

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN  
A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 320, TITLED “ZONING” OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF NORRISTOWN TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 320-247.A.(8) INCREASING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FENCES, FREESTANDING WALLS AND RETAINING WALLS FOR A ZOO USE IN THE RE RECREATION DISTRICT.**

**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 Municipality and consistent with the Municipality’s existing Comprehensive Plan to amend its zoning code as codified in Chapter 320 to increase the maximum height of fences, freestanding walls and retaining walls for a zoo use in the RE Recreation District.

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

**SECTION I.** Chapter 320, titled “Zoning,” Article XXIII Supplemental Regulations, §320-247.A “Fences and Walls, Standards” is hereby amended to add subsection (8) as follows:

*(8) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, a fence, freestanding wall or retaining wall serving a zoo use in the RE Recreation District may be erected which exceeds the maximum height specified in the table above for the zoning district and yard in which it is located, provided that such fence or freestanding wall does not exceed ten (10) feet in height, and such retaining wall does not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.*

**SECTION II: 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.

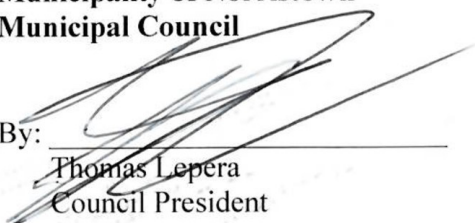
**SECTION III:      EFFECTIVE DATE**

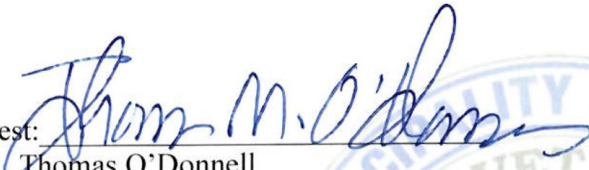
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 18th day of June, 2024.

Seal:

**Municipality of Norristown  
Municipal Council**

By:   
Thomas Lepera  
Council President

Attest:   
Thomas O'Donnell  
Acting Municipal Administrator

