

ORDINANCE 956 - 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OXFORD, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PART 2, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PART 3, RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS, TO COMPORT WITH THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OXFORD.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Oxford, Chester County, Pennsylvania, that certain provisions of Chapter 5, Code Enforcement, of the Code of the Borough of Oxford, as amended, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Code Enforcement, Part 2, Property Maintenance Code, §201, Adoption of Property Maintenance Code, shall be replaced in its entirety and shall read as follows:

§5-201. Adoption of Property Maintenance Code.

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Borough of Oxford, being marked and designated as the *International Property Maintenance Code*, 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, and as may be amended from time to time, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Oxford Borough Council, Chester County, Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Secretary of Oxford Borough are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in §5-202 of this Part.

SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Code Enforcement, Part 2, Property Maintenance Code, §202, Amendments to the Property Maintenance Code, shall be replaced in its entirety and shall read as follows:

§5-202. Amendments to the Property Maintenance Code.

The following Sections are hereby revised:

- A. **Section 101.1.** Insert: the Borough of Oxford.
- B. **Section 103.1.** Insert: the Borough of Oxford.
- C. **Section 109.4. Violation penalties,** delete in its entirety and replace with the following: **Violation penalties.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates or permits a violation of this Code shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a Magisterial District Judge under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this Code that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.
- D. **Section 302.4.** Insert: 10 inches.
- E. **Section 304.14.** Insert: May 1 to November 1.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Property Maintenance 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 acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 4 of this ordinance; not shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 8. This amendment shall take effect and be in full force and effect 5 days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 17th day of October, 2022.

OXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

By: Kathryn Cloud
KATHRYN CLOUD, President

ATTEST:
Pauline Garcia-AlLEN
PAULINE GARCIA-ALLEN, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF October, 2022.

Philip Harris
PHILIP HARRIS, Mayor

