

**WICONISCO TOWNSHIP  
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WICONISCO, DAUPHIN COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING TRAVEL TRAILERS; ESTABLISHING  
STANDARDS FOR PARKING, STORAGE, AND TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY;  
PROVIDING FOR PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY; AND PRESCRIBING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Wiconisco Township (the "Township") desires to establish regulations for Travel Trailers, as defined herein, within the Township of Wiconisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that unregulated and/or unlawful installation, operation, and use of Travel Trailers constitutes a public nuisance and is a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Wiconisco, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Wiconisco Township by regulating the parking, storage, and use of travel trailers and recreational vehicles, and to ensure that such use does not create nuisances or health hazards, degrade property values, or conflict with existing ordinances and land use patterns.

**Section 2. Definitions**

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- A. **DESIGNATED RV PARK FACILITY** — A parcel of land lawfully used for the short-term placement of recreational vehicles or travel trailers with appropriate sewer, water, and electric hookups, authorized by permit or zoning.
- B. **FRONT, SIDE, AND REAR YARD** — The open spaces extending between the principal structure and the property lines, as defined in the Township's Zoning Ordinance.
- C. **OCCUPANCY / OCCUPIED** — The use of a Travel Trailer for any human occupancy or use as an enclosed space, including sleeping, cooking, eating, residing, working, conducting business, meeting with others, or remaining inside for any period of time.
- D. **OWNER** — Any person or entity owning, leasing, occupying, controlling, using, or maintaining a Travel Trailer, and/or any Property Owner who permits a Travel Trailer to be parked, stored, placed, or occupied on the Property

- E. **PRIMARY RESIDENCE** — Use of a Travel Trailer as a dwelling unit or place of habitation, whether continuous or intermittent, including use for sleeping, cooking, or living purposes as a person's residence.
- F. **PERMIT** — A written authorization issued by the Township Code Enforcement Officer for the placement, storage, or temporary occupancy of a travel trailer.
- G. **PROPERTY OWNER** — The person or legal entity listed on the deed as the current owner of record for the land on which the travel trailer is parked or stored.
- H. **PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY** — Any street, road, alley, or easement maintained by the Township for public use.
- I. **SEWER CONNECTION** — All pipes, fittings, and appurtenances from the drain outlet of the travel trailer to the inlet of the corresponding sewer riser pipe.
- J. **STORAGE USE** — The parking of a travel trailer without occupancy or habitation for any length of time.
- K. **STRUCTURE** — A building or improvement with a fixed location on the ground, excluding travel trailers or vehicles.
- L. **TEMPORARY USE** — The placement and/or occupancy of a travel trailer for a limited and defined period, not to exceed the maximums set by this Ordinance.
- M. **TRAVEL TRAILER** — A vehicle known as a camping trailer, travel trailer, RV, pickup coach, motor home, or any combination thereof and shall include a fold-down or pop-up trailer, or fifth-wheel trailer typically used as a recreational sleeping place.
- N. **UNATTACHED TRAILER** — A travel trailer that is not physically connected to a towing vehicle.
- O. **USE AS A STRUCTURE** — The use of a Travel Trailer, whether occupied or unoccupied, as a place for business activity, storage of inventory, office space, meetings, customer traffic, or any commercial or non-residential activity, or as an accessory structure

### **Section 3. Compliance of Existing Travel Trailers**

The owner of any property on which there are one or more Travel Trailers, and/or the owner of any Travel Trailers in existence at the date of adoption of this Ordinance must take all necessary steps to come into compliance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance within 60 days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

