

ORDINANCE NO. 86-6²

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY, ADOPTING THE LIFE SAFETY CODE, 1985 EDITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same:

Section 1 - Adoption.

The Code for Safety to Life, from Fire in Buildings and Structures, 1985 Edition, (herein "Code") as promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., with all supplements to date, and there to be issued in the future is adopted with the following additions, insertions and changes to the Life Safety Code.

Section 2 - Supplements, Deletions and Modifications.

Section 3-2 Definitions is amended to include the following:

"Authority having jurisdiction" shall mean the Township of Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

"Enforcement Official" the Code hereby adopted shall be enforced by the Building Inspector appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, and his duly authorized agents.

Section 3 - Modification of Provisions by Enforcement Official.

The Enforcement Official of Hilltown Township shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Code upon written application by the Owner or Leasee of any building or structure when there are practical difficulties in the strict enforