

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP BY CREATING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP RECYCLING AND COMPOST CENTER AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of the Township of Monroe are empowered by the Second Class Township Code, §1506 to pass ordinances necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township and its finances and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its citizens, trade, commerce and manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors that the within Ordinance is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Monroe Township by creating the Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center and establishing rules and regulations related thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Monroe as follows:

Section 1. Title.

The short title of this article shall be "Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center Ordinance," and the same may be cited in that manner.

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations adopted that relate hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALUMINUM CANS: Empty all-aluminum beverage and food containers.

BRUSH: Shrubs, vegetation or plant trimmings, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point.

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT: Those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes.

CORRUGATED PAPER (CARDBOARD): Structural paper material with an inner core shaped in rigid parallel furrows and ridges.

FERROUS CONTAINERS (TIN CANS): Empty steel or tin-coated steel food or beverage containers.

GLASS CONTAINERS: Bottles and jars made of clear, green or brown glass. Excluded are plate glass, automotive glass and porcelain and ceramic products.

OFFICE PAPER: All white paper, bond paper and computer paper. Any shredded paper must be placed in clear plastic bags.

LEAF WASTE: Leaves from trees, which shall not be in plastic bags.

MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS: Printed matter containing miscellaneous written pieces published at fixed or varying intervals.

MUNICIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS: Public facilities operated by Monroe Township and other governmental and quasi-governmental authorities.

MUNICIPALITY: Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

NEWSPAPERS: Paper of the type commonly referred to as "newsprint" and distributed at fixed intervals, having printed thereon news and opinions, containing advertisements and other matters of public interest.

PERSONS: Owners, lessees and occupants of residences or commercial or institutional establishments.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: Empty plastic containers, No. 1 and No. 2 only.

RECYCLING: The collection, separation, recovery and sale or reuse of metals, glass, paper, leaf waste, plastics and other materials which would otherwise be disposed of or processed as municipal waste, or the mechanized separation and treatment of municipal waste (other than through combustion) and creation and recovery of reusable materials other than a fuel for the operation of energy.

RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS: Any occupied single-family or multifamily dwelling having up to, and including, three dwelling units per structure.

TREE TRIMMINGS: The material trimmed off trees and plants to control growth and enhance performance or function by developing and preserving tree or plant structure and health.

WASTE: A material whose original purpose has been completed and which is directed to a disposal or processing facility or is otherwise disposed. The term does not include source-separated recyclable materials or material approved by the Department for beneficial use.

Section 3. Establishment of Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center.

- A. There is hereby established the Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center for the disposition of recyclable materials and compost materials by persons residing in single dwellings or multifamily dwellings.
- B. The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, adopt Rules and Regulations for the management of the Recycling and Compost Center which shall control the cost for the Card, the fee for the Compost Site, and hours of operation of the Recycling and Compost Center.

Section 4. Acceptance of recyclables from residential dwellings, generally.

- A. Recyclable materials from residential dwellings shall be accepted by the Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center from residents of Monroe Township who have obtained a key card from Monroe Township, including paying all required fees for same. Monroe Township will allow residents with key cards to dropoff recyclables at the Recycling and Compost Center site at such times, dates and places and in such manner as may be established by the Rules and Regulations. Materials allowed to be recycled are: aluminum cans, corrugated paper (cardboard), ferrous containers (tin cans), glass containers, office paper, magazines and periodicals, newspapers and plastic containers, as herein defined, or other recyclable materials as designated by Monroe Township under its Rules and Regulations. Key card holders shall comply with all applicable Rules and Regulations as well as all instructions at the Recycling and Compost Center.
- B. The recyclable material shall be placed in the appropriate containers for the specific recyclable materials which will be provided at the Recycling and Compost Center. Any misuse or destruction of said containers shall subject the person responsible to a penalty as hereinafter set forth.
- C. Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center will accept recyclable materials from individual residents of Monroe Township and will only accept recyclable materials from commercial establishments if authorized under the Rules and Regulations.

Section 5. Acceptance of compost from persons residing in Monroe Township, generally.

- A. Compost materials from residential dwellings shall be accepted by the Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center from residents of Monroe Township who have obtained a key card from Monroe Township, including paying all required fees for same. Monroe Township will allow residents with key cards to dropoff approved compost materials at the Recycling and Compost Center site at such times, dates and places and in such manner as may be established by the Rules and Regulations. Materials allowed for compost are: tree trimmings, leaf waste, Christmas trees, brush, and tree trunks/logs as authorized by Monroe Township under its Rules and Regulations. Grass clippings and weeds shall not be accepted. Key card holders shall comply with all applicable Rules and Regulations as well as all instructions at the Recycling and Compost Center.
- B. The compost material shall be placed at the appropriate locations for the specific compost materials at the Recycling and Compost Center. Any misuse or destruction of said Recycling and Compost Center shall subject the person responsible to a penalty as hereinafter set forth.
- C. Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center will accept compost materials from individual residents of Monroe Township and will only accept compost materials from commercial establishments if authorized under the Rules and Regulations.

Section 6. Violations and penalties.


In addition to the suspension of the right for an individual or a business to use the Monroe Township Recycling and Compost Center as outlined in the Rules and Regulations, this article contains additional penalties. This article shall be enforced by action brought before a District Justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. Any person who violates or permits the violation of this article shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 and/or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. Each section of this article that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense

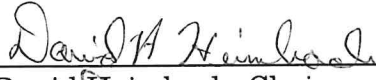
Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.


Section 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED at a duly assembled public meeting by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, this 2nd day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:


Stephanie McKinney, Secretary


David Heimbach, Chairperson


Steven Paige, Supervisor


Ryan Mack, Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

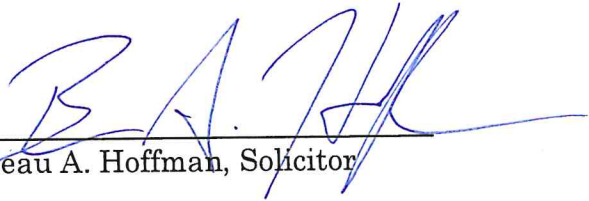
I, Stephanie McKinney, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Monroe, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Monroe Township Ordinance No. 2024-2 which was duly enacted at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township on the 2nd day of January, 2024.


Stephanie McKinney
Secretary

(Monroe Township Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF PREPARATION

AND NOW, this 2nd day of January, 2024, I hereby certify that I prepared the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Monroe, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, at a properly called and duly advertised meeting held on January 2, 2024.


Beau A. Hoffman, Solicitor