

**WINDSOR TOWNSHIP  
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12-01**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND USE OF RECREATIONAL  
VEHICLES WITHIN WINDSOR TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES  
FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

WHEREAS, The use and operation of recreational vehicles within Windsor Township may create a public nuisance and adversely affect the public's health, safety and welfare by the creation of excessive noise, dust and fumes;

WHEREAS, The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the reasonable regulation of recreational vehicles in Windsor Township so as to reduce noise, protect the public's health, safety, and welfare, and to provide for the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority of Sections 1529 and 1601 of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §65101 et seq., the Board of Supervisors of Windsor Township hereby enact and ordain the following ordinance:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

IDLING – running a vehicle's engine while not in motion; at its resting point of revolutions per minute.

OCCUPANT - a person who regularly resides on the property in question.

OPERATING – controlling and maneuvering, not including idling.

OWNER – any person who has legal or equitable title to the property on which a recreational vehicle is being operated.

PERSON – an individual, group of individuals, a partnership, firm, association, or any other entity.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE - All motorized vehicles, designed or redesigned or otherwise being used for off-road recreational use, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Motorcycles
- (b) Trail bikes
- (c) All terrain vehicles (ATVs)
- (d) Go carts
- (e) Pocket Rockets
- (f) Snowmobiles
- (g) Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)
- (h) Golf Carts
- (i) Any other similar motorized vehicle

The term 'Recreational Vehicle' shall not include motorized vehicles for law enforcement, fire, emergency, military, or other governmental purposes.

## **Section 2. Operation and Use of a Recreational Vehicle on Private Property**

The following regulations shall apply for the use of a recreational vehicle on private real property:

- A. A maximum number of six (6) recreational vehicles are permitted to operate on private real property at one time.
- B. A person(s) operating a recreational vehicle must remain at least one hundred fifty (150') feet from any off-site residential dwelling.
- C. A person shall only operate a recreational vehicle between 10:00 a.m. and sunset, prevailing time.
  - (1) Operation of a recreational vehicle is permitted for a time period of three (3) consecutive hours with a two (2) hour break between riding sessions regardless of the number of vehicles in operation.
  - (2) The three (3) hour riding period shall begin with the operation of the first recreational vehicle.

## **Section 3. Operation and Use of a Recreational Vehicle on Township Property**

No person shall operate a recreational vehicle on Township property without the express written consent of the Township.

## **Section 4. Enforcement and Penalty.**

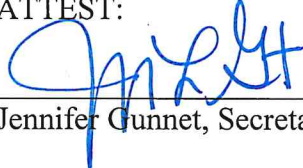
- A. A violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a public nuisance, and shall subject the Owner of the property and/or any person operating a recreational vehicle in violation of this ordinance to summary enforcement proceedings.
- B. The York County Regional Police Department (or successor police department) and such other persons as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Supervisors are authorized to make an initial determination of a violation of this ordinance, and to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. An initial determination of a violation of this ordinance shall result in a verbal warning to the Owner, Occupant or operator of the recreational vehicle.
- C. A second or subsequent violation shall be subject to summary enforcement proceedings and upon being found guilty thereof shall subject the violator to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not greater than \$1,000.00 per violation, and in default of payment of such fine may be subject to imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses. Each day that a violation continues or each section of this ordinance that is found to be violated shall be considered a separate violation.

**Section 5. Miscellaneous Provisions**

- A. To the extent applicable, this ordinance incorporates by reference thereto the provisions of and rules and regulations relating to the "Pennsylvania Snowmobile and All Terrain Vehicle Law," 75 Pa.C.S.A. §7701 et seq.
- B. The use of the singular shall include the plural. The use of headings is for convenience only.
- C. The sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any section or part thereof is found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, then such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or parts thereof.
- D. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after adoption.

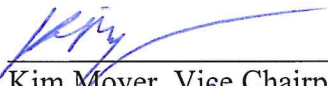
Enacted and Ordained this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

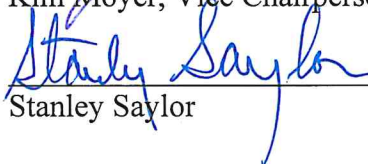
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Jennifer Gunnet, Secretary

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Katherine A. Kerchner, Chairperson

  
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Kim Moyer, Vice Chairperson

  
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