

AFHBD Zoning Update Working Group

Revisions to Ordinance:

**§ 185-38. Regulations applicable to
AFHBD Aircraft Flightpath Highway
Business District.**

DISCUSSION DRAFT

§ 185-38. Regulations applicable to AFHBD Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District.

- A. General. The purpose of this district is to allow the design and development of carefully selected businesses, business parks and recreation/entertainment facilities along portions of arterial and collector highways within the LVI Airport aircraft flightpath; to provide planned development of this area of the Township that is compatible with the existing LVI Airport aircraft flightpath and that serves existing and foreseeable needs of the Township and surrounding areas; and to encourage the planning and utilization of the land and the harmonious design, erection and use of buildings within the aircraft flightpath in a diversified nonresidential area of the community that will contribute to the economic base of the Township. This development shall conform to Chapter 159, Subdivision and Land Development, as it is applicable. Further, it shall conform to all applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations, including Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace.
- B. No Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District use shall be permitted unless evidence has been submitted to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors that such use is or will be in compliance with § 185-20 of this chapter and all other sections of this chapter.
- C. A site plan review by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors and approval by the Board of Supervisors is required for all proposed uses. Site plans shall be submitted showing location, size and orientation of the buildings within the lot and in accordance with § 185-22C, Site plan, of this chapter. A planned industrial/business development shall be designed, developed, and constructed according to a unified site plan which shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors before a zoning permit may be issued. This development shall conform to Chapter 159, Subdivision and Land Development, as it is applicable.
- D. Permitted uses. Only the following building types or uses shall be permitted in this district, except nonconforming uses or buildings as provided for in Article XI:
 - (1) Forestry.
 - (2) Golf courses/driving ranges. This specifically does not include miniature golf.
 - (3) General service and repair shops, such as office equipment, computer, printer, telephone, watch, radio, television and other home appliance shops, of 10,000 square feet in size or smaller.
 - (4) Agriculture, including orchards and sod farms, but excluding animal husbandry and commercial logging.
 - (5) Professional practice offices, such as law, medicine (but not a hospital, nursing home, group home or similar use), veterinary, architecture, engineering and the like.
 - (6) Business offices, defined as workplaces established for administrative, sales, executive or other general business functions performed by office employees
 - (7) Real estate offices.
 - (8) Insurance offices.
 - (9) Printing, publishing and lithographic plants.

- (10) Light assembly, consisting of assembly of previously manufactured components such as furniture, clothing, computers, phones, copiers, electronic devices, office equipment, scientific instruments, watches, clocks, photographic and optical goods or similar products; excepting, however, the manufacturing of and/or assembly of chemicals or chemical components.
- (11) Light industrial, light manufacturing plant; excepting, however, those whose primary uses involve chemical manufacturing or whose primary use involves hazardous chemicals or materials.
- (12) Beverage/bottling works.
- (13) Showroom space accessory to a permitted light assembly, light manufacturing or light industrial use.
- (14) Indoor agricultural grower/processor facility, excluding marijuana grower/processor.
- (15) Specialty trade contractors.
- (16) Food service stores, including restaurants, bakery, confectionery, catering services and food markets.
- (17) Brew pub, microbrewery, distillery, limited distillery, winery or limited winery, including food sales as allowed under the relevant PA Liquor Control Board and/or PA Department of Agriculture license(s).
- (18) Planned industrial/business park allowing only the following businesses or uses:
 - (a) All permitted uses in § 185-38 D. except for §§ 185-38 D (1), (2), (3) and (4), which are not permitted in the planned industrial business park development.
 - (b) All permitted accessory uses in § 185-38 H.
 - (c) Only the conditional uses set forth in § 185-38 E (1), (9) and (10).

E. Conditional uses. Only the following building types and uses shall be permitted pursuant to Board of Supervisors approval, in accordance with the review procedures and use restrictions described in § 185-54, Conditional uses, of this chapter and the use restrictions described therein:

- (1) Research laboratories engaged in scientific investigation, testing or the production of factual information for industrial, commercial or institutional clients, where no physical or tangible product for general marketing is directly produced therein, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determines that no potential danger, hazard or nuisance shall exist to the employees, building occupants or surrounding areas, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determines that no waste other than normal domestic sewage is discharged into any sewage disposal system. Chemical or biochemical research, however, is specifically prohibited.
- (2) Landscaping businesses, including wholesale/retail centers and nurseries and lawn and garden equipment sales and services.
- (3) Building materials sales and storage, providing that storage space shall not exceed 50% of the square footage of the building.
- (4) Mini storage facilities for the specific purpose of storing the property of individuals or businesses within individual storage areas within closed buildings; excepting, however, the storage of any chemicals, liquids or gases which shall be prohibited.
- (5) Wellness center.

