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**TOWNSHIP OF CHARTIERS
ORDINANCE NO. 405**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHARTIERS, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 350 OF THE CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP
CODE, ZONING, TO PROVIDE BANQUET FACILITIES.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township desires to amend Chapter 350 of the Chartiers Township Code, Zoning, to provide for a banquet facility use; and

WHEREAS, the Chartiers Township Planning Commission has recommended that the zoning amendment be approved and that such change would be consistent with the Chartiers Township Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chartiers Township Board of Supervisors has conducted a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning amendment has been reviewed by the Washington County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Chartiers Board of Supervisors has determined that the amendment will no be adverse to the interest and general welfare of residents of Chartiers Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Chartiers hereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

SECTION 1: Definition

§350-16 is amended to add the definition of a banquet facility as follows:

Banquet facilities are permanent buildings or spaces that can be rented by the public for holding various types of events, such as weddings, receptions, dinners, dances, or seminars.

SECTION 2.

§350-10. B. General Classifications and Uses is amended as follows:

1. A Banquet Facility shall be a permitted use in the C-1, C-2, I-1.

SECTION 3

§350-49 Banquet Facilities

1. Banquet Facility, including all fixtures, tents and parking, shall be set back at least 25 feet from all property lines.
2. Any banquet hall shall be subject to the following setback requirements:
 - a. Existing residential structures: 100 feet.
 - b. Must meet set backs consistent with what is required for the zoning district.
 - c. Provide and maintain a 20 foot bufferyard between it and any residential Zoning

District which shall contain a mix of evergreen, deciduous trees and shrubbery to provide a visual barrier. Said bufferyard shall preserve as many existing trees, vegetation as possible. Supplemental trees shall be a two inch caliper or greater. Shrubbery is required to buffer headlights.

3. The conduct of the event including fixtures, tents and parking may extend to the grounds but may not extend into the building setback areas.
4. Parking shall be on the property on which the banquet hall is located and must meet Township standards for parking/square footage.
5. No event may extend past 11:00 p.m., with all attendees to exit the premises by 12:00 midnight.
6. All entertainment must end by 11:00 p.m.
7. All entertainment, including but not limited to DJs, music, bands, a dance floor or a stage must meet the setbacks and the noise shall not exceed 60 dBA at the property line .
8. Lighting shall be oriented away from adjacent properties and shall not exceed 0.1 footcandle of illumination when measured from an adjacent lot line.
9. No pyrotechnics may be used without a obtaining a fireworks permit.
10. All improvements are subject to building permits and applicable building codes. All applicable local, state and federal permits must be obtained by the applicant.

SECTION 4. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 5. Repealer.

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Chartiers in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF CHARTIERS

Gary Friend
Secretary
(SEAL)

By:_____
Frank W. Wise, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors