

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

AMENDED ORDINANCE

NO. 135

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT A PERMIT BE OBTAINED BEFORE ERECTING, PLACING, ADDING TO OR ALTERING ANY BUILDING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON OR MAKING ALTERATIONS THEREIN OR THERETO AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of same:

SECTION 1. The word "person" as used in this Ordinance shall mean any natural person or persons, association, partnership, firm or corporation. The words "alteration or addition" shall not mean painting or normal regular maintenance repairs to a building.

SECTION 2. No person shall cause or permit any building to be erected or placed or any alteration or addition to be made therein or thereto, upon any property owned by such person, or upon any ground rented by him, in the case of a ground rental arrangement, without first having obtained a Building Permit therefor. Such permit shall be issued by the Township Zoning Officer or such other officer or employee as the Board of Supervisors may designate upon filing an application with him and furnishing such specific information as may be prescribed by the application form, such as plans and specifications, and upon the payment of a fee, the amount to be determined as follows:

\$10.00 for \$4,999.00 or less increase of market value.

\$35.00 between \$5,000.00 and \$25,000.00 increase of market value.

\$1.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 increase of market value over \$25,000.00 to a maximum permit fee of \$100.00.

SECTION 3. The Township Board of Supervisors may by resolution at a duly convened public meeting amend the above fee schedule in an amount sufficient to cover the expenses of inspection, record keeping, administrative fees and other costs relating to the enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any work authorized by any permit issued under this Ordinance shall not have been commenced within nine (9) months after the issuance of such permit, the Board of Supervisors shall require the permit holder to relinquish such unused permit, which shall thereupon become invalid. Under such conditions, neither the permit fee nor any part thereof shall be returned to such permit holder, and if at any future time such permit holder shall make application for another permit for the same work, he shall follow the same procedure and pay the same fee as if no previous permit had been issued.

SECTION 5. Upon the completion of the work or construction of any building, under a permit granted as aforesaid, the holder of such permit shall report such completion to the Zoning Officer. The Zoning Officer, may, at his discretion, after completion, or at any time during the course of the work for which the permit shall have been granted, or prior to the issuance of a permit, cause an inspection of such building to be made. If there is evidence that any requirement of the law or of any applicable ordinance has not been complied with, the Zoning Officer shall deny or revoke any building permit issued

and commence prosecution under such law or ordinance to take the necessary steps to secure compliance otherwise. The fact of satisfactory completion of such work shall be noted upon the original application for the permit, which shall be kept on file.

SECTION 6. No Building Permit shall be issued unless the application, plans and intended use indicate that such building or structure is designed and intended to conform in all respects to the provisions of the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance and, where applicable, the Washington Township Subdivision Ordinance, as well as full compliance by the applicant with all other Township Ordinances affecting building construction and use therein. Refusal of a permit by the Zoning Officer shall not entitle the applicant to a refund of the permit fee.

SECTION 7. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than One hundred (\$100.00) Dollars nor more than Three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Said amended Ordinance to be effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this Twelfth day of January, 1983.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James B. Whaley
Chairman

Carl Tolson

Paul J. Miller

ATTEST:

Barbara J. Hallett