- (6) Hotel convention center.
 - (7) Private entertainment/recreation complex.
 - (8) Grower/processor facility.
 - (9) Warehouse and storage facilities as an accessory use to store supplies utilized in the manufacturing and/or assembly process on site or finished goods manufactured on site in excess of 25% of the square footage of the building but not greater than 50% of the square footage of the building.
 - (10) Solar energy farms.
- F. Special exceptions. Only the following building types or uses shall be permitted, pursuant to Zoning Hearing Board review requirements of Article XIV:
- (1) Retail shops as an accessory use to a permitted or conditional use, provided that such retail uses shall be limited to 25% of the total floor area of the permitted or conditional use if found in association with a permitted or conditional use, up to a limit of a combined total of 10,000 square feet of floor area for these retail uses.
 - (2) Personal service shops, including dry-cleaning and laundry pickup establishments, laundromat, barbershop and beauty parlor, and shoe repair shop, provided that such uses shall be limited to 25% of the total floor area of the permitted or conditional use if found in association with a permitted or conditional use, up to a limit of a combined total of 10,000 square feet of floor area for these personal service uses.
- G. Prohibited uses. The following are strictly prohibited within the AFHBD District:
- (1) Residential buildings.
 - (2) Commercial parking lots.
 - (3) Truck terminals or truck maintenance/fueling facilities.
 - (4) Hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, homes for the elderly.
 - (5) Group homes.
 - (6) Day-care centers.
 - (7) Churches or other places of worship.
 - (8) Public or private schools
 - (9) Libraries.
 - (10) Car rental agencies.
 - (11) Full-service gasoline service station, automobile service shop, or car wash.
 - (12) Sales of vehicles which require a driver's license or boating certificate to operate.
 - (13) Adult entertainment facilities.
 - (14) Betting parlors.
 - (15) Parcel hub/package sorting facilities.
 - (16) Cold storage facilities.

- (17) Warehouse or storage buildings as a principal use.
 - (18) Drive-in/drive-thru capabilities for any facilities, including but not limited to restaurants, banks, and drug stores.
 - (19) Data centers.
 - (20) All other uses not specifically permitted in the AFHBD District.
- H. Accessory uses. Only the following accessory building types and uses shall be permitted in this district, except nonconforming uses or buildings as provided for in Article XI:
- (1) Parking areas or loading areas, pursuant to §§ 185-17, 185-18 and 185-33C, which specifically does not include a parking garage or parking deck.
 - (2) Warehouse and storage facilities where such uses are accessory to or serve a principal use. The warehouse or storage shall not exceed 25% of the square footage in a building.
 - (3) Customary accessory uses to a permitted principal use of the land, on the same parcel of land.
 - (4) Signs, pursuant to § 185-19, with the restriction that signs for any existing residential uses shall be regulated by the same restrictions on signs in an R1-S District.
 - (5) Vehicle charging stations.
 - (6) Solar energy systems, including rooftop, ground mounted and carport solar canopies, for on-site use.
- I. Area and bulk regulation. The following requirements shall be observed:
- (1) Minimum size of a planned industrial/business park development: 200 acres. Tracts comprising a planned industrial/business park development may be separated by a public road or roads.
 - (2) General criteria for a stand-alone lot or a lot within a planned industrial/business park development:

Minimum Lot Area (acres)	Minimum Lot Width (feet)	Maximum Lot Coverage		Maximum Building Height ¹	
		Buildings	Total Impervious ³	(stories)	(feet)
5	275	30%	50%	4	45-55 ²

NOTES:

¹ All buildings must comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations for the maximum building height within any portion of the AFHBD.

² Maximum height shall be 45 feet when a building is less than 500 feet from a residential zoning district. When a building is 500 feet or more from residentially zoned land, the maximum height shall be 55 feet. Attachments to the top of the roof may extend five (5) feet above the highest point of the roof, or up to ten (10) feet above the highest point of the roof if screened.

³ In the case of a planned industrial/business park development under a unified site plan where a single entity owns/leases all lots and has complete control over development on all lots, the overall maximum impervious coverage of all lots is 50%. Any development plan or permit application shall contain a compilation of the impervious cover, as-built, on all lots to demonstrate compliance.

- J. Minimum yard requirements. The following yard requirements shall be observed:

Front Yard (feet)	Side Yard		Rear Yard (feet)
	One (feet)	Combined (feet)	
50	30 ¹	80	50 ¹

NOTES:

¹ A minimum thirty-foot parking setback shall be required for side and rear yard setbacks. Where buffer yards are required for side and/or rear yards, no parking may occur within the required buffer yard.

