

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 of 2016**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP, BEING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE, IN ORDER TO REVISE AND AMEND DEFINITIONS. EFFECTIVE FIVE DAYS FROM ENACTMENT.**

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, Chester County, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Code of the Township of Willistown, Chapter 73 thereof, being the Willistown Township Environmental Protection Ordinance, Article I, §73-4, Definitions, is amended by repealing the definition for “LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT”, “RECREATIONAL STRUCTURE” and “SCREENING”, and adding the following terms and definitions in the correct alphabetical sequence:

**BUFFER PLANTING STRIP, BUFFER STRIP OR SCREEN** - A strip of required yard space adjacent to a use or facility within a property or to the boundary of a property or district, as designated in Chapters 73, 123, and 139, which is landscaped for the full width (or as otherwise specified in Chapter 73) and on which is located a visual barrier of sufficient density not to be seen through and of sufficient height to constitute an effective screen and give immediate visual screening to an abutting property or district. The required screen shall be permanently maintained and shall constitute a planting of dense trees and shrubs consistent with the requirements of Chapter 73, Article X.

**LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT** - The addition of features to the land which enhance a particular site from the standpoint of, e.g., noise abatement, recreational enjoyment, wildlife preservation, visual amenity, etc. Such improvements might include plantings, pathways, patios and fences. Landscape Improvements may include vegetative components but are not considered to be buffer planting strips.

**RECREATIONAL STRUCTURE** - Anything constructed or erected on the ground or attached to the ground, pursuant to the definition of "structure," as intended for community recreational purposes. Such structures shall not include facilities intended for the private use and benefit of individual property owners (patios, decks, outdoor kitchens, etc.)

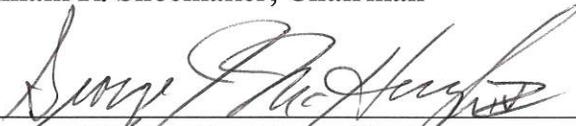
**SCREENING** - The creation of a visual barrier through some combination of plantings, fences and walls, pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter, specifically Article X; in no case shall combinations of plantings, fences and walls be used as a method to reduce or eliminate the requirements of Article X, unless specifically permitted otherwise or by approval of the Board.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

**ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** this 14th day of March, 2016

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP**

  
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**William R. Shoemaker, Chairman**

  
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**Robert T. Lange, Member**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**David R. Burman, Secretary**