

ORDINANCE NO.2008- 04

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COVINGTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007 TO:**

- ITEM 1 – Establish that the grant of a Special Exception shall only be valid for one year from the date the Special Exception becomes unappealable
- ITEM 2 – Establish that the grant of a Conditional Use shall only be valid for one year from the date the Conditional Use becomes unappealable
- ITEM 3 – Establish that the grant of a Variance shall only be valid for one year from the date the Variance becomes unappealable

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Covington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, by authority of and pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 805, No. 247 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 31, 1968; reenacted December 21, 1988, P.L. 1329, No. 170, and as further reenacted and amended, known and cited as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code".

The Covington Township Zoning Ordinance of February 6, 2007 is amended as follows:

**ITEM 1, ITEM 2 & ITEM 3**

The following sentences are added to paragraph 601.2:

Any order issued for a Special Exception, a Conditional Use or a Variance shall only be valid for one year from the date that the order is unappealable or is confirmed by a final order of Court. If the construction and/or use for which the order is issued is not begun within the one year time period, then a new application must be made for a new Special Exception, Conditional Use or Variance.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any article, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Covington Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, invalid sentence, clause, or section had not been included herein.