

**WEST HAZLETON BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2020**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH AMENDING WEST HAZLETON ZONING  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 11 OF 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of West Hazleton (the “Borough”) adopted Ordinance No. 11 of 2018 on November 13, 2018, pursuant to which the Borough restated in its entirety the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance of February 9, 1998, and amended same as therein provided;

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the existing Ordinance No. 11 of 2018, there has been a substantial increase in the number of illegal conversions of properties located within the Borough from single family units to multiple family units as well as an increase in the number of illegal conversions of garages into single and/or multiple family units;

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned illegal conversions of properties within the Borough has created unsafe conditions which endanger not only the safety and well-being of the occupants of these illegally converted structures, but also the safety and well-being of the Borough’s law abiding residents;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is desirous of ensuring that any conversions of properties located within the Borough are done so with the Borough’s advance knowledge and permission and under the Borough’s supervision;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to amend the Ordinance No. 11 of 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Council of the Borough of West Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, that Ordinance No. 11 of 2018 is amended as to read as follows:

**§420-34 Conversion to Dwellings**

A. Regulated Activities. The conversion of any building, including garages, to a residential use or the conversion of any dwelling to accommodate additional dwelling units shall only be undertaken after the required permit or approval has been obtained in full compliance with Chapter XI of this Ordinance requiring a special exception and approval by West Hazleton Zoning Board for conversions.

Any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of West Hazleton on this 12th day of August, 2020.

WEST HAZLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL

*Presented by* Councilman Schweitzer

*Seconded by* Councilman Dutz

Pacelli: Yes

Kreisl II: Yes

Grink: Yes

Sharkey, Jr.: Yes

Schweitzer: Yes

Dutz: Yes

Chura: Yes

*Ordinance Passes* 7-0