

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**To:** J. William Reynolds, City Council President  
**From:** Tracy E. Samuelson, Planning and Zoning Bureau  
**Re:** Zoning Ordinance Amendment on Impervious Coverage  
**Date:** May 15, 2015

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Attached is the Zoning Ordinance amendment that was reviewed by the Planning Commission at its May 14, 2015 meeting. It was acted upon as follows:

- I. Article 1306.01.a, adding a maximum impervious surface coverage of 50% to the RR and 75% to the RS zoning districts. The Commission concurred with City Council's amendment to change the maximum impervious coverage in the RR District to 50%. The maximum impervious coverage in the RS District would remain at 75%. This amendment was recommended for approval by a 5 – 0 vote of the Planning Commission members.

Please feel free to contact our office if you want to discuss this amendment or need more information.



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CC: Mayor Robert Donchez  
Council Members  
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AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 17- 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1306.01(a) OF THE  
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA,  
AS AMENDED, ENTITLED DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS FOR  
THE R-R RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, CREATING A MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS  
COVERAGE IN THE R-R AND R-S DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. That current Section 1306.01.a of the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall be amended to include the following:

1306.01.a. Dimensional Regulations for Residential Districts.

The following new column shall be added to the RR and RS Residential District Categories:

Maximum Impervious Coverage

The following amount shall be added to the uses in the ~~RR and~~ RS Residential District Category:

75%

Shall be amended to read as follows:

1306.01.a. Dimensional Regulations for Residential Districts.

The following new column shall be added to the RR and RS Residential District Categories:

Maximum Impervious Coverage

The following amount shall be added to the uses in the RR Residential District Category:

50%

The following amount shall be added to the uses in the RS Residential District Category:

75%

Sponsored by Eric R. Evans

Cathy Reuscher

NOTE: March 17, 2015 - Amendment Motion made by Eric Evans and second by Cathy Reuscher.

Council voted on the Amendment to the Bill.

The Bill, as amended, was not voted upon. Council voted to Table the Bill.