COUNTY OF LYCOMING COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

AN ORDINANCE

OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LYCOMING, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING LYCOMING COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE WITH THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED WITHIN ATTACHMENT A OF THIS DOCUMENT. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS SAME SHALL BE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners have directed the County Planning and Community Development Director to process a text amendment package within the Lycoming County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Lycoming County Planning Commission by action at a meeting held February 15th, 2018 recommended the amendment within the terms of the Lycoming County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the amendment March 22nd, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Commissioners of the County of Lycoming, as follows:

SECTION 1:

The Lycoming County Zoning Ordinance is amended so that following actions including: (1) Amend Table 3120(E.) to add the use of Agricultural Accessory Business as a special exception in the AG, RP, CS, RC, E, SE, & SM zoning districts; (2) Amend Table 3120(U.) to allow the use of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries as a special exception in the SM zoning district; (3) Amend Table 3120(H.) & (I.) respectively to allow for the uses of Medical Marijuana Grower/Processors & Medical Marijuana Transport Vehicle Service as a special exception in the I Zoning District; (4) amend the following sections: 3210A(2)(c), 3210E, 3240U, 3250E.1(6)(b)(v)(3), 3250H, 3250I, 3420E, 3420H, 3420I; (5) amend Table 4230 by deleting the building spacing column, adding bulk standards for Residential Coop, Horse Barn, Large Scale Animal Shed in Ag District, and Large Scale Animal Shed in all other Districts, and decrease rear yard setback for Open Air Structures; (6) amend section 5160F(2) to bring our floodplain management regulations for accessory structures into compliance with NFIP guidance; (7) amend section 8610(G) to provide guidance for the permitting of Feather Flag Signs; (8) amend section 10320(B)(2)(a) to require that hearing notices be mailed to adjoining property owners within 300 feet of a proposed use that requires special exception approval; (9) amend Article 14 to add various definitions which are associated with the above text amendments.

SECTION 2:

In any event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this ordinance, it being the intent of the County that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, insofar as the same shall be inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same are expressly repealed.

SECTION 4:

This ordinance shall be valid and effective for all purposes on the 22nd day of March 2018.

Duly enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lycoming, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled this 22nd day of March 2018.

COUNTY OF LYCOMING

ATTEST:

Matthew McDermott, Chief Clerk

-- ABSTAINED --

Tony R. Mussare, Vice Chairman

Richard Mirabito, Secretary

-- Attachment A --

Amend Table 3120 (Page 12) as follows:

- Insert "<u>Agricultural Accessory Business</u>" as subsection "E." under the list general use category of Agricultural.
 - o Make the use a Special Exception in all districts.
- Insert "<u>Dispensaries</u>" as subsection "U." under the list general use category of Commercial.
 - o Make the use a Special Exception in the Suburban Mixed district.
- Insert "<u>Grower/Processors</u>" as subsection "H." under the list general use category of Industrial.
 - o Make the use a Special Exception in the Industrial district.
- Insert "<u>Medical Marijuana Transport Vehicle Service</u>" as subsection "I." under the list general use category of Industrial.

Table 3120 Permitted Uses Zoning District*											
General Use	Rural			Suburban			Urban		Preservation		
Agricultural (Sec. 3210, Pg 14)	AG	RP	CS	RC	Е	SE	SM	CR		NP	
E. Ag. Accessory Business	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	N	N	S	
Commercial (Sec. 3240, Pg 33)	AG	RP	CS	RC	Е	SE	SM	CR	I	NP	
U. Dispensaries	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	N	N	N	
Industrial (Sec. 3250, Pg 47)	AG	RP	CS	RC	Е	SE	SM	CR	1	NP	
H. Grower/Processors	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	N	
I. Medical Marijuana Transport Vehicle Service	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	s	N	

Insert the following as 3210A, 2., c. (Page 14)

SECTION 3210 AGRICULTURAL USES

3210A Agriculture

1. Definition

[SIC 01, 02, and 07] The use of land for the production of crops, plants, vines, and trees (excluding those uses, which for the purposes of this Ordinance are defined as retail nursery and greenhouse operations); the use of land for the grazing or feeding of livestock; the raising of fur bearing animals; and related agricultural activities such as soil preparation, aerial dusting and spraying, and/or crop preparation for market (excluding agricultural product processing).

