

BILL NO. 2 -2008

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING ZONING ORDINANCE PER EXHIBIT "A," TO PERMIT FIREHOUSES BY CONDITIONAL USE IN THE R-PO (RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL-OFFICE), C-H (COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY), M-C (MANUFACTURING COMMERCIAL) AND H-M (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONING DISTRICTS

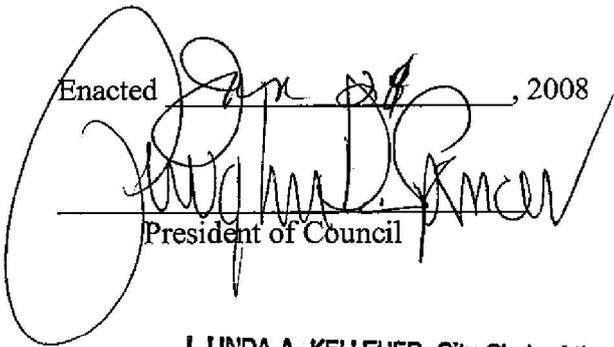
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Reading is amended to permit firehouses by Conditional Use R-PO (RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL-OFFICE), C-H (COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY), M-C (MANUFACTURING COMMERCIAL) AND H-M (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) zoning districts per attached Exhibit "A."

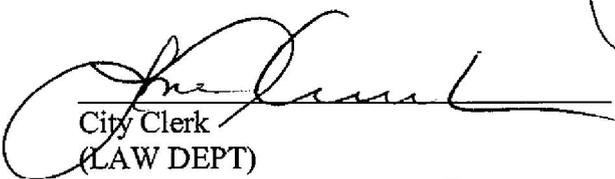
SECTION 2. All other provisions of the City of Reading Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-101 et seq. of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Effectiveness of Ordinance. This Ordinance will become effective in accordance with Charter Section 219.

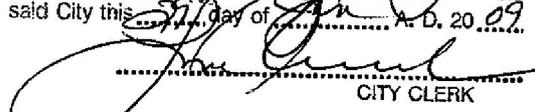
Enacted Jan 28, 2008

  
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President of Council

Attest:

  
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City Clerk  
(LAW DEPT)

Submitted to Mayor:   
Date: 1-29-08  
Received by the Mayor's Office:   
Date: 1/29/08  
Approved by Mayor:   
Date: 1/29/08  
Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 28 day of Jan A. D. 20 08. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 29 day of Jan A. D. 20 08.  
  
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CITY CLERK

# **EXHIBIT A**



\* front yards may be reduced in depth to an average alignment of the majority of the existing buildings on the same block frontage. Side yards may be eliminated, when attached to an abutting structure with a zero setback

27-1202.17 FIRE STATION - may be permitted by Conditional Use in the R-PO, C-H, M-C and H-M zones provided that the following standards are met, along with any other stipulations set forth by the Zoning Hearing Board.

A) a proposed social hall and/or benefit association shall be considered as an additional "principal use" for the purposes of this Part;

B) a complete plan of proposed traffic signalization and disruption devices, lighting, alarms, sirens, public address systems, and other infrastructure commonly associated with fire stations, shall be provided to the Planning Commission as part of the review required by §303.a.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and/or land development plans;

C) fire fighting and rescue vehicles and apparatus may be staged/displayed within their station's front yard. Fire stations are hereby exempted from the driveway width standards set forth in §§27-1503.2.B and -1503.3.A, and the setback consideration of §27-1602.2.

27-1603.1.CC Fire stations: one space for each employee on the largest working shift, in addition to any spaces reserved for City-owned vehicles and apparatus. An additional 20% shall be provided for visitors.

27-2202 FIRE STATION - any building owned, occupied or managed by the City's Department of Fire & Rescue Services, used primarily for the housing and readiness of fire fighting and rescue vehicles and apparatus, including but not necessarily limited to engines, ladders and ambulances. Fire stations may include residential accommodations for on-duty personnel, when limited to 20% of the station's total gross floor area and in compliance with applicable building codes.