- K. Minimum distance between structures. The minimum distance between principal use structures on the same lot shall be 35 feet unless otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors during the site plan review process.
- L. Maximum length of a structure. The maximum length of a nonresidential structure shall be 400 feet unless otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors during the site plan review process.
- M. Other regulations.

- (1) Stormwater detention, as required to meet the release rates as published in the Monocacy Creek Watershed, Catasauqua Creek Watershed and Lehigh River Sub-Basin 4 Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans and as amended by Chapter 152, Stormwater Management, shall be provided either on-lot, regionally, as common facilities in a Business Park, or in a combination of the above. Stormwater management ~~flows~~ shall conform with DEP and Township regulations.
- (2) Open air storage, where permitted, shall be within fenced or walled-in areas, and outside storage within a trailer(s) is specifically not permitted. Buildings shall be oriented to screen exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures, and similar accessory areas and structures to help make them compatible with neighboring properties. Maximum height of stored material is 10 feet. Open air storage is not permitted in required buffer yards.
- (3) Preservation of landscape. The owner shall preserve the landscape in its natural state by minimizing tree and soil removal. The owner shall also insure that grade changes are compatible with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas.
- (4) Relation of proposed buildings to environment. The owner shall relate proposed structure(s) harmoniously to the terrain and to existing buildings that have a visual relationship to the proposed structure(s). The owner shall provide a favorable relationship between existing and proposed uses, create focal points with respect to avenues of approach, terrain, features of other buildings and relate open space between all existing and proposed buildings, when applicable.
- (5) Drive, parking and circulation. For vehicular and pedestrian circulation, including walkways, interior drives and parking, the owner shall give special attention to the location and number of access points to public streets, width of interior drives and access to public streets, width of interior drives and access points, general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and arrangement of safe and convenient parking areas. The owner shall further design these vehicular and pedestrian areas to enhance the appearance of and access to the proposed buildings and structures and to the neighboring properties.

- (6) Surface water drainage. The owner shall give special attention to proper site surface drainage to ensure that removal of surface water will not adversely affect either neighboring properties or the public storm drainage system. The owner shall remove and efficiently carry away all stormwater from all roofs, canopies and paved areas and collect surface water in all paved areas in such a way that stormwater does not create a problem for vehicular and pedestrian movement.
- (7) Utility service. The owner shall place electric and telephone lines underground. Locate, paint and undertake any other treatment to ensure that all utilities which remain above the ground will have a minimal adverse impact on neighboring properties.
- (8) Advertising features. The owner shall ensure that the size, location, lighting and materials of all permanent signs and outdoor advertising structures or features will enhance rather than detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures and the neighboring properties.
- (9) Special features. The owner shall provide needed setbacks, screen plantings and other screening methods for exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures, and similar accessory areas and structures to help make them compatible with the existing or contemplated site design and with neighboring properties.
- (10) Solar access. Solar access to buildings should be considered in the proposed layout of buildings.
- (11) Sound buffering noise of exterior origins. All portions of buildings which are to be occupied by employees more than two hours per day shall comply with all applicable OSHA requirements. Prior to issuance of a building permit and prior to issuance of an occupancy permit, the design architect, builder or owner must provide a certification letter to the Township Zoning Administrator indicating the building compliance with this criterion.
- (12) Buffer yards. Buffer yards shall be required at specific locations within this district. A three-hundred-foot-wide raised berm buffer yard shall be constructed between any planned industrial/business park development within this district and any contiguous residentially zoned district, except where the adjoining property within any contiguous residentially zoned district is owned by the Lehigh Valley International Airport Authority. A one- hundred-fifty-foot-wide raised berm buffer yard shall be constructed between any proposed development within this district that is not in a planned industrial/business park and any contiguous residentially zoned district, except where the adjoining property within any contiguous residentially zoned district is owned by the Lehigh Valley International Airport Authority. A fifty-foot-wide raised berm buffer yard shall be constructed along any nonresidential development side and/or rear yard where the adjoining lot within the AFHBD Zoning District includes an existing nonconforming residential use or municipally owned facility. The buffer yards shall include a landscaped berm and shall comply with the following:
 - (a) The buffers shall consist of evergreen and deciduous trees, flowering trees, shrubs and raised berms.
 - (b) Three-hundred-foot buffer yards.
 - [1] This buffer yard shall be measured from the district boundary line or from the near street line where a street serves as the district boundary line. The buffer yard may not be part of the street right-of-way but shall be in addition to that right-of-way. The buffer yard may include the required side or rear yards, and in case of conflict the larger yard shall apply.

