

LINCOLN SQUARE CENTER CIRCLE POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

WHEREAS, Lincoln Square serves as the public center and gathering place of the Borough of Gettysburg (hereinafter the "Borough"); and

WHEREAS, vehicle traffic to and from the four (4) main roads and streets (Carlisle Street, York Street, Baltimore Street and Chambersburg Street) that intersect and meet in Lincoln Square are controlled by the traffic circle or roundabout with no additional intersection control devices other than directional signage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to vehicle traffic, the businesses within Lincoln Square and along the intersecting streets generate heavy pedestrian traffic and the resulting need for pedestrians to routinely cross the four (4) main roads and streets in order to access the separate quadrants of Lincoln Square; and

WHEREAS, the raised, non-traversable island in the center of the Lincoln Square traffic circle or roundabout (hereinafter the "center circle"), in addition to serving as a traffic-calming device to reduce vehicle speeds and to enhance driver recognition of a changing traffic pattern, also offers an attractive centerpiece for Lincoln Square and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize pedestrian and vehicle safety, it is necessary to balance the functional and aesthetic properties of the center circle by enhancing the visual awareness of the traffic circle or roundabout while at the same time minimizing distracting displays that could increase the potential for accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this policy is to set forth and confirm that structures, displays, plantings or landscaping on or in the center circle are limited to only those sponsored or sanctioned by the Borough and installed or placed by or at the direction of the Borough in consideration of the health, safety and welfare of Borough residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby adopted by the authority of the same as follows:

1. EXISTING CONDITIONS. In addition to the mix of commercial and residential uses in and surrounding Lincoln Square, the area serves as a central public gathering place and area. The center circle, however, because of its lack of easy and safe pedestrian accessibility and small size, does not function as a public gathering place such as a traditional town square or town green. Accordingly, it is the policy of

the Borough generally to limit all structures, displays, plantings or landscaping on or in the center circle to the following existing conditions:

a. Flagpole: The Borough maintains the existing flagpole in the center circle.

b. Light Fixtures: The Borough maintains the existing light fixtures in the center circle.

c. Signs: The Borough maintains traffic signs, historic markers or informational signs, of a permanent or temporary nature in the center circle.

d. Flower Beds and Plants: The Borough has partnered with the Gettysburg Garden Club and the Elm Street program in connection with the Downtown Flower Project and the Lincoln Square Project. Consistent with that partnership, the Gettysburg Garden Club provides and maintains the seasonal flower beds in the center circle and Elm Street or such other designated entities provide watering services for the seasonal flower beds and any hanging plants.

e. Additional Landscaping: The Borough maintains the brick pavers and walkway installed in the center circle and also the trees planted in the center circle.

f. Seasonal: The Borough has partnered with the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (hereinafter "GARMA") relative to decorations for the holiday season of each year, to include the placement of the GARMA Christmas tree in the center circle which is erected and installed by the Borough and which is subsequently disassembled by the Borough following the conclusion of the holiday season.

2. GENERAL POLICY ON ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES OR

DISPLAYS: Due to health, safety and welfare considerations, it is the general policy of the Borough that no temporary or permanent structures, displays, plantings or landscaping, in addition to the existing conditions identified in section 1. above, shall be installed or placed on or in the center circle of the Lincoln Square traffic circle or roundabout. Notwithstanding the foregoing policy, the Borough may from time to time consider the installation and placement, and either install or place or direct to be installed or placed additional structures, displays, plantings or landscaping on or in the center circle, including structures or displays associated with Borough-sponsored special events. No additional structures, displays, plantings or landscaping shall be installed or placed on or in the center circle if such installation or placement would pose a safety hazard to vehicles or pedestrians.


3. **AMENDMENTS**: The Borough Council may adopt amendments to this Policy from time to time as it deems in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of Borough residents and visitors.

4. **POSTING**: A copy of this Policy shall be conspicuously posted at the Borough offices at 59 East High Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 and on the Borough's website, www.GettysburgPA.gov<<http://www.GettysburgPA.gov>.

5. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: This Policy shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED on this 12th day of June, 2017, at a duly advertised general monthly business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

By: 
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President of Borough Council

ATTEST:


Sara L. Stull, Secretary