

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE No. 190

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND
DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REGULATING SLOPES WITHIN ADAMS
TOWNSHIP AND REPEALING THE PRIOR SLOPE ZONING
REGULATIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED by the Township Supervisors of the Township of Adams, in lawful session assembled, and it is hereby **ENACTED** by the authority of the same that:

SECTION 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the creation and disturbance of slopes within Adams Township to ensure public safety, environmental protection, and sustainable development practices.

SECTION 2: The following Sections 3-5 are inserted at new Section 167-27(H) of the Adams Township Codification of Ordinances (as from time to time amended), pertaining to Subdivision and Land Development, et seq.

SECTION 3: Definitions

Steep Slopes: Slopes greater than 3 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical (3h:1v).

Slope: Any rise or fall greater than 4 feet vertical.

SECTION 4: General Provisions

- (1) All created slopes must be set back at least 20 feet from property lines.
- (2) Created steep slopes must not be longer than 100 feet (as measured at the hypotenuse) without at least ten feet of benching.
- (3) Created slopes steeper than 2.5h:1v will not be allowed in residential zoning districts.
- (4) Created slopes steeper than 2.5h:1v will not be allowed in all other zoning districts.
- (5) No more than 25% of existing steep slopes may be disturbed in residential zoning districts, unless for agricultural use or landscaping under the direction of an engineer.

- (6) No more than 60% of existing slopes in the range 6h:1v to 3h:1v may be disturbed in residential zoning districts, unless for agricultural use or landscaping under the direction of an engineer.
- (7) A table and map of slopes pre and post construction must be provided with all land developments labeling slopes in the following categories:
 - (a) Steeper than 3h:1v
 - (b) 3h:1v to 6h:1v
 - (c) 6h:1v to 12h:1v
- (8) Any steep slopes created or disturbed must provide a slope stability analysis stamped by a professional engineer or soil scientist.
- (9) Benches, or any other tiering created at the end of a slope, on either the high side or low side, must be a minimum of ten feet.
- (10) Created steep slopes must be vegetated.

SECTION 5: Compliance and Enforcement

- (1) Property owners and developers must ensure compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance during the planning, design, and construction phases of any project involving the creation or disturbance of slopes.
- (2) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance will result in penalties, including fines and mandatory corrective actions, as set forth in the Adams Township Codification of Ordinances pertaining to Subdivision and Land Development.

SECTION 6: All inconsistent Ordinances and Section 192-58(B)(3) of the Adams Township Codification of Ordinances (as from time to time amended), pertaining to Zoning are repealed.

SECTION 7: Severability

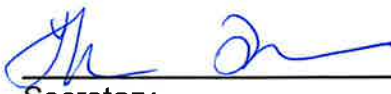
If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, or provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect five days after adoption by the Adams Township Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:



Secretary

(SEAL)

ADAMS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:



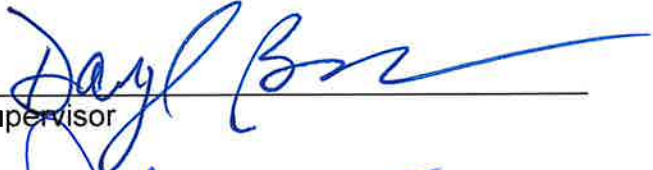
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