

**North Coventry Township
Chester County, Pennsylvania**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025 REGULATING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

**AN ORDINANCE OF NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 312 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN
NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BY ADDING DEFINITIONS, ADDING AN
ARTICLE IV. SPORTS EQUIPMENT PROVIDING REGULATIONS,
PROVISIONS, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

WHEREAS, North Coventry Township is a duly organized Township of the second class, existing and operating in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the North Coventry Township Board of Supervisors has determined that the Code of Ordinances of North Coventry Township shall be amended for the health, safety, and general welfare of the Township and inhabitants thereof

BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED, in accordance with the provisions hereof that the North Coventry Township Ordinance is hereby amended, reconfirmed, and readopted as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 312 Streets and Sidewalks, Definitions, is hereby amended to add the following definition in their entirety:

- A. **“Sports Equipment”** – Portable and permanently installed basketball poles, portable soccer goals and nets, portable street hockey goals and nets, skateboard ramps, roller blade ramps, and similar equipment used for recreation

Section 2: Chapter 312 Streets and Sidewalks is hereby amended to add Article IV, “Sports Equipment” as follows:

Section 312-38 Sports Equipment Prohibited

- A. No Sports Equipment shall be left in or on any street or right-of-way within the limits of North Coventry Township. No Sports Equipment shall block or interfere with traffic or impact safe vehicular use of Township roadways.
- B. An owner of Sports Equipment’s failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall constitute authorization for the Township the right to move or remove the Sports Equipment out of the Township Right of Way without responsibility or liability for any damage caused thereto. The Township’s right to move any such Sports Equipment shall be in addition to any other rights and/or enforcement remedies available to the Township elsewhere in this section or otherwise available by law.

C. When any person allows the installation or erection of any type of Sports Equipment in or on any street or right-of-way in North Coventry Township, and whenever any person allows another, including a child, to use or play with such Sports Equipment in the street or right-of-way in North Coventry Township, he/she assumes the risk of any and all damage or injury caused or resulting therefrom. No provision of this section shall create liability on the part of North Coventry Township, nor any officer, Supervisor, or employee thereof, for any damage or injury caused or resulting from the installation, erection, or use of any Sports Equipment in or on any street or Right-of Way in North Coventry Township.

Section 312-39 Violations and Penalties

A. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this article, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a Magisterial District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

Section 3: Severability

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prove or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance. If there are any inconsistencies between the provisions of this ordinance and any others section of the Township Code in effect, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall control.

Section 4: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 5: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

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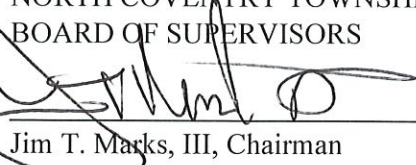
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 10th day of February, 2025.

**NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST:



Erica L. Batdorf
Township Manager/Secretary

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