ABINGTON TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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CERTIFICATION

I, RICHARD J. MANFREDI, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT I AM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA AND THAT ATTACHED HERETO IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2222.

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

December 12, 2024

ENACTED: December 12, 2024

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WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township is duly empowered by the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 55101, *et seq.*, to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety welfare of the residents of Abington Township;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township has adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance, known as The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10101, et seq., which is intended to provide for the orderly development and redevelopment of Abington Township;

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code and Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, *supra*, authorize the Board of Commissioners to make, amend and adopt amendments to The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, that are consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the proper management and control of the Township and the best interests of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township has determined that certain amendments to The Revised Abington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, are required for the orderly administration of the laws of Abington Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the Code of the Township of Abington should be amended to revise the definition of indoor recreation for the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township that the Township's Code is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Chapter 162 [Zoning], Article XXI [Use Regulations], Section 2103 [Categories of Permitted Uses],

Subsection 2103.G [Entertainment/Recreation Uses] to revise the definition of Indoor Recreation.

The Code of the Township of Abington, Part II [General Legislation], Chapter 162 [Zoning], Article XXI [Use Regulations], Section 2103 [Categories of Permitted Uses], Subsection 2103.G [Entertainment/Recreation Uses] is hereby restated and amended by adding the underlined language (example), as follows:

Use G-9A: Recreation, Indoor: An indoor facility designed to accommodate sports such as bowling, billiards, indoor soccer, ice skating, roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding, and the like <u>or for use as an event space, banquet facility</u>, catering hall or similar venue.

- 1. No audio speakers or equipment shall be installed inside or outside such as uses that cause music, voices or other sounds to emanate to the exterior of the premises.
- 2. The following shall be submitted with any application for a Conditional Use or Special Exception:
 - a. Specification of uses and activities.
 - b. Specification of hours of operation.
 - c. Indication of method(s) to be used to abate any and all impacts on adjacent residential properties.

SECTION 2. Repeal and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the Township's Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 12th day of December, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THOMAS HECKER

President

[Seal]

Attested by:

Richard J. Manfredi

Township Manager & Secretary