

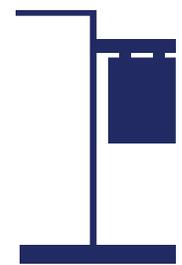
# Harpersfield Township Zoning Code Update

## General Overview of Changes

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Harpersfield Township was awarded funding from the Ohio Department of Development Housing Technical Assistance Program to update its Zoning Code. This update is projected to be complete in May 2026.

The purpose of this zoning code update is to modernize language, improve user accessibility, clarify regulations, remove inconsistencies, and align the Code with the goals of the Township. This update is not a full code rewrite but targets specific problematic sections of the existing Code. The following sections have been added or significantly updated:



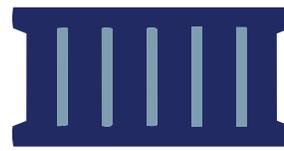
**Signs**  
(Article 13)



**Lighting Standards**  
(Article 604)



**Fences**  
(Article 603)



**Cargo Containers**  
(Article 1116)



**Campers & RVs**  
(Article 602.2)

### General Text Updates

Condensing and shortening length of Text

Converting standards into tabular format

Shortening document length

Simplifying language for clarity and accessibility

Improving use tables and legibility of dimensional requirements tables for buildings and signs

Replacing existing hand-drawn diagrams with digitized, high-resolution versions and adding new diagrammatic representations of various regulations

# Updated Regulations in the Code

## Sign Regulations

- Ensuring sign code is aligned with existing federal and state case law regarding first amendment protections
- Sign regulations distinguished by time, manner, and place, not content
- No more mandating Harpersfield Township on every sign
- Reduction in off-premise signs to 16sqft in area

## Fences

- Fence standards updated with clear definitions and diagrams
- Restrictions on use of barbed wire/razor wire and electrified fencing in residential contexts (agriculture exempt)

## Cargo Containers

- Temporary Cargo Containers and Portable Storage Containers are permitted in R-1 and are Conditional Uses in all other residential districts
- On lots less than 5 acres, permanent cargo containers are not allowed for general or agricultural uses

## Lighting Standards

- Full cutoff fixture requirements
- Limitations on light trespass
- Requirement for development plans to include lighting plans
- Goal is to minimize light pollution

# New Regulations in the Code

## Campers & RVs

- Goal is to regulate the parking storage, maintenance, and habitation of campers and RVs in the Township
- A camper may not be occupied on a residential lot for more than 14 days without a permit
- Permanent utility connections to the camper are prohibited
- No more than one camper can be stored on a property, must be in the rear or side lot

## Questions?

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