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Forks boosts fees for temporary vendors

Doing business to cost \$100 a week.

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FORKS TWP. -- Selling flowers, hot tubs or fireworks just got more expensive for temporary vendors.

Township supervisors Thursday night defined temporary retail sales and agreed to boost fees to \$100 per week, or \$400 per month.

Previously, temporary retail vendors were lumped in with door-to-door peddlers, who pay \$25 per month.

Temporary retail sales include any vendor who sells goods for profit in a forum other than a permanent, ongoing establishment.

For example, selling Christmas trees in the winter from a parking lot stand would qualify. The new rules require temporary vendors to gain permits and restrict sales to 30 days.

Township officials are working on creating a zoning ordinance with rules such as locations, signs and parking, said Solicitor Karl Kline. The rules are part of a comprehensive set of amendments to township laws, which have a target completion date of the end of the year, he said.

Kline said some people reviewing the zoning ordinance disliked the idea of unrestricted temporary sales and expressed concerns about temporary sales competing with established businesses or appearing unattractive in some cases.

Supervisor Bonnie Nicholas said a handful of vendors sell goods on a temporary basis in the township.

Also Thursday, supervisors approved plans for 21 single-family homes on 10 acres along Newlins and Kessler'sville roads.

The homes are a second phase of building for Countryside Estates, which completed 16 single-family homes on 10 acres across Kessler'sville road last year, said Joe Panuccio, principal officer of Red Rock Land Corp. in Pen Argyl.

Construction on phase two should begin in October and wrap up in about two years, he said.

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