

**PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 867

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, YORK COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners, York County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of International Fire Code

Except to the extent otherwise adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as part of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, that a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Township of Penn, being marked and designated as the “*International Fire Code, 2018 edition*”, including Appendix Chapters A through M, inclusive, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Township of Penn, York County, Pennsylvania; for regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, material and devices, and from conditions hazardous to the life or property in the building or premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Penn which are hereby referred to, adopted, and made part hereof, as if fully set out in the ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101. Scope and General Requirements

Section 101.1 Title

Shall be amended to read:

“These regulations shall be known as the *Fire Code* of Penn Township, hereinafter referred to as “this code”

Section 101.2.1 Appendices

Shall be amended to read:

“The provisions of Appendices A through N contained herein are hereby adopted.”

Section 105 Permits

Section 105.1.1 Permits required

The following paragraph shall be added:

“Permits required by this code shall be obtained from the fire code official. Permit fees shall be set by Resolution, from time to time, by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners and shall be paid prior to the issuance of the permit. Issued permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be readily available for inspection by the fire code official.”

Section 105.6 Required Operational Permits

Shall be amended to read:

“The Fire Code Official is authorized to issue operational permits for the operations set forth in Sections:

- 105.6.2 Amusement Buildings
- 105.6.4 Carnivals and Fairs
- 105.6.13 Exhibits and Trade Shows
- 105.6.15 Explosives
- 105.6.16 Fire Hydrants & Valves
- 105.6.32 Open Burning
- 105.6.36 Outdoor Assembly Event
- 105.6.39 Private Fire Hydrants
- 105.6.47 Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents

Section 105.7 Required Construction Permits

Shall be amended to read:

The Fire Code Official is authorized to issue construction permits for work as set forth in sections:

- 105.7.1 Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems
- 105.7.6 Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System
- 105.7.6 Fire Alarm & Detection Systems and Related Equipment
- 105.7.8 Fire Pumps and related Equipment
- 105.7.12 Gates & Barricades Across Fire Apparatus Access Roads
- 105.7.19 Private Fire Hydrants
- 105.7.22 Special Event Structure
- 105.7.17 Standpipe Systems
- 105.7.25 Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents

Section 106 Fees

Section 106.2 Schedule of permit fees

Shall be amended to read:

A fee for each permit or inspection shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the applicable governing authority. Failure of any person to comply with the payment of fees shall subject that person to the fines and penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, Article II General Penalty, of the Penn Township Code.

Section 110 Violations

Section 110.4 Violation Penalties

Shall be amended to read:

Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *fire code official*, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall, upon conviction thereof before any Magisterial District Judge in a summary proceeding, be sentenced for each such violation to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000, and costs of such proceedings, and in default thereof to undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 112 Stop Work Order

Section 112.4 Failure to Comply

Shall be amended to read:

Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as the person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be guilty of a Municipal Code Violations as listed and punishable under Chapter 1, Article II General Penalty of the Penn Township Code.

Section 307 Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces.

Section 307.1.1 Prohibited Open Burning

The following shall be added:

“Open burning shall not be used for waste disposal purposes, including for the disposal of leaf waste, yard waste, and recyclables, shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, and the fuel chosen must minimize the generation and

emission of air contaminates. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The *fire code official* is authorized to order extinguishments by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning, which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. The *fire code official* may rely on the Fire Chief or his designated representative to verify the content of the material to be burned, as well as any other public safety considerations which may fall within the realm of their expertise.”

Section 307.2 Permit Required

Shall be amended to read:

“A permit shall be obtained from the *fire code official* in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for (1) burning of fence rows, fields, agricultural fields and materials relating to farming by the occupant of a tract of land consisting of not less than ten (10) contiguous acres; (2) range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests; (3) a bonfire. Permits require the payment of a fee, which shall be set by Resolutions from time to time. Annual permits must be renewed during the month of May. Permits not renewed by June 1 of each year shall expire and a new permit will be required before burning can resume. A burn permit issued by the *fire code official* may be revoked or suspended when environmental conditions are such that open burning would have the potential to spread uncontrolled. A Resolution by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners and the York County Board of Commissioners shall also be cause for open burn permits to be suspended.”

Section 307.2.2 Notification

Shall be amended to read:

“Notification of open burning shall be made to the fire department twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Said notification shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the proposed burn, the nature and quantities of material, the date and times when the burn will occur, and the location of the burn site.”

Section 505 Premises Identification

Section 505.1 Address Identification

Shall be amended to read:

New and existing buildings shall be provided with an *approved* address identification complying with ‘Chapter 110 Buildings, Numbering of’ in the Penn Township Code.

Section 506 Key Boxes

Section 506.1 Where Required

The following shall be added:

“Gate key switches shall be installed on electronic gates and roll-up doors as required by the fire code official.”

Section 907 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems

Section 907.2 Where required – new buildings and structures

The following shall be added to the first paragraph:

The fire code official may require a fire alarm and detection system to be connected to the coded municipal fire alarm system (Gamewell/Electronic Master Box). An annual connection fee will apply.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

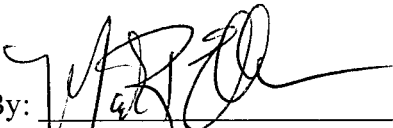
If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP CODE


The Articles hereby adopted shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Penn Township Code so that reference to the Code shall be understood and intended to include such changes.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 15th day of July 2024.

Board of Commissioners or Penn Township

By: 
Mark R. Elksnis, President

Attest:


Donna M. Sweeney, Township Secretary