2. Supplemental Controls

- a. Accessory or Principal Farm Buildings. All buildings associated with the use, i.e., barns, sheds, silos, etc., shall be permitted provided that animal shed, manure storage, or like use shall not be located any closer than the dimensions listed in Table 4230 from any property line or public road or dwelling other than a farm dwelling unit.
- b. Manure Management. All agricultural operations shall be in compliance with the guidelines contained in Manure Management for Environmental Protection (and its technical supplements), as established by the PA Nutrient Management Law.
- c. In commercial animal raising operations the following information must be provided
 - (1) Contact information for the Integrator, who is contracted by the farmer to provide the livestock, inclusive of the main point of contact, phone number, e-mail address, and mailing address. The applicant must update the County, upon request, if the Integrator is changed.
 - i. The primary point of contact for the farm will remain the only entity contacted unless and until a situation arises where the Zoning Administrator deems it necessary.

Insert the following as 3210E (Page 15)

3210E Agricultural Accessory Business

1. <u>Definition:</u> A business, housed in a structure solely dedicated to said business, which is conducted on a single parcel or multiple adjoining parcels, provided the adjoining lots are under common ownership in conjunction with an <u>established agricultural operation</u>. Such uses include: food stand, winery, wine tasting room, produce processing/sales, special event venue; and other similar uses compatible with the character of the agricultural operation and the zoning district – this use specifically excludes agricultural operations involving livestock such as meat processing, petting zoos, and/or private stables which are uses described elsewhere in this ordinance.

2. Approval Process

- a. Approval for such uses can only be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board through a Special Exception hearing. As an additional primary use, proposed agricultural accessory businesses shall also be subject to land development review as necessary per the applicable Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance dictates.
- b. Fruit and vegetable stands and other similar traditional uses which are housed in a structure of less than 1000 square feet can be permitted by right and are not subject to land development review.
- c. Special seasonal events customarily held on farms that do not require dedicated facilities are exempt from needing a permit.

Supplemental Controls

- d. A majority of the produce or byproduct must be grown or made on site. Sale of items supplementary to the accessory business such as business-branded merchandise or items directly related to the agricultural business operations are permitted provided that the agricultural product is the primary item for sale.
- e. The Agricultural Accessory Business shall be compatible with the character of the dwelling or the immediate vicinity. The accessory business shall not produce offensive noise, vibration, dust, odors, pollution, traffic congestion, or other objectionable conditions, which are audible, visible, or otherwise detectable by human senses at the property line.

- f. The business shall be conducted by the landowner of the property in which the previously established agricultural use exists.
- g. Outside storage of materials incidental to the conduct of the business may be permitted, provided such storage areas are screened so that they are not visible from adjoining properties. Waste storage facilities shall be located in the rear, or in the event the rear of the building directly abuts a residence or road, the side determined by the Zoning Hearing Board (or Zoning Administrator for structures under 600 sq. ft.)to have the least impact and be screened from public view
- h. Such uses shall be compliant with the performance standards of this ordinance inclusive of parking, access, signage, etc.
- i. Valid building code, sewage, and food safety permits are required to be submitted prior to receiving a zoning permit in addition to other applicable outside agency requirements.
- j. As a condition of approval, the hours of operation will be determined by the Zoning Hearing Board in agreement with the applicant.

Insert the following as 3240U (Page 45)

3240U Medical Marijuana Dispensary

1. Definition

A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity, or any combination thereof, which holds a permit issued by the Department of Health (DOH) of the Commonwealth to dispense medical marijuana.

2. Supplemental Controls

- a. A medical marijuana dispensary must be legally registered in the Commonwealth and possess a current valid medical marijuana permit from DOH.
 - a. Revocation of any required federal, state, municipal, or other required approvals shall constitute an automatic revocation of the temporary Zoning/Development Permit.

- b. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries shall comply with the minimum yard setbacks of commercial uses in Table 4230 (Non-residential Bulk Standards)
- c. A medical marijuana dispensary may only dispense medical marijuana in an indoor, enclosed, permanent, and secure building and shall not be located in a trailer, cargo container, mobile or modular unit, mobile home, recreational vehicle or other motor vehicle.
- d. A medical marijuana dispensary may not operate on the same site as a facility used for growing and processing medical marijuana.
- e. Medical marijuana dispensaries shall have a single secure public entrance and shall implement appropriate security measures to deter and prevent the theft of marijuana and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical marijuana.
- f. Permitted hours of operation of a dispensary shall be 8 am to 8 pm [of the same calendar day].
- g. A medical marijuana dispensary shall:
 - a. Not have a drive-through service;
 - b. Not have outdoor seating areas;
 - c. Not have outdoor vending machines;
 - d. Prohibit the administering of, or the consumption of medical marijuana on the premises; and
 - e. Not offer direct or home delivery service.
- h. A medical marijuana dispensary may dispense only medical marijuana to certified patients and caregivers and shall comply with all lawful, applicable health regulations.
- i. A medical marijuana dispensary may not be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of a public, private or parochial school or a day-care center. This distance shall be measured in a straight line from the closest exterior wall of the building or portion thereof in which the business is conducted or proposed to be conducted, to the closest

property line of the protected use, regardless of municipality in which it is located.

