



City of Pittsburgh

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article V: Use Regulations, Chapter 911: Primary Uses, to add a definition for Waste Transfer Station and standards associated with the use.
(Sent to the Planning Commission for Report & Recommendation on 10/22/25)

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, is hereby amended as follows:

911.02 Use Table

| | Base Zoning Districts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Waste Transfer Station</u> <u>Means A</u> <u>supplemental</u> <u>transportation facility</u> <u>used as an adjunct to</u> <u>solid waste route</u> <u>collection vehicles, for</u> <u>the primary purpose of</u> <u>moving the solid waste</u> <u>from the collection</u> <u>vehicles to other vehicles</u> <u>for further transfer. This use</u> <u>excludes Recycling</u> <u>Facilities and other uses</u> <u>intended to remove and/or</u> <u>reuse material from the</u> <u>solid waste stream.</u> | Residential | | | | | Mixed Use | | | | | | | | | | Special | D T | RIV | | | | | St an da rd Se e Se cti on 91 1. 04 .x | | |
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Section 2. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Regulations, is hereby amended at Chapter 911 Primary Uses as follows:

911.04 A.102 Waste Transfer Station

1. All waste shall be contained and managed within a completely enclosed facility.
2. The RIV-GI Buffer requirements of 905.04.J.2.D shall apply to all boundaries of the subject Zoning Lot regardless of whether the boundary is another RIV-GI district. The Approving Body may waive some or all of these requirements if it determines that screening is not necessary where abutting property is another industrial use.
3. Waste Transfer Stations shall be located at least five hundred (500) feet from the following uses or **Zoning Districts**, defined by a radius of 500 feet from the property lines of the proposed facility:
 - a. **All Residential Zoning Districts;**
 - b. Local Neighborhood Commercial (LNC);
 - c. Urban Neighborhood Commercial (UNC);
 - d. Highway Commercial (HC);
 - e. Elementary or Secondary School; or
 - f. Parks and Open Space (P).
4. A Transportation study shall be provided that shows vehicles operating in service of the use will be routed to cause the least feasible impact on surrounding residential and commercial uses.
5. Applicant shall submit an operations plan for review and approval by relevant city agencies, that shall include but is not limited to hours of operation and vehicle routing.
6. The use shall not be located in any Identified Floodplain Area (Section 906.02.E.2).
7. The use shall be in compliance with all state permitting and the State Department of Environmental Protection.

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8. The Approving Body shall determine that such use will not create detrimental impacts on surrounding properties, taking into consideration the probable traffic generation, the physical relationship of the proposed use and structure to the surrounding uses and structures, the probable hours of operation, the design and location of areas for parking and maneuvering of vehicles, and the emission of odors, fumes, dust, noise, vibration, or glaring light.