

**CONCORD TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO. 379**

**AN ORDINANCE OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP TO AMEND THE CODE OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 281 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE NINTH EDITION OF THE BOCA FIRE CODE AS THE TOWNSHIP FIRE CODE AND ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AS THE FIRE CODE OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP, AND ENACTING CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER I, SECTIONS 104 GENERAL AUTHORITY, AND 109, VIOLATIONS AS WELL AS CHAPTER 9, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

**SECTION I.**

The Council of Concord Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania hereby amends the Code of Concord Township, Chapter 112, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE I: Fire Prevention Code**

**§112-1. Adoption of standards by reference.**

The "International Fire Code, 2015 Edition," as published by the International Code Council, Inc., three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Township of Concord, is hereby adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of the Township of Concord; for the protection of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, Chapters 1 through 80 inclusive and Appendixes B, D, E, F, G, H, and I, are hereby incorporated by reference, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Article, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, if any, set forth in **§112-2** of this Ordinance.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Code and the Pennsylvania Universal Construction Code, the Pennsylvania Construction Code shall control.

**§112-2. Additions, insertions and changes.**

The following provisions of the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby revised to read as follows:

- A. Chapter 1, Section 101. GENERAL, Paragraph 101.1, Title. 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the "Fire Code of Concord Township," herein after referred to as the "Fire Code."

**B. Chapter 1, Section 104, General Authority and Responsibilities, Paragraph 104.1, Enforcement Officer.**

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Fire Marshal and the Deputy Fire Marshal to enforce the provisions of the Fire Code as herein set forth. The designated Enforcement Officer of this Fire Code is herein referred to as the "Fire Code Official."

The Council of Concord Township, from time to time by Resolution, shall appoint a Fire Marshal, a Deputy Fire Marshal, prescribe their duties and responsibilities, and fix their compensation.

The duly appointed Fire Code Officials are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Fire Code and shall have the authority to render interpretations of this Fire Code, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, procedures, rules and regulations shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this Fire Code and shall not have the effect of waving any requirements specifically provided in the Fire Code.

**C. Chapter 1, Section 104, General Authority And Responsibilities, Paragraph 104.11.3 Systems and Devices.**

Persons shall not render a system or device inoperative during an emergency unless by direction of the Fire Chief or Fire Department Official in charge of the incident. An activated fire alarm system shall not be reset until directed by the Fire Chief or Fire Department Official in charge.

**D. Chapter 1, Section 109, Paragraph 109.4, Violation penalties.**

109.4. Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of the Fire Code or shall 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 be guilty of a summary offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall constitute a separate offense.

**E. Chapter 3, General Requirements, Section 307, Open Burning.**

307.1.1 Open Burning Prohibited.

1. Open burning of any material is prohibited except for open burning which meets all of the following conditions:
  - 1.1 Material is vegetation in an unmanufactured state.
  - 1.2 Material is from the property where the burning takes place.
  - 1.3 Burning is by the resident of the property where the burning takes place.
  - 1.4 Burning is during daylight hours

- 1.5 Burning is on the first Saturday **or the third Saturday** of the month, except no burning is permitted during the months of June, July, August, and September.
2. Without limitation as to other prohibited open burning, the open burning of construction material, land clearing debris and trash anywhere and the open burning of any material on any public street, roadway, curb, gutter or street drain is specifically prohibited at all times.
3. The Fire Code Official may cancel open burning on any day when it would otherwise be permitted due to drought or other unfavorable or unsafe conditions.
4. In addition to the above, the Fire Code Official shall prohibit open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous. The Fire Code Official shall order the extinguishment of any open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

F. **Chapter 9 - Fire Protection Systems, Section 903, Automatic Sprinkler Systems**

**903.2 Where required.**

Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in this section and in Use Group B Business Use where the fire area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115M<sup>2</sup>).

Exception: Spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped with an automatic fire alarm system and are separated from the remainder of the building by a wall with a fire-resistance rating of not less than one hour and floor/ceiling assembly with a fire-resistance rating of not less than two hours.

G. **Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements For Buildings, Section B103 Modifications**, Paragraph B103.1 Decreases.

B103.1 Decreases. The Fire Code Official is authorized to reduce the fire-flow requirements for isolated buildings or a group of buildings in rural areas or small communities where the development of full fire-flow requirements is impractical.

H. **Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements For Buildings, Section B103 Modifications**, Paragraph B103.2 Increases

B103.2 Increases. The Fire Code Official is authorized to increase the fire-flow requirements where conditions indicate an unusual susceptibility to group fires or conflagrations. An increase shall not be more than twice that required for the building under consideration.

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**Section 2: Repealer.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3: Severability.**

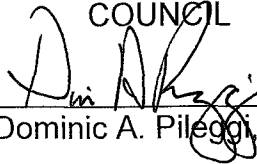
Shall any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court or competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions or any part hereof.

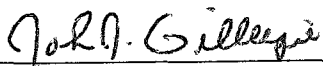
**Section 4: Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption.


ENACTED and ORDAINED this 1st day of August, 2017.

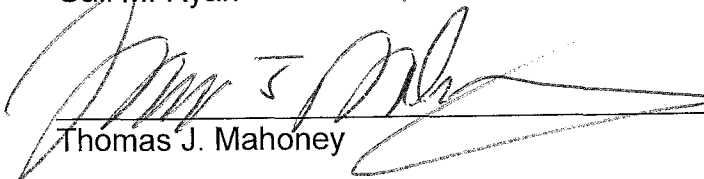
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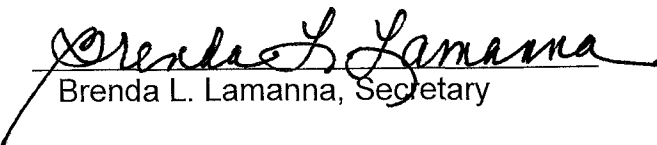
  
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