- j. A medical marijuana dispensary shall be a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from the next nearest medical marijuana facility. This does not include complementing or supporting businesses covered by different definitions. This distance shall be measured in a straight line from the closest exterior walls of the buildings or portions thereof in which the businesses are conducted or proposed to be conducted, regardless of municipality in which it is located. This separation distance does not apply to the distance between the grower/processor or academic clinical research centers and the specific dispensary they serve, or with which they partner.
- k. Any medical marijuana facility lawfully operating shall not be rendered in violation of these provisions by the subsequent location of a public, private or parochial school or a day-care center.
- l. Loading and off-loading areas within the structure are preferred. If an external loading dock arrangement is designed it should be from within a secure environment.

Under the Supplemental Controls for Oil and Gas Development Amend Section 3250E.1, 6., b. v., 3) (Page 57) as follows:

3) The gates shall be provided with a combination catch and locking attachment device for a padlock, and shall be kept locked *except* when no one is working on the site.

Insert the following as 3250H (Page 62)

3250H Medical Marijuana Grower/Processor

1. Definition

A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity, or any combination thereof, which holds a permit from the Department of Health (DOH) to grow and process medical marijuana.

2. Supplemental Controls

- a. A medical marijuana grower/processor may only grow medical marijuana in an indoor, enclosed, and secure building which includes electronic locking systems, electronic surveillance and other features required by the DOH. The grower/processor facility shall not be located in a trailer, cargo container, mobile or modular unit, mobile home, recreational vehicle or other motor vehicle.
- b. The floor area of a medical marijuana grower/processor shall include sufficient space for production, secure storage of marijuana seed, related finished product cultivation, and marijuana related materials and equipment used in production and cultivation or for required laboratory testing.
- c. There shall be no emission of dust, fumes, vapors, odors, or waste into the environment from any facility where medical marijuana growing, processing or testing occurs.
- d. Marijuana remnants and byproducts shall be secured and properly disposed of in accordance with the DOH Policy and shall not be placed within any unsecure exterior refuse containers.
- e. The grower/processor shall provide only wholesale products to other medical marijuana facilities. Retail sales and dispensing of medical marijuana and related products is prohibited at medical marijuana grower/processor facilities.
- f. Grower/processors may not locate within 1,000 feet of the property line of a public, private, or parochial school or day-care center.
- g. Loading and off-loading areas within the structure are preferred. If an external loading dock arrangement is designed it should be from within a secure environment.

Insert the following as 3250I (Page 62)

3250V Medical Marijuana Transport Vehicle Service

1. Definition

Any facility used to house delivery vehicles for supplying marijuana plants or seeds to one or more marijuana grower/processors and/or dispensaries.

2. Supplemental Controls

- a. A traffic impact study is required where the office is operated.
- b. Parking requirements will follow the parking schedule found in Article/Part _____ § ____ Off-Street Parking Regulations.
- c. Entrances and driveways to a medical marijuana transport vehicle service must be designed to accommodate the anticipated vehicles used to enter and exit the premises.
- d. If for some reason a medical marijuana product is to be temporarily stored at a medical marijuana transport vehicle service facility, the facility must be secured to the same level as a medical marijuana grower/producer and dispensary.
- e. Loading and off-loading areas within the structure are preferred. If an external loading dock arrangement is designed it should be from within a secure environment.

Amend Section 3420E (Page 71) as follows:

3420E Open Air Accessory Structures

1. Definition

Open air structures (not enclosed), whether attached to or detached from the principal permitted use. <u>Structures included in this definition include, but are not limited to decks, porches, pavilions, pergolas, and gazebos.</u>
<u>Walkways, and paver/cement patios are specifically exempt from permit requirements.</u>

2. These open air structures shall comply with the minimum yard setbacks in Table 4230 (Non-residential Bulk Requirements), but shall comply with Section 4140 (Residential Bulk Standards) in all other bulk requirements when attached accessory to a the primary residential use. However, enclosures for such structures shall comply with the respective minimum yard setbacks in Section 4140 or 4230 as applicable to the use.