- [2] This buffer yard shall be a landscaped area free of roads, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, storage, buildings and structures of any kind except for emergency access roads or pathways and/or sidewalks as may be required by Township ordinances or fire or safety regulations and/or as may be required and/or approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- [3] The raised berm in the buffer yard shall be a minimum height of 14 feet measured from existing grade or the finished first-floor grade of the closest AFHBD building, whichever is higher, or as otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors during site or land development plan review.
- [4] The trees and shrubs shall be planted in the following minimum amounts per 100 linear feet of buffer, as measured parallel to the buffer yard (on average for the entire buffer length):
 - [a] Ten evergreens.
 - [b] Five deciduous trees.
 - [c] Three flowering trees.
 - [d] Ten shrubs.
- [5] The toe of the slope of the berm shall begin, at a minimum, 20 feet away from any residentially zoned district.
- [6] Berms shall not be constructed within side or rear yard drainage and utility easements.
- [7] The berm shall have a minimum six-foot flat area at the top.

(c) One-hundred-fifty-foot buffer yards.

- [1] This buffer yard shall be measured from the district boundary line or from the near street line where a street serves as the district boundary line. The buffer yard may not be part of the street right-of-way but shall be in addition to that right-of-way. The buffer yard may include the required side or rear yards, and in case of conflict the larger yard shall apply.
- [2] This buffer yard shall be a landscaped area free of roads, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, storage, buildings and structures of any kind except for emergency access roads or pathways and/or sidewalks as may be required by Township ordinances or fire or safety regulations and/or as may be required and/or approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- [3] The raised berm in the buffer yard shall be a minimum height of 14 feet measured from existing grade or the finished first-floor grade of the closest AFHBD building, whichever is higher, or as otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors during site or land development plan review.
- [4] The trees and shrubs shall be planted in the following minimum amounts per 100 linear feet of buffer, as measured parallel to the buffer yard:
 - [a] Ten evergreens.
 - [b] Five deciduous trees.
 - [c] Three flowering trees.

- [d] Ten shrubs.
- [5] The toe of the slope of the berm shall begin, at a minimum, 25% of the width of the buffer yard away from any residentially zoned district.
- [6] Berms shall not be constructed within side or rear yard drainage and utility easements.
- [7] The berm shall have a minimum six-foot flat area at the top.
- (d) Fifty-foot buffer yards.
 - [1] This buffer yard shall be measured from the property line. The buffer yard may not be part of the street right-of-way but shall be in addition to that right-of-way. The buffer yard may include the required side or rear yards, and in case of conflict the larger yard shall apply. The toe of the slope of the berm shall begin at a minimum 25% of the width of the buffer yard away from any residence or municipally owned facility within the AFHBD.
 - [2] This buffer yard shall be a landscaped area free of roads, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, storage, buildings and structures of any kind except for emergency access roads or pathways and/or sidewalks as may be required by Township ordinances or fire or safety regulations and/or as may be required and/or approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - [3] The raised berm shall be a minimum average height of three feet measured from the existing grade or the finished first-floor grade of the closest AFHBD building, whichever is higher.
 - [4] The trees and shrubs shall be planted in the following minimum amounts per 100 lineal feet of buffer, as measured parallel to the buffer yard:
 - [a] Ten evergreens.
 - [b] Three deciduous trees.
 - [c] Two flowering trees.
 - [d] Five shrubs.
 - [5] Berms shall not be constructed within side or rear yard drainage and utility easements.
 - [6] The berm shall have a minimum three-foot flat area at the top.
- (e) Plants shall be arranged on berms to provide a visual barrier. A minimum of 1/2 of the shrubbery and flowering trees shall be planted on the top and residential side of the berm.
- (f) The height of evergreen trees shall be a minimum of eight feet at the time of planting, measured from finished grade. The average size of deciduous trees shall be two inches caliper measured three feet above finished grade, and deciduous trees shall also have a minimum height of 12 feet at the time of planting. Flowering trees shall be seven feet high at the time of planting. Shrubs shall be a minimum of 30 inches in height at the time of planting.
- (g) Berms within the buffer yards shall have a maximum slope of 3:1.

