

ORDINANCE 2017-04

**BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 287, ENTITLED “ZONING”, TO AMEND THE OBJECTIVES SECTION AND ADD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN-RELATED TERMS TO THE DEFINITIONS SECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Downingtown, Chester County, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of same, as follows:

Section 1. §287-3.A.(11) of the Borough Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

To aid in bringing about the most beneficial relationship between land use and circulation throughout the Borough, with particular regard to vehicular traffic and pedestrian and bicycle circulation and the avoidance of congestion in the streets, and provision of safe and convenient access appropriate to the various uses.

Section 2. §287.7 of the Borough Zoning Ordinance, “Terms Defined”, is hereby amended to include the following terms (in alphabetical order):

BICYCLE - A vehicle having a seat, handlebars for steering, brakes, and two pedals or two pedals and a small electric assist motor by which it is propelled. The term “Bicycle” includes one, two, three wheeled vehicles including handicap vehicles but not tricycles for children.

BICYCLE BOULEVARD - A street corridor treatment that prioritizes and enhances bicycle travel via traffic calming measures, signs, pavement, markings, and crossing improvements.

BICYCLE RACK - A fixture to facilitate bicycle parking to which bicycles can be securely attached (typically using a bicycle lock) to prevent theft.

BICYCLE LANE - Designated travel lanes within the cartway or along the road shoulder for exclusive use by bicyclists. Bike lanes typically involve a combination of supplemental indicators including but not limited to Share the Road Signs, Sharrows, and other pavement markings.

BUS SHELTER - A pedestrian amenity located at a bus stop to provide convenience, comfort and shelter from the elements in the form of a structure such as a canopy.

CROSSWALK - A public right-of-way, identified by signs, lighting and pavement markings, for pedestrian travel across a roadway or traffic aisle at an intersection or any portion of a block to provide safe pedestrian access to adjacent roads, lots, parking areas, sidewalks or public use areas.

IMPROVED SURFACE - A stable all-weather surface constructed of materials including but not limited to concrete, asphalt, brick, pavers, flag stone, or other similar consistent material or construction to facilitate pedestrian movement that provides a safe walking surface and ease of maintenance for activities such as snow shoveling.

INTERNAL WALKWAY - A designated single use facility with an improved surface, primarily for use by pedestrians, typically located outside of the road right-of-way and/or not directly adjacent to a street. A walkway is generally used for pedestrian transportation 1) between buildings and parking areas or sidewalks, 2) within parking lots, 3) between buildings on a parcel or within a development, or 4) between adjacent uses, developments, or facilities.

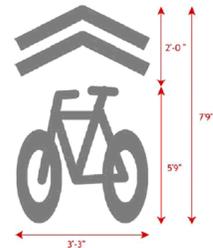
PEDESTRIAN – A person traveling on foot or in a wheelchair.

SHARE THE ROAD SIGN - Supplemental signage added to a shared roadway to warn motorists of the increased likelihood of bicyclists.

SHARED ROADWAY (limited or no shoulder) - A street which accommodates bicyclists and motorists in the same travel lane. Shared roadways may be a Signed Bike Route or include other indicators such as Share the Road Signs, Sharrows, other pavement markings, or signage.

SHARROW - A pavement marking that increases driver awareness of shared roadway arrangements.

SIDEWALK – A pedestrian route, typically constructed of concrete and parallel to a street that provides a means for pedestrians to travel within the public right-of-way while physically separated from vehicular traffic. Sidewalks are designed for pedestrian use.



TRAIL- A facility that is physically separated from the roadway and typically accommodates bi-directional travel by more than one (1) type of user such as cyclists, pedestrians, and inline skaters. The trail should and have an improved surface (e.g., asphalt, concrete, compacted gravel, etc.) and can be located within a publicly owned right-of-way, an exclusive right-of-way, or an easement.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY (TIS). An analysis of the effect of all modes of transportation, including bicycles and pedestrians, generated by a development on the capacity, operations, and safety of the public street and highway system. The TIS is used to determine the improvements that are necessary to ensure that the transportation network can accommodate the new development.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment as provided by law.

ADOPTED by Borough Council this 6th day of September, 2017.

BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN

By: _____
Anthony Gazzo
President, Borough Council

APPROVED by the Mayor, this 6th day of September, 2017.

By: _____
Josh Maxwell, Mayor

ENACTED this 6th day of September, 2017.

By: _____
Stephen T. Sullins, Borough Secretary