



PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Cumberland County

Cumberland County Review Report

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Recommendation: *Approval With Comments*

<i>Name of Amendment:</i>				
Location and Dimensions of Billboards				
<i>Municipality:</i>	<i>Date Received:</i>	<i>Date Reviewed:</i>	<i>Reviewed By:</i>	<i>Checked By:</i>
East Pennsboro Township	3/10/2023	3/27/2023	SH	KS
<i>Type of Amendment:</i>				
Zoning Text Amendment				

Explanation of Amendment:

East Pennsboro Township submitted a zoning ordinance text amendment that would revise the criteria for billboards in the CPL district, area 2. The proposed language will modify the maximum square footage, maximum height, setbacks, and other sign standards in the CPL district area 2.

The proposed text amendment is generally consistent with the Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan and the East Pennsboro Township Comprehensive Plan.

Administrative Comments and Recommendations:

N/A

Technical Comments and Recommendations:

1. If this proposed text amendment is adopted, the township should consider amending the proposed draft zoning ordinance to reflect these changes and maintain consistency.
2. The CPL district is considered a mixed-use district (zoning 1705.3). The proposed sign criteria are located on the 'nonresidential zoning districts' table. The township should consider listing each individual zoning district on the sign tables rather than categorize into residential and nonresidential. This comment may also apply to the OA district.
3. The language proposes to permit a billboard that is taller, set back less from a street right-of-way, and closer to other billboards than signs in all other locations in East Pennsboro Township. The township should consider justification for these requirements. Why are billboards adjacent to 11/15 different than signs adjacent to Interstate 81?
4. The township should consider adding a setback from the interchanges. Signage should not be placed close to interchanges where it may interfere with the safety of motorists.
5. Route 11/15 is included in the PennDOT Highway Beautification System. The township should review the billboard requirements and verify that the proposed language follows the Outdoor Advertising Control Act of 1971. Setbacks, distance between signs and other dimensional requirements may apply.

“Section 505 (b) and 609 (g) of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that amendments to municipal ordinances be filed with the county planning agency. If this amendment is approved, please forward a final copy to the county planning office so we may update our records.”