- (h) Variations in the sizes and shapes of the berms are strongly encouraged. The unnaturally graded appearance of uniform, linear mounding shall be avoided. As an alternative to the possibly linear appearance which could result from the minimum requirements, applicants are encouraged to provide innovative, freeform screening buffers which need not be located entirely within the required buffer.
 - (i) When abutting property is already effectively screened by existing topography or vegetation, located on AFHBD property, the Board of Supervisors may waive the above requirements. Where partial screening exists, the Board of Supervisors may require additional planting or berming to supplement the existing screen.
 - (j) In all buffer yards, the exterior width beyond the planting screen shall be planted with grass seed, sod or ground cover and shall be maintained and kept clean of all debris, rubbish, weeds, and tall (no more than six inches) grass. All plant material which dies shall be replaced by the owner.
- (13) Off-street parking regulations. The provisions of §§ 185-17 and 185-33C shall apply to all proposed uses in the AFHBD, except as modified as follows:
- (a) For light assembly, light industrial and light manufacturing buildings there shall be no less than 1.94 car parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of building footprint.
- (14) Off-street loading regulations. The provisions of §§ 185-18 and 185-33C shall apply to all proposed uses in the AFHBD, except as modified as follows:
- (a) Off-street loading shall mean a dock door or other paved areas measuring at least 12 feet by 40 feet, with a minimum vertical clearance of 14 feet.
 - (b) All buildings shall be oriented so that dock doors do not directly face any residentially zoned land.
 - (c) All dock doors shall be located at least 500 feet from residentially zoned land.
- (15) Exterior lighting.
- (a) Plan. Each building site shall have adequate exterior lighting for its intended use, minimizing glare and without creating lighting which would be annoying to other sites and meeting the requirements of § 185-20C(6).
 - (b) For lighting horizontal tasks such as roadways, sidewalks, paths, entrances and parking areas, fixtures meeting Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) “full-cutoff” criteria shall be used. The use of floodlighting, spotlighting, wall-mounted fixtures, internally illuminated decorative globes and spheres and other fixtures not meeting IESNA “full-cutoff” criteria, shall be permitted only with the approval of the Township, based upon acceptable justification and achievement of adequate glare control. Any light must be shaded, shielded or directed to prevent light from being distributed beyond an angle of 35 degrees from a vertical plane.
 - (c) Color; type. No neon lights and no traveling, flashing or intermittent lighting of any kind shall be permitted.
 - (d) Pole height. All pole-mounted exterior lighting fixtures shall be on poles no higher than 16 feet unless otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors during site plan review, but in no case shall the exterior lighting fixtures be higher than 16 feet.

- (e) Hours of operation. Except in parking areas and drives used between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., full exterior lighting may only be fully operated each night from dusk until 12:00 midnight and from 6:00 a.m. to dawn. Reasonable levels of lighting, for security only, may be operated all night.
 - (f) Underground wiring. All outside wiring for exterior lighting shall be installed underground.
- (16) Special building setbacks. No nonresidential buildings shall be constructed within 100 feet of the property used for residential purposes at the time of filing of a preliminary plan application for the approval of such a nonresidential building.
- (17) Special off-street loading area screening requirements.
 - (a) Any off-street loading area, truck storage or outdoor storage area proposed within 200 feet of an existing residentially used property (if such residential use exists at the time of the application of a preliminary plan for the approval of such off-street loading area) shall be totally screened from view from the residentially used property. This screening shall be accomplished with building orientation or a solid wall constructed in such a way as to block the entire view of the vehicles and loading dock areas from all existing residential dwelling units located on that adjacent residentially used property.
 - (b) For all nonresidential development, the site should be planned to minimize sound and adverse visual impact transfer between off-street loading and truck storage areas and residential districts or existing residentially used property.
- (18) Driveways for uses and/or lots within a planned industrial/business park development shall not have direct access to Airport Road or Orchard Lane except by an internal coordinated road system approved by the Board of Supervisors during the unified site plan review process.
- (19) In addition, a planned industrial/business park development shall not have access to Sydna Street, Kim Street, Lord Byron Drive or Gaspar Avenue.

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Supporting Document

§ 185-54. Conditional Uses

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E. Specific standards for conditional uses. Each conditional use shall comply with all of the following specific standards listed for that use:

(15) Specific Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District (AFHBD) Zone conditional use requirements: **[Added 11-14-2006 by Ord. No. 06-10; amended 3-13-2007 by Ord. No. 07-04; 7-24-2007 by Ord. No. 07-11; 5-22-2012 by Ord. No. 12-02; 2-23-2021 by Ord. No. 21-1]**

(a) Regulated uses:

- [1] Research laboratories engaged in scientific investigation, testing or the production of factual information for industrial, commercial or institutional clients, where no physical or tangible product for general marketing is directly produced therein, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determines that no potential danger, hazard or nuisance shall exist to the employees, building occupants or surrounding areas, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determines that no waste other than normal domestic sewage is discharged into any sewage disposal system. Chemical or biochemical research, however, is specifically prohibited [§ 185-38E(1)].
- [2] Landscaping businesses, including wholesale/retail centers and nurseries [§ 185-38E(2)].
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- [5] Wellness center [§ 185-38E(5)].
- [6] Hotel convention center [§ 185-38E(6)].
- [7] Private entertainment/recreation complex [§ 185-38E(7)].
- [8] Grower/processor facility [§ 185-38E(8)].
- [9] Warehouse and storage facilities as an accessory use to store supplies utilized in the manufacturing and/or assembly process on site or finished goods manufactured on site in excess of 25% of the square footage of the building but not greater than 50% of the square footage of the building [§ 185-38E(9)]
- [10] Solar energy farms [§ 185-38E(10)].

