

Amendment # ____

ARTICLE ____

MORATORIUM ON BIG BOX SUPERSTORES

SECTION __.1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Article to place a temporary halt on the approval of new big box superstores in Acme Township until the impacts of this kind of development on the Township can be examined, and comprehensive zoning amendments proposed if necessary to protect the best interest of the community.

SECTION __.2. DEFINITIONS.

- (1) Big box superstore. For purposes of this Article, the term “big box superstore” shall mean any building, or combination of buildings, intended to be used principally for the purpose of retail sales and marketing, which exceed(s) _____ thousand (__ 0,000) square feet in size.
- (2) Township. For purposes of this Article, the term “Township” shall mean Acme Township, the Acme Township Board of Trustees, the Acme Township Planning Commission, the Acme Township Zoning Board of Appeals, or any staff person, agent, consultant, or employee of Acme Township.
- (3) Other terms. All other terms used in this Article shall have the same meaning as they are used in other parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION __.3. MORATORIUM. As of the effective date of this Article, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, no applications for special use permits, conceptual special use permits, site plan review or approval, mixed use planned development approval, or land use permits for any big box superstore will be processed by the Township, nor will any approvals or zoning permits be granted for any big box superstore by the Township.

SECTION __.4. EXPIRATION OF MORATORIUM. The provisions of this Article are temporary in nature and are intended to be replaced by subsequent legislative enactment. With or without subsequent legislative enactment, the prohibitions in Section 3 of this Article will expire automatically on _____, 200__.

SECTION __.5. EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this Article shall not affect the processing of applications or the issuance of zoning permits for any big box superstore that has already received approval or conceptual approval on or before the effective date of this Article, so long as that approval or conceptual approval remains valid and in effect.