

**UPPER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**BASKETBALL HOOP ENFORCEMENT POLICY  
POLICY NO. 21**

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the enforcement of illegally or improperly placed basketball hoops throughout the Township.

**APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all properties located within Upper Nazareth Township and shall be enforced by any agent of the Township appointed by the Board of Supervisors for enforcement purposes, including but not limited to the Township Manager, Zoning Officer, and Police Chief, or their designees.

**POLICY**

Per the Zoning Ordinance, basketball hoops are considered “Residential Accessory Structures” and are permitted by right as accessories in all districts, provided that the placement of such structures does not violate the setback requirements for the specific district. When the placement of such structures does violate the setback requirements, the Township’s enforcement policy shall be as follows:

1. Strict enforcement of the setback requirements shall apply to permanently installed basketball hoops.
2. Portable/movable basketball hoops shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Zoning Officer, Township Manager, and/or Police Chief, and shall be deemed a violation only in cases where the placement of such structures interferes with the traffic ways of the Township.

The Public Works Director, or his designee, shall notify the Township of the placement of any basketball hoops within the Township that could potentially interfere with the safe and efficient operations of the Public Works Department or the health, safety or welfare of the public.

Any damage caused to Township vehicles or equipment resulting from a basketball hoop within the Right of Way shall be the responsibility of the owner of said basketball hoop.