### **Section 4. Lawful Uses**

1. Travel Trailers may be parked or stored in the Township subject to the following regulations:

- A. Parking or storage is permitted at any time inside an enclosed, permitted building, or structure.
  - B. Parking or storage is permitted outside under the following conditions:
    - i. Travel Trailers may only be parked in the side or rear yard of the owner's property and may not be parked in the front yard.
    - ii. Travel Trailers shall not be located closer than three (3) feet to any rear or side lot line, and ten (10) feet from the front lot line or public right-of-way, provided the Travel Trailer can be parked or stored in a safe and secure manner so as not to be a hazard.
    - iii. Travel Trailers must not restrict visibility of traffic using adjacent public streets.
    - iv. Travel Trailer wheels must be blocked or immobilized.
    - v. No more than one Travel Trailer may be parked on any lot.
  - C. Parking is permitted in a designated RV Park facility.
2. While parked or stored, Travel Trailers shall comply with the following:
    - A. No Travel Trailer may be parked on any public street for more than 24 hours.
    - B. No Travel Trailer may be parked on any public street while unattached.
    - C. Travel Trailers may not be used for Occupancy unless in a designated RV Park, except:
      - i. For a single period not exceeding 7 calendar days.
      - ii. With a total annual limit of 14 calendar days.
    - D. No permanent or temporary connection to sewer or water systems unless in an RV Park.
    - E. Use of a Travel Trailer for general storage of unrelated items is prohibited.
  3. An unoccupied Travel Trailer may be parked anywhere on a lot for loading, unloading, or servicing for no more than 36 hours.
  4. A person actively constructing a permitted dwelling in Wiconisco Township with a permitted sewer and water hookup may apply to the Township for a temporary permit to occupy a Travel Trailer for up to six months. This may be extended once for an additional six months. The fee shall be set by Township resolution.
  5. No Travel Trailer may be used as a primary residence or rented out as such.

6. All Travel Trailers must remain properly licensed, registered, and inspected in accordance with state law.

### **Section 5. Unlawful Uses**

It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Fail to obtain and post a permit required under Section 8.
2. Discharge wastewater onto the ground.
3. Violate any Township ordinance concerning septic or privy systems.
4. Allow camping without adequate sanitary facilities as required by law.
5. Undermine building or sewage permit requirements by using Travel Trailers improperly.
6. Use a Travel Trailer as a residence except under the specific exception above.
7. No Travel Trailer shall be used as a structure, office, business location, or accessory building on any lot whether occupied or unoccupied, and regardless of duration.

### **Section 6. Fees**

A fee schedule for permits and inspections shall be set by resolution of the Township Board of Supervisors.

### **Section 7. Refuse Disposal**

All refuse associated with Travel Trailers must be managed to prevent health hazards, pest infestations, fire hazards, and pollution, and must comply with all Wiconisco Township ordinances.

### **Section 8. Permit Process**

A permit issued by the Township Code Enforcement Officer is required for any Travel Trailer that is used for temporary occupancy on a property for more than seven (7) consecutive days. Applicants must submit a completed permit application form, a sketch showing the trailer's proposed location on the lot, proof of current registration and inspection, and the applicable permit fee. The Code Enforcement Officer shall review the application and issue or deny the permit within fifteen (15) business days. Permits for temporary occupancy shall be valid for a period of up to six (6) months and may be renewed once if the request is submitted prior to expiration. Temporary occupancy permits must be visibly posted on-site. Any permit may be revoked for noncompliance. Denials or revocations may be appealed in writing to the Township Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days of the decision. Permits are not transferable between properties or property owners.

### **Section 9. Penalties**

1. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before the Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per

violation, or the maximum amount permitted by law, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment of the fine and costs, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, as permitted by law.

2. Each day that a violation continues after notice shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. Each section of this Ordinance that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.
3. In addition to, or in lieu of, summary enforcement, the Township may institute civil proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, including actions in equity to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate violations, to compel compliance, and to recover the Township's costs of enforcement.

**Section 10. Repealer**

All prior ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed, specifically Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_.

**Section 11. Severability**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 12. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 3 day of FEBRUARY, 2026 by the Board of Supervisors of Wiconisco Township, Dauphin County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**WICONISCO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

  
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**SEAN FLYNN – Chairman**

  
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**KERRY TETER – Vice-Chairman**

  
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**RONALD PINCHORSKI – Supervisor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**CANDICE FAUSNACHT -**  
Secretary/Treasurer