

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, EQUIPMENT REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, CONVERSION OF USE OR MAINTENANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES: KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING FIRE LIMITS; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND COMPLYING WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE WIDE BUILDING CODE, ACT 45 OF 1999.

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 International Building Code", including Appendix Chapters, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the Building Code of the Township of Washington, Northampton County, 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 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 INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES REPEALED. That any Ordinance, or part of any Ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.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 108.2 Schedule of permit fees. On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical, and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the fee schedule as established by resolution and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington.

Section 113.4 Violation Penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the building 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 offence.

Section 114.3 Unlawful Continuance. A person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work that a 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 nor more than ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, plus reasonable legal fees.

Section 1612.3 Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas. To establish flood hazard areas, the governing body shall adopt a flood hazard map and supporting data. The flood hazard map shall include, at a minimum, areas of special flood hazard as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study" for the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, dated September 30, 1988, as amended or revised with the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) and related supporting data along with any revisions thereto. The adopted flood hazard map and supporting data are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this section.

Section 3409.2 Applicability. Structures existing prior to January 4, 1999, in which there is work involving additions, alteration or changes of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirements of this section or the provisions of Section 3402 through 3406.

The provisions in Section 3409.2.1 through 3409.2.5 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Groups A, B, E, F, M, R, S, and U. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H or I.

Appendix B Board of Appeals  
Section B101.2.7 Compensation of Members. Compensation of members shall be determined by Resolution.

Appendix G Flood Resistant Construction  
Section G102.2 Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas. Flood hazard areas are established in Section 1612.3 of the International Building Code, adopted by the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania on September 30, 1988.

#### SECTION 4 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

##### Appendix H Signs

Section H101.1 General. A sign shall not be erected in a manner that would confuse or obstruct the view of or interfere with exit signs required by Chapter 10 or with official traffic signs, signals or devices. Signs and sign support structures, together with their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. The display surfaces of signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times. 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 5 SAVING CLAUSE:

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the International 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 the 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 6 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 February 14, 2001, and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

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 February, 2001.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Ignatz Klausz, Jr.  
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

By: David Renaldo  
David Renaldo

By: David Hess  
David Hess

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Repsher  
Mary Ann Repsher, Secretary

Approved and certified this 14th day of February, 2001.

Ignatz Klausz, Jr.  
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

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By: Mary Ann Repsher  
Mary Ann Repsher, Secretary