

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP, WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP, AND UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP, AMENDING THE NEWTOWN AREA JOINT MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS FOR THE A-4 “RIDING ACADEMY” USE TO REQUIRE AN INCREASED MINIMUM LOT SIZE, ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES, THE PRESENCE OF THE OWNER OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE ON THE PROPERTY, SETBACKS FOR MANURE STORAGE, AND REMEDIATION OF INSECT AND VECTOR INFESTATION; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The municipalities of Newtown Township, Wrightstown Township, and Upper Makefield Township, following review and comment by the municipalities’ individual planning commissions and the Bucks County Planning Commission, hereby amend Section 803A-4 of the Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance to revise the regulations pursuant to Sections 603(b)(2), 603(b)(5), 603(c)(5), 603(c)(7), 603(g)(2), 604(1), and 605(2)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

I. Section 803.A-4 of the Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

A-4. Riding Academy. Riding academy, livery, or boarding stable, subject to the following provisions:

1. A lot area of not less than 10 acres shall be required.
2. Dwellings and accessory farm buildings shall be permitted in accordance with the regulations for Agriculture and Horticulture, Use A-1.
3. The owner or full-time employee of the riding academy, livery, or boarding stable shall reside on the premises.
4. On sites of less than 15 acres, no more than one horse per acre shall be permitted.
5. Horse shows shall be permitted only by special exception, and the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with this ordinance. Attendance shall be limited to the number of available on-site, off-street vehicular parking spaces.
6. Manure storage and disposal facilities shall be located no closer than 200 feet from any property line.
7. The owner shall take all steps necessary and permissible to prevent the flies and other insects or vectors from breeding and creating a nuisance to adjacent properties.

8. Parking. No less than one off-street parking space shall be provided for every three persons present at such facilities when they are used to capacity, plus no less than one off-street parking space of 10' x 60' for each five horse stalls.

II. Repealer.

Any provisions of the Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance, as amended, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

III. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or on the provisions of the Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

IV. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon all three municipalities enacting it.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this 6th day of December, 2023.

Attest:

NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP

/S/
Micah Lewis, Manager

By: /S/
Dennis Fisher, Chairperson

Date: 12-6-2023

Attest:

UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

/S/
David R. Nyman, Manager

By: /S/
Thomas F. Cino, Chairperson

Date: 12-5-2023

Attest:

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP

/S/
Stacey Mulholland, Manager

By: /S/
Chester S. Pogonowski, Chairperson

Date: 12/4/2023