

Dumpster Ordinance

Ordinance No. 2014-01—adding provisions relating to dumpsters and portable storage devices in a public right-of-way—was passed by the Board of Supervisors of Lancaster Township on April 14, 2014.

The Board determined that certain provisions of the Code of Lancaster Township should be revised, and that new provisions should be added to regulate dumpsters and portable storage devices in the public right-of way. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the following revisions, additions and amendments should be made.

Dumpsters and Portable Storage Device in Public Rights-of-Way shall be added to Chapter 231 of the Code of Lancaster, and shall read as follows:

A. Purpose

The primary purpose of public streets is for use by vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Reasonable regulation of obstruction in public streets and sidewalks is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

B. Definitions

Dumpster – A metal storage receptacle used to temporarily store debris or garbage and which is then emptied of its contents or removed with its contents to a dumpsite.

Temporary Dumpster – Any dumpster used or intended as a disposal facility for construction, renovation, or demolition projects, special events, seasonal use, or other purposes not permanent in nature.

Portable Storage Device – Any item placed in a street that is not a motor vehicle as defined by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, or a temporary dumpster, including, but not limited to, containers commonly known as “portable storage devices” or “PODS®.”

C. Prior to the issuance of any permit for any dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device, its location and usage shall be reviewed and approved by the Township.

D. A permit for a dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be for an initial term of not more than 14 days. Provided the applicant is in compliance with all provisions of this article and all other applicable Township regulations, a renewal permit may be approved and issued for an additional 14 day period upon application and payment of the permit renewal fee. Not more than one renewal permit shall be issued by the Township for any dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device placed upon any Township street. The dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be removed prior to the expiration of the permit.

E. The following requirements shall apply to any dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device placed upon public streets or pedestrian ways in the Township:

No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device may be placed on any Arterial or Collector roads in the township; within 40 feet of an intersection; or within any prohibited or restricted areas.

F. Sufficient reflective tape shall be placed upon all four sides of the dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device in such a manner as to make it visible at night.

G. Each of the dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device rollers or wheels (if any) must be placed upon a wooden pad of at least six inches by six inches and at least 3/4 of an inch in thickness, or on a similarly protective device in order to prevent damage to the road surface.

- H. No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be placed nearer than 15 feet to any fire hydrant within the cartway or other area intended for fire-fighting equipment.
- I. The name, address and telephone number of the dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device owner/operator shall be conspicuously placed on at least two sides of the device.
- J. No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be placed within the cartway of any street extending a distance of more than 9 feet from the curb line or edge of cart way.
- K. The location of any dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device upon any public street shall not interfere with any required clear sight distance across any intersection.
- L. The location of any dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device upon any public street shall not obstruct any pedestrian way or the travel lane of any public street.
- M. No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be loaded in such a manner as to cause its contents to spill onto any street, sidewalk, or other area intended for pedestrian travel.
- N. No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall contain any hazardous waste unless pursuant to a permit for such waste issued by the appropriate governmental entity.
- O. No materials contained in a dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall emit any noxious or offensive odor or otherwise create any hazard or risk to public health.
- P. No dumpster, temporary dumpster, or portable storage device shall be placed in such a manner as to interfere with the operation or maintenance of any public utility.
- Q. The permit shall be conspicuously placed in a location that permits it to be identified from a public street.
- R. The placement of any dumpster shall be in accordance with all requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.
- S. If any damage or injury to the cartway, curb or sidewalk shall be caused or done by the use or occupancy of any street or road hereunder, the party to whom such permit shall have been issued shall be responsible and liable for the same and shall restore the cartway, curb and/or sidewalk to its original condition. If the permittee refuses to properly restore the cartway, curb and/or sidewalk to its original condition, the Township may do so and collect the cost of the same from the permittee.