(b) Specific regulations applicable to these conditional uses:

- [1] The building in which the use is situated and any associated outdoor storage or truck parking shall not be closer at any point than 500 feet to any suburban (R1-S) zoning district.

- [2] The lot containing the proposed conditional use shall not have direct access to Orchard Lane, Airport Road, Weaversville Road or Schoenersville Road except by an internal coordinated road system approved by the Board of Supervisors during the site plan review process.
- [3] The lot size shall be no smaller than five acres and no larger than eight acres in size but otherwise shall be restricted by the shown setbacks and lot coverage criteria as specified for the AFHBD Zone.
- [4] The lot shall have no more than two access points to public roads.
- [5] A traffic study shall be submitted with every application for a conditional use. This traffic study shall meet the requirements of § 185-22E and shall evaluate, at a minimum, the lanes and intersections of all roads to be used by vehicles accessing the development to the study limit of one mile from the location where the proposed site driveway or road meets an existing public road. If the traffic study submitted with an AFHBD conditional use application indicates a decrease in intersection capacity or lane traffic capacity level of service within this one mile, the developer must improve lane capacity and intersection capacity to provide a capacity level of service of "C" or better service [for all lanes of the road and all legs of the intersection(s)].
- [6] Stormwater management study.
 - [a] A stormwater management study shall be submitted with every application for a conditional use under this section. This stormwater management study shall meet the requirements of Chapter 152 and shall evaluate the capacity versus flow conditions of all stormwater conveyance systems from the development downstream to the Township boundary.
 - [b] If the stormwater management study indicates that the capacity of any downstream conveyance watercourse or facility is exceeded for the twenty-five-year storm, with or without the proposed development, the developer must provide conveyance capacity improvements to ensure a capacity of a post development twenty-five-year storm without creating a condition of increasing the one-hundred-year flood level of any downstream watercourse along or adjacent to the path of runoff.

- [7] Warehouse and storage facilities where such uses are accessory to or serve a principal use and where such warehouse or storage exceeds 25% of the square footage of the building but is not greater than 50% of the square footage of the building shall be limited to the storage of materials and supplies utilized in the manufacturing and/or assembly process on site or finished goods manufactured on-site. **[Added 2-23-2021 by Ord. No. 21-1]**
 - [8] Grower/processor facilities shall also be subject to the criteria under § 185-54E(20).
 - [9] Solar energy farms shall also be subject to the criteria under § 185-54E(37).
[NEW SECTION/CRITERIA NEEDED]
- (c) The provisions of § 185-38I, J, K, L and M, and § 185-54E(15), as they relate to hotel convention center and private entertainment/recreation complex uses shall apply in each case unless otherwise agreed to by the Board of Supervisors after a recommendation from the Planning Commission and Township staff at the time of the site plan review process.

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UNIFIED SITE PLAN - Plan depicting an entire development within a Planned Industrial/Business District, a Planned Office, Research and Residential District, an Office and Institutional District or the commercial districts, or a planned industrial/business park development within an Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District, which is intended to be initially developed, either at one time or in phases, by a single owner or by a group of related entities, which plan may be supplemented and amended from time-to-time to add additional land to the development or to modify the elements of such development.

PROPOSED DEFINITIONS:

BAR/TAVERN - A public establishment primarily intended for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and food on the premises.

BUILDING MATERIAL SALES AND STORAGE - An establishment that participates in the sale of goods and materials which are commonly used in the construction industry, which often includes the storage of such materials on site as well.

BUSINESS OFFICE - A business establishment which does not offer, on the premises, a product or merchandise for sales to the public but offers a service to the public. However, personal services, such as barber and beauty shops, and repair services are not to be included within the definition of "business office."

BUTCHER SHOP - An establishment where meat, poultry and/or fish are cooked, cured, cut or otherwise prepared and are offered for retail sale, but does not include the smoking of meats, meat products plant, stock-yard, abattoir, tannery or hide processing plant, poultry-killing establishment, animal food factory, or animal by-products plant.

CAR RENTAL AGENCY - A company that rents cars to the public for a short period of time, usually for a few hours to a few weeks.

CATERING SERVICE - An establishment in which the principal use is the preparation of food and meals on the premises, and where such food and meals are delivered to another location for consumption.

CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP - A building, structure, or group of buildings or structures, including accessory uses, designed or intended for public worship. This definition shall include rectories, convents, and church-related educational and/or day care facilities.

