

FOREWORD

History

This comprises the codification of the Ordinances of the Borough of Emmaus. The Borough of Emmaus was originally settled in December 1758 and was incorporated as a Borough on August 1, 1859, from parts of Whitehall Township.

The Code of Ordinances of the Borough was prepared by Penns Valley Publishers and adopted by the Borough Council on November 7, 1986 by Ordinance number 675.

Organization

The Code contains four parts which are: (1) the valid, current ordinances of the Borough of Emmaus contained in Chapters 1 through 27; (2) the appendix, which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or "one-time" nature; (3) the Key to the Disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by the Borough; and (4) the index, which is an alphabetical arrangement of subjects.

In the Code, specific ordinances can be located by subject on the contents page at the beginning of each chapter. The index may also be used to search for a subject when one is looking for general information on a particular subject, or if it is not known in which chapter the subject might be found. The appendix consists of several general categories containing a chronological listing of short subject descriptions along with a reference to the original ordinance and its date of enactment, if known.

The Key to Disposition indicates what action has been taken by the codifiers and the Borough Council with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either: (1) been specifically repealed; (2) been superseded by another ordinance; (3) is located in a chapter of the Code book; or (4) is located in the appendix. Annual tax rate and budget ordinances are located only in the key. The key is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of the Borough and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.