Amend Section 3420H (Page 69) as follows:

3420A Private Swimming Pools

1. Supplemental Controls

- a. Swimming pools of permanent construction, whether above or below ground, except portable pools which are not more than four (4) two (2) feet in height nor more than fifteen (15) feet in length or diameter, shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than four (4) feet in height and shall be constructed so as to permit no uncontrolled access. A lockable gate shall be provided. This enclosure shall be designed per the applicable specifications within the International Building Code.
- b. A dwelling or accessory structure may be used as part of such enclosure.
- c. Pools shall not be located within any required front yard nor closer than fifteen (15) feet to any property line.
- d. Permanent pools located in the regulatory floodplain are prohibited.

• Insert the following as Section 3420I and renumber accordingly:

1. Accessory Animal Shed Uses

- a. Residential Coop. This structure type is limited to the keeping of egg laying chickens (or other similar egg laying hens), and to a maximum square footage of 40 SF. Roosters, geese, and turkeys are prohibited from being kept in a structure that falls under this classification.
- b. Horse Barn. This structure type is limited to the keeping of horses and associated storage.
 - i. In the AG, RP, and CS districts a horse barn can hold no more than 4 horses, and is limited to a maximum square footage of 1,500 SF.
 - ii. In all other districts a horse barn can hold no more than 2 horses, and is limited to maximum square footage of 1,000 SF.
 - iii. This use is prohibited in the Suburban Estate, Regional Commercial, and Industrial

- c. Animal Shed. All other animals that are customarily kept in an agricultural setting may be housed in this structure type. Animal Sheds may have a maximum square footage of 1,500 SF.
- d. Large Scale Animal Shed. This structure type pertains to all structures over 1,500 sq. ft. that contains any animals that are customarily kept in an agricultural setting including kennels
- 2. General Requirements for Animal Sheds for Residential Coops, Horse Barns, and Animal Sheds less than 1,500 SF.
 - a. Shelter and enclosure requirements. All such animals shall be properly protected from the weather and predators in a shelter or coop, and where access to a grazing area is provided the animals must still be contained within an enclosure or fence.
 - b. Shall not be located within the regulatory floodplain without an evacuation and response plan and adequate anchoring per Section 5160 F of this ordinance.
 - c. Screening from abutting residentially used properties and streets in the form of a solid privacy fence of at least four feet in height.
 - d. Prevention of Nuisance Conditions. Owners shall care for poultry, and farm animals in a humane manner and shall prevent nuisance conditions by ensuring the following conditions are met:
 - The shelter and enclosure are maintained in good repair, and in a clean and sanitary manner free of vermin and objectionable odors;
 - ii. Feces, discarded feed, and dead animals are regularly collected and stored in in a manner to prevent nuisance odors and the attraction of vermin until it can be disposed properly;
 - iii. Farm poultry and farm animal feed are stored in a manner to prevent attraction of vermin;
 - iv. Farm poultry and farm animals shall remain in the shelter or enclosure at all times and shall not run at large.

Amend Table 4230 (Page 88) – Table of Non-residential Bulk Requirements as follows:

- Delete the Building Spacing column
- Add a row for:
 - Residential Coop,
 - Horse Barn,
 - Large Scale Animal Shed in Ag District, and
 - Large Scale Animal Shed in all other Districts
- Decrease Rear Yard Setback requirement for Open Air Structures to 20 ft.

Table with changes shown on next page

Table 4230

Table of Non-residential Bulk Requirements (measured in feet)

Proposed Land Use	Minimum Front (1)	Side Yard	Rear Yard	Minimum Building Spacing (2)	Maximum Building Height
Ag. Structure (3)	50/30 (4)	10	20	25	45
Ag. Silo	50/30 (4)	10	20	θ	135
Residential Coop	50/30 (4)	25	30	10	10
Horse Barn	50/30 (4)	25	30	10	25
Animal Shed	125/100 (4)	100	100	25	41
Large Scale Animal Shed in Ag District	125/100 (6)	100 (6)	100 (6)	25	45
Large Scale Animal Shed in Other Districts	225/200 (4)	200	200	25	45
Ag Support	75/50 (4)	20	20	25/50	135
Institutional, Commercial in:					
RC District	35/20 (4)	10	20	10	35
Other Districts	50/30 (4)	10	20	20	35
Light Industrial	75/50 (4)	20	20	25/50	70/155 silos
Other Industrial	100/75 (4)	20	20	25/50	80/155 silos
Parking Lots	25/10 (4)	10	10	<i>N</i> /∕4	N/A
Parking Structure, Enclosed Accessory Structures and Residential Greenhouses (3420E)	35/20 (4)	10	20	5	50
Open Air Structures (3420E)	35/20 (4)	20	20/ 50	5/20-(s)	With 3420E