Lancaster Township Arterial & Collector Streets

Arterial Streets		
Street Name	From Street	To Street
Columbia Ave	Little Conestoga	Wilson Dr
Columbia Ave	Wilson Drive	President
Columbia Ave	N President	Rider Ave
E King St	Broad Street	Parkside Ave
E King St	Parkside Ave	Conestoga
Highland Ave	Conestoga	Twp Line
Marietta Pk	Race Avenue	President
Marietta Pk	President	Wilson Drive
Marietta Pk	Wilson Drive	Little Conestoga
Millersville	Township Line	School House
Millersville	School House	West End
Millersville	Wabank Road	Conestoga
N President	Columbia Ave	Wheatland
N President	Wheatland	Marietta Ave
N President	Marietta Ave	Buchanan Ave
N President	Buchanan Ave	Hillcrest
New Danville	Hoover Drive	Second Lock
New Danville	Second Lock	City Line
New Danville	Conestoga	Hoover Dr
S Prince St	S Queen St	Conestoga
Wabank Road	Gable Park	Bean Hill
Wabank Road	Bean Hill	Charles Rd
Collector Streets		
Abbeyville	Columbia Ave	Chaves Pl
Abbeyville	Cheves Pl	Davis Dr
Abbeyville	Davis Dr	School House
Atkins Ave	Columbia	Maple Ave
Atkins Ave	Maple Ave	Hamilton Park
Atkins Ave	Hamilton Park	Davis Dr
Atkins Ave	Davis Dr	Spencer Ave
Atkins Ave	Spencer Ave	School House
Bean Hill	Wabank Rd	Second Lock
Charles Rd	Millersville	City Line
Chestnut St	City Line	Grofftown
E Orange St	N Broad St	Riverside
Elm Avenue	Abbeyville	Spencer Ave
Elm Avenue	Spencer Ave	Atkins Ave
Elm Avenue	Rider Ave	S West End
Hillcrest	City Line	Orchard Ln
Hillcrest	Orchard Lane	River Dr
Hoover Rd	Second Lock	PA 324
Jackson Dr	Wheatland	Meadowbrook
Jackson Dr	PA 462	Wheatland
Judie Lane	Michelle Dr	Chadwick

Collector Streets Cont'd		
Street Name	From Street	To Street
Maple Ave	S West End Ave	Atkins Ave
Maple Ave	Atkins Ave	S School Ln
Maple Ave	S School Ln	Abbeyville
Michelle Dr	PA 999	Jennings Dr
N Conestoga	E King St	Riverside
N School Ln	PA 462	Wheatland
N School Ln	Wheatland	Marietta Ave
N School Ln	Marietta Ave	Valley Rd
N School Ln	Valley Rd	Hillcrest
Race Ave	PA 462	Wheatland
Race Ave	Wheatland	Woods Ave
Ranck Ave	PA 462	Clark St
Ranck Ave	Clark Street	E Orange St
Ranck Ave	E Orange St	Ranck Mill
River Dr	Jackson Dr	Ridge Rd
River Dr	Ridge Road	Center Rd
River Dr	Center Rd	PA 23
River Dr	PA 23	Valley Rd
River Dr	Hillcrest	Cul-de-sac
Riverside	PA 462	E Orange St
Riverside	Jamaica Rd	Ranck Mill
Riverside	Ranck Mill Rd	Grofftown
Riverside	E Orange St	E King St
S Conestoga	S Broad	Quarry
S Conestoga	Old Quarry	E King St
S President	Spring Grove	Hamilton Park Dr
S West End	Elm Ave	PA 999
School House	PA 999	Atkins Ave
School House	Atkins Ave	Bean Blossom
School House	Bean Blossom	Bridge
Spencer Ave	PA 462	Elm Ave
Spencer Ave	Elm Ave	Spring Grove
Spencer Ave	Spring Grove	Hamilton Park Dr
Spencer Ave	Ham Park Dr	Atkins Ave
Wheatland	Race Ave	N President Ave
Wheatland	N President Ave	N School Lane
Wheatland	N School Ln	Jackson Dr
Whitewater	Bean Hill	Wilderness
Wilson Dr	PA 462	Wheatland
Wilson Dr	Wheatland	Meadowbrook
Wilson Dr	Meadowbrook	Ridge Rd
Wilson Dr	Ridge Road	PA 23
Wilson Dr	PA 23	Hillcrest
Wilson Dr	Hillcrest	Newton Road

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DUMPSTERS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Dumpsters shall be allowed to be erected or placed on a public right-of-way when no reasonable alternative trash storage method is available. No permit is required for dumpsters or portable storage devices placed on private property.

Date _____

Permit No. _____

Applicant/Property Owner _____ Phone _____

Property Address _____
Street Address City Zip Code

Exact Location of Dumpster _____

Reason for Dumpster _____

Dumpster Contractor _____ Phone _____

Dumpster Size _____

Starting Date _____ Renewal Starting Date: _____

Completion Date _____ Renewal Completion Date: _____

Permit is for a period of time not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days. All dumpsters must be removed prior to the expiration of the permit. Cost for permits and renewals are \$20.00 each.

I have read the attached ordinance and agree to all of the terms and conditions.

Applicant/Owner Signature

Date

Township Use Only

Special Conditions and Instructions _____

Approved _____ Denied _____

Planning & Zoning/ Twp. Mgr./ Public Works

Date

Reason Denied _____