

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. 2018-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSING OF YARD WASTE AT THE TOWNSHIP YARD ON FAIRHILL ROAD

WHEREAS, Hilltown Township has established a drop off area for tree limbs, branches, Christmas trees and other similar small trees and shrubs in the Township's yard on Fairhill Road (the "Yard"); and

WHEREAS, Hilltown Township adopted an Ordinance imposing Regulations on the use of the Yard; and

WHEREAS, the ability to drop off yard waste at the Yard is being abused; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to amend the rules and regulations for the use of the Yard to prohibit the abuses that have occurred at the Yard; and

WHEREAS, Section 1506 (53 P.S. Section 66506) of the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code provides that the corporate powers of the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township (the "Board of Supervisors") include the power to adopt ordinances for the proper management, care and control of the Township, as well as to maintain the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of the same that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2018-001 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. REGULATIONS FOR DUMPING WASTE AT THE TOWNSHIP YARD ON FAIRHILL ROAD, AS AMENDED, are adopted as follows:

Section A. Permitted Waste.

- (a) Tree limbs and branches are permitted to be dropped off at the Yard; provided they are four inches (4") or less in diameter and no more than four feet (4') in length. In addition, Christmas trees and other small trees and shrubs may be dropped off; provided their trunks are four inches (4") or less in diameter.
- (b) No hydraulic dump trucks or trailers may use the Yard.
- (c) The Yard is not a dump, only the Permitted Waste as defined herein may be dropped off at the Yard.

Section B. Prohibited Waste.

The following are prohibited and may not be dropped off at the Yard:

- (a) Grass clippings, bagged or otherwise.
- (b) Leaves, bagged or otherwise.
- (c) Tree stumps.
- (d) Trail material, mulch, ground cover, wood chips, stone, sod, soils of any kind and other similar materials.
- (e) Lumber, treated or otherwise.
- (f) Animals, dead or alive.
- (g) Trash of any kind.

Section C. Use by Individual Hilltown Township Residential Users Only. Commercial Users Prohibited.

Use of the Yard shall be limited to individual Hilltown Township residents only. Non-residents of Hilltown Township may not drop off Waste, permitted or otherwise, at the Yard. Commercial businesses are prohibited from dropping off Permitted Waste at the Yard regardless of whether they are residents of Hilltown Township, operate a business in Hilltown Township or are removing yard waste for Hilltown Township residents and owners.

Section D. Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs, and in default of payment of said fine and cost, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days.

This Ordinance may be enforced by the Hilltown Township Police or by the Zoning Officer.

Section E. Severability.

If any sentence, clause, section, subsection or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, subsections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township of Hilltown that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section, subsection or part thereof not been included herein.

Section F. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following its legal enactment.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this 22nd day of October, 2018.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John B. McIlhinney, Chairman

Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman

James C. Groff, Supervisor

Attest:

Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Manager/Secretary