- (1) The front yard setback also applies to side or rear yards which abut streets.
- (2) Applies to buildings located on the same parcel or lot.
- (3) This applies to buildings and structures only, not pastures, fences, or cropland.
- (4) The first number represents setback from the centerline, and the second number represents setback from the right-of-way line. Whichever setback is greater shall apply. In situations where a property does not abut a right-of-way, the second number shall apply and be measured from the property line.
- (5) Building spacing requirements for open air structures does not apply to structures that are being proposed as an addition to an existing building.
- (6) Setbacks less than 100 ft. but more than 50 ft. are required to have Category V bufferyards installed (See Bufferyard Section)

Amend Section 5160F, 2. (Page 105) as follows:

2. The ground floor area shall not exceed six hundred (600) square feet. No variance shall be granted for an accessory structure exceeding 600 square feet. A signed Non-Conversion Agreement is required as a condition of receiving the variance. The Agreement must be assigned a UPI (uniformed parcel identifier) number and recorded with the County Register and Recorder's Office.

Insert the following as 8610, G. (Page 146)

G. Feather Flag Signs.

- 1. Maximum size. Each feather flag sign shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet in total area.
- 2. Location. Feather flag signs must be located outside of the public right of way and comply with Division 8300, D of this ordinance.
- 3. Limit. The number of feather flag sigs is limited to one (1) per every forty (40) linear feet of road frontage along the roadway where the primary business sign is installed.
- 4. Permits. No feather flag sign shall be erected or installed except pursuant to a permit issued by the Zoning Administrator.
- 5. Maintenance. The owner of any sign shall have the sign and all supports properly painted at least once every two (2) years, unless they are galvanized or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Any cracked, faded, torn, ripped, broken or otherwise damaged temporary sign, banner or feather flag sign

Insert the following under Division 8800 (Page 151)

Sign, Feather Flag. A free standing sign typically constructed of a single plastic or metal shaft driven in the ground with an attached pennant that is vertically elongated and attached to the shaft.

• Amend Section 10320, B, 2, (a) (Page 176) as follows:

(a) **Notice**. A public hearing shall be held by the Zoning Hearing Board after a public

notice has been published in accordance with the definition of "Public Notice" in

Article 14 of this Ordinance. A copy of such notice shall be mailed to the Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Municipality affected by the proposed special exception, and adjacent property owners who are connected to the parcel in question, and within a 300 foot radius of the proposed use, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing.

Add or modify (in italics and underlined) the following definitions to Article 14:

- Academic Clinical Research Center. An accredited medical school within this Commonwealth that operates or partners with an acute care hospital licensed within this Commonwealth.
- Caregiver. The individual designated by a patient to deliver medical marijuana.
- Certified Medical Use. The acquisition, possession, use or transportation of
 medical marijuana by a patient, or the acquisition, possession, delivery,
 transportation or administration of medical marijuana by a caregiver, for use
 as part of the treatment of the patient's serious medical condition, as
 authorized by certification by the Commonwealth.
- Clinical Registrant. An entity that:
 - 1. Holds a permit both as a grower/processor and a dispensary; and

- 2. Has a contractual relationship with an academic clinical research center under which the academic clinical research center or its affiliate provides advice to the entity, regarding, among other areas, patient health and safety, medical applications and dispensing and management of controlled substances.
- Dispensary. A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity, or any combination thereof, which holds a permit issued by the Department of Health (DOH) of the Commonwealth to dispense medical marijuana.
- Form of Medical Marijuana. The characteristics of the medical marijuana recommended or limited for a particular patient, including the method of consumption and any particular dosage, strain, variety and quantity or percentage of medical marijuana or particular active ingredient.
- Grower/Processor. A person, including a natural person, corporation, partnership, association, trust or other entity, or any combination thereof, which holds a permit from the DOH to grow and process medical marijuana.
- Identification Card. A document issued by the DOH that permits access to medical marijuana.
- Medical Marijuana. Marijuana for certified medical use as legally permitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with Act 16.
- Medical Marijuana Organization or Facility. A dispensary or a grower/processor of marijuana for medical purposes.
- Medical Marijuana Delivery Vehicle Office. Any facility used to house delivery vehicles for supplying marijuana plants or seeds to one or more marijuana grower/processors and/or dispensaries.
- Registry. The registry established by the DOH for all medical marijuana organizations and practitioners.