COLD STORAGE FACILITY - A specialized storage facility equipped with temperature-controlled environments to store temperature-sensitive products, often perishable goods like fresh produce, frozen foods, pharmaceutical products, and more, ensuring their quality, proper air temperature, and extending their shelf life.

CONVALESCENT HOME - An establishment providing nursing, dietary and other similar personal services to convalescents, invalids, or aged persons, but excluding mental cases, cases of contagious or communicable disease, surgery, or other treatments which are customarily provided in sanitariums and hospitals.

DATA CENTER - A facility (including but not limited to a server farm, bitcoin mining farm, or AI data center) established for the primary purpose of housing data servers and/or similar equipment for the purpose of processing, storing, securing and/or transmitting digital data.

DRY CLEANER/LAUNDRY - An establishment which launders or dry cleans articles dropped off on the premises.

DRY CLEANER/LAUNDRY PICKUP POINT - An establishment where articles to be laundered or dry cleaned are dropped off or picked up on the premises directly by the customer, but where laundering or cleaning is done elsewhere.

FOOD MARKET - An establishment for retail sales of food and beverages for off-site preparation and consumption. Typical uses include supermarkets, specialty food stores, or delicatessens or convenience markets. This category also includes large-scale stores that sell food items and beverages in bulk.

FULL CUTOFF – A term used by the lighting industry to describe a lighting fixture from which no light output is emitted at or above a horizontal plane drawn through the bottom of the fixture and no more than 10% of the lamp's light intensity is emitted at an angle 10 degrees below that horizontal plane, at all lateral angles around the fixture. Implicit in the definition is a fixture that is aimed straight down and has a flat lens.

GOLF COURSE - A tract of land for playing golf, improved with trees, greens, fairways, hazards, and which may include clubhouses and shag ranges, driving ranges or miniature golf courses.

1. **GOLF COURSE, MINIATURE** - A novelty version of golf played with a putter and golf ball on a miniature course, typically with artificial playing surfaces, and including obstacles such as bridges and tunnels.
2. **GOLF DRIVING RANGE** - A facility arranged with golf tees and used for longer range play of golf balls where balls are supplied for a fee. It may also include a putting green.

INDOOR AGRICULTURE - The practice of growing crops in a controlled environment, such as a greenhouse, basement, warehouse, or shipping container, using artificial lights and technology. It's also known as indoor farming or indoor vertical farming.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES – Any industrial activity involving manufacturing, processing, assembling, packaging, printing, publishing and binding, production, refining, testing of materials, goods and products, textile, industrial laundries, and repair of large appliances and equipment, including machine shops and welding shops.

INSURANCE COMPANY - A business that sells insurance policies to people or other businesses.

LABORATORY, MEDICAL - An indoor establishment that includes laboratories and/or experimental equipment for medical testing, prototype design and development, and product testing.

LABORATORY, SCIENTIFIC/INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH - An establishment that engages in research, testing or evaluation of materials or products, but not medical related.

LANDSCAPING BUSINESS - A company that provides services related to the design, installation, and maintenance of outdoor spaces, including lawns, trees, shrubs, gardens, patios, and other features, by planting, constructing hardscaping elements like walkways and retaining walls, and performing regular upkeep like mowing, weeding, and pruning.

LAUNDROMAT – A business premises equipped with individual clothes washing and/or drying machines for the use of retail customers, exclusive of laundry facilities provided as an accessory use in an apartment, house, hotel or other similar use.

LAWN AND GARDEN SALES AND SERVICE - The distribution, sale and/or servicing of new and used lawn and garden equipment and machinery and the sale of lawn and garden supplies.

LIBRARY - A room or building where a collection of books, newspapers, periodicals, maps and/or musical scores on any audio, visual or written media is kept for either public, quasi- public or community use/access.

LIGHT ASSEMBLY - The process where previously processed components or manufactured parts produced off-site are fitted together into a complete machine or blended together to form a non-combustible and non-explosive product. Light assembly also includes product packaging, including bottling, canning, packing, wrapping, and boxing of products assembled or manufactured offsite. The assembling or packaging shall not produce noise, vibration, hazardous waste materials, or particulate that create significant negative impacts to adjacent land uses.

LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLANT - a facility that uses lithographic printing to create images on paper or other materials.

MINI-WAREHOUSE - A building and/or series of buildings divided into separate storage units for personal property and/or property associated with some business or other organization. These units shall be used solely for dead storage and no processing, manufacturing, sales, research and development testing, service and repair, or other non-storage activities shall be permitted.

NURSERY - A place where plants are propagated and grown to usable size. They include retail nurseries which sell to the general public, wholesale nurseries which sell only to businesses such as other nurseries and to commercial gardeners, and private nurseries which supply the needs of institutions or private estates. Some retail and wholesale nurseries sell by mail.

NURSING, REST OR RETIREMENT HOMES - Facilities designed for the housing, boarding, and dining associated with some level of nursing care.

PARCEL HUB - A central location where packages are received, sorted, and distributed.

PARKING LOT, COMMERCIAL - A parcel of land or portion thereof used for the parking or storage of motor vehicles as a commercial enterprise for which any fee is charged independently of any other use of the premises.

PERSONAL SERVICE SHOP - A place primarily providing services which do not involve retail sales or professional services. Personal service shops are oriented to serving personal needs, such as barber and beauty shops, shoe repair shops, household appliance repair shops, dry-cleaning and laundry pickups, shoeshine parlors and other similar establishments.

PLANNED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK - A tract of land: (1) organized and laid out in accordance with an overall plan for a community of industries and businesses, including the servicing of these industries and businesses; and (2) designed to insure compatibility between the industrial and business operations in the park and the surrounding area through such devices as landscaping, architectural control, setbacks, and use requirements.

PRINTING PLANT - A business that produces images or writing on paper or other materials.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE -An office occupied by a person or persons (together with related staff) who have received professional training, to include doctors, lawyers, engineers, certified public accountants, psychologists and similar occupations.

PUBLISHING PLANT - A business that creates and distributes printed works, such as newspapers, magazines, comic books, and books.

REAL ESTATE OFFICE - A business that manages, rents, or sells real estate (also known as a realty office or estate agency).

REPAIR SERVICE SHOP - Includes such uses as radio, television and appliance repair shops, plumbing shops, carpenter shops, and shoe repair shops.

RESTAURANT - An establishment that serves prepared food primarily on non-disposable tableware but can provide for incidental carry-out service.

RESTAURANT, DRIVE IN OR FAST FOOD - An establishment that serves prepared food generally packaged in paper wrappers and/or disposable plates and containers. Such food can be consumed either on or off of the site.

RETAIL STORE - Shops and stores for the sale of antiques, books, beverages, confections, drugs, dry goods, flowers, foodstuff, gifts, garden supplies, hardware, household appliances, jewelry, notions, periodicals, stationery, business machine sales and service, tobacco, paint and wearing apparel and other similar goods to the consumer, excluding adult-related retail.

PUBLIC SCHOOL - A school licensed by the Department of Education for the purpose of providing elementary, secondary, and adult education and operated by the School District.

SHOWROOM - A room or rooms where merchandise is exhibited for sale or where samples are displayed.

SPECIALITY TRADE CONTRACTOR - A business primarily involved in providing contract repairs and services to meet industrial or residential needs. This includes businesses that provide the following or similar services: plumbing, heating and cooling, machine repair, electrical and mechanical repair, industrial supply, roofing, locksmith, weed and pest control, and cleaning.

SOLAR ENERGY FARM - An installation of a solar array, and all related structures and equipment, typically designed as the primary land use of a parcel and including multiple solar energy collectors on mounting systems, from which the energy generated is sold for use on an energy grid system rather than being consumed on site.

TIMBER HARVESTING, TREE HARVESTING or LOGGING - That part of forestry involving cutting down trees and removing logs from the forest for the primary purpose of sale or commercial processing into wood products. This definition excludes cutting of trees by landowners and/or agents working on behalf of landowners for use solely by the landowner for non-commercial purposes; the cutting of dead, diseased, invasive or dangerous vegetation; pre-commercial timber stand improvement; removal of trees from an orchard, Christmas tree farm or tree nursery; and the clearing of land for approved development, approved building, or farming.

TRUCK MAINTENANCE FACILITY - A facility principally used for the routine maintenance and repair of trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, and similar motor vehicles, including activities such as fluid changes, engine and transmission repair or replacement, trailer repair, and body work.

TRUCK FUELING FACILITY - A place where commercial vehicles can get fuel, such as a commercial fuel station or a fleet motor fuel-dispensing facility.

VEHICLE SALES - Any building or land devoted to the display or sale of new or used motor vehicles, recreation vehicles, or boats in operable condition, and where no major repair work is done.

WAREHOUSE - Any building or structure whose exterior elevation view, as viewed from any side, contains 30% or less of the perimeter linear feet of wall as doors, at or near ground level and whose primary purpose is short- or long-term storing or warehousing.

WHOLESALE TRADE - An establishment or business engaged in selling merchandise to retailers, commercial, industrial, institutional, professional or business users or other wholesalers. Wholesale trade may also include agents or brokers and buying merchandise or selling merchandise to such individuals or companies.