

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 232

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2003 EDITION AND APPENDIX CHAPTERS A, B, C AND D OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING FUEL GAS SYSTEMS AND GAS-FIRED APPLIANCES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFORE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF THE ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

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 Fuel Gas 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 International Fuel Gas Code, 2003 edition, including Appendix Chapters A, B, C and D as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fuel Gas Code of the Township of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania; for regulating and governing fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees thereof; and each and all regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fuel Gas Code on file in the office of the Township Secretary 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 Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. That any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Additions, Insertions and Changes.

Section 101.1 Title: These regulations shall be known as the Fuel Gas Code of the Township of Washington, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

Section 106.5.2 Fee schedule: Fees are as adopted from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township.

Section 106.5.3 Fee refunds: The codes officer shall authorize the refunding of fees as follows.

1. The full amount of any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected.

2. Not more than 50 per cent of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.

3. Not more than 75 per cent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.

The codes officer shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid, except upon written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

Section 108.4 Violation Penalties: Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof or erect, install, alter or repair work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the codes officer, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, shall, be guilty of a summary offence, punishable by a fine of not more than ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$1000.00) DOLLARS, or imprisonment not exceeding TEN (10) DAYS, or both, such fine and imprisonment. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offence.

Section 108.5 Stop Work Orders. Upon notice from the codes officer that work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, such work shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, the owner's agent, or the person doing the work. The notice shall state the conditions under which work is authorized to resume. Where an emergency exists, the code official shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work. Any person who shall continue any work on the system 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 for a fine of not less than TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 (\$250.00) DOLLARS nor more than ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$1000.00) DOLLARS.

Section 111.1 Application for Appeal: A person shall have the right to appeal a decision of the codes officer to the board of appeals. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The application shall be filed within 5 days after the notice was served.

SECTION 4 Savings Clause.

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the Fuel Gas 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 5 Date of Effect. This Ordinance shall be placed into effect five (5) days after adoption hereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, into an Ordinance this 14th day of April, 2004.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: David Hess
David Hess, Chairman

By: David Renaldo
David Renaldo

By: Daniel Crafa
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ATTEST:

By: Jane A. Mellert
Jane A. Mellert, Secretary

Approved and certified this 14th day of April, 2004.

David Hess
David Hess, Chairman

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