8%) percent for a distance of thirty (30) feet from the street right of way line. The grade of the driveway

shall slope away from the highway pavement at the same rate as the existing shoulder for the width of the existing shoulder.

6. Where driveway approach and roadway pavement meet, the driveway approach shall be flared to allow safe and easy turning of the vehicle when entering or departing the roadway.

7. All driveways shall be constructed so that drainage will not be interfered with in the road right of way and no alteration to the roadway subgrade will occur. Where required by the Roadmaster, adequate pipe shall be installed under the driveway by the property owner in accordance with all Township requirements.

8. All driveways shall be surfaced between the existing road pave and the property line with a stabilized material or higher type material as directed by the Roadmaster.

9. Before any driveway may be constructed to access a Township road, a permit shall be obtained from Tunkhannock Township. All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with Township standards and no driveway may be utilized by the property owner until the Roadmaster has inspected the driveway construction.

10. In case any person, firm or corporation shall construct a driveway which does not conform to this Ordinance, the Tunkhannock Township Supervisors may order such person, firm or corporation to remove the work which is not in conformance with this Ordinance and bring the driveway into conformance. Any such order shall be given by registered mail and shall state the entity in question shall have twenty (20) days from the receipt of the order to comply. If the corrective work is not done, the Township may make or cause to be made the necessary corrections to the defective work and levy any associated costs as a property lien.

11. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision or part of this Ordinance shall, upon finding of civil violation thereof, be ordered to pay a fine of not more than six hundred (\$600.00) dollars plus costs. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance or any part thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

12. This Ordinance shall also apply to owners of existing driveways upon repaving, including the permit procedures set forth in paragraph nine of this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED as an amendment to the Tunkhannock Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended this _____ day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP

Martina L. Kernan, Secretary

Fran DePiano, Chairman

George Ewald, Supervisor

Steve Malaico, Supervisor