

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, EQUIPMENT REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, CONVERSION USE OR MAINTENANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, COLLECTION OF FEES, MAKING OF INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING FIRE LIMITS; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

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

Section 1. Adoption of Building Code. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file at the Office of the Township Secretary of the Township of Washington, being marked and designated as "The BOCA National Building Code" as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the National Building Code by the Township of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said BOCA National Building Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes if any, prescribed in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. That any Ordinance, or part of any Ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Additions, Insertions and Changes.

Section 101.1 Title:

These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of the Township of Washington, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

Section 112.3.1 Fee Schedule:

The fees for all periodic inspections shall be as indicated in the following schedule:

As adopted by Resolution of the Township of Washington

Recommended Resolution:

<u>Valuation Based Upon Cost or Value</u>				<u>Fee</u>
\$	5000	Up to and including	\$ 7000	\$ 25
	7001	Up to and including	\$ 10000	\$ 30
	10001	Up to and including	\$ 15000	\$ 35
	15001	Up to and including	\$ 18000	\$ 40
	18001	Up to and including	\$ 22000	\$ 45
	22001	Up to and including	\$ 26000	\$ 50
	26001	Up to and including	\$ 30000	\$ 60
	30001	Up to and including	\$ 35000	\$ 70
	35001	Up to and including	\$ 40000	\$ 80
	40001	Up to and including	\$ 45000	\$ 90
	45001	Up to and including	\$ 50000	\$ 100
	50001	Up to and including	\$ 60000	\$ 125
	60001	Up to and including	\$ 80000	\$ 150
	80001	Up to and including	\$100000	\$ 175

Over \$100,000 --- \$5 per thousand

Minimum Permit Fee \$20.00

Estimated costs of a project shall be listed in the application for permit and the Codes Officer may reject said application on the basis of excessively inaccurate cost estimation. The applicant may appeal such rejection to the Building and Grounds Committee of the Township of Washington.

Section 116.4 Violation Penalties:

Any person who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of an approved plan or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a summary offense, punishable by a fine of not more than ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten (10) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 117.2 Unlawful Continuance:

Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop work order,

except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$500.00) DOLLARS or more than ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$1,500.00) DOLLARS, plus reasonable legal fees.

Section 121.0 Means of Appeal:

A Board of Appeals is to be appointed by Motion of the Board of Supervisors, and by further action of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington.

Section 121.2.6 Compensation of Members:

Compensation of members shall be determined by Resolution.

SECTION 4 Electrical Wiring, Equipment and Systems:

This Section shall be repealed in its entirety. The National Electrical Code of 1993 shall be adopted for this Section.

SECTION 5 Special Construction:

Section 3102.0 Signs:

Any and all signs needed to be installed, constructed or placed in accordance with this Ordinance shall be in strict compliance with all applicable provisions of the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

Section 3408.2 Applicability:

Structures existing prior to the date of enactment, in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy, shall be made to conform to the requirements of this section or the provisions of Sections 3403.0 through 3407.0

The provisions in Sections 3408.2.1 through 3408.2.5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Use Groups A, B, E, F, M, R and S. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Use Group H or I.

Section 6 Saving Clause:

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the National Building Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any Court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action or existing under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 7 Date of Effect

That the Washington Township Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take effect as of January 4, 1999, and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 9th day of September, 1998.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Ignatz Klausz, Jr. Chairman

By: David Renaldo

By: David Hess

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Repsher
Mary Ann Repsher, Secretary

Approved and certified this 9th day of September, 1998.

Ignatz Klausz, Jr. Chairman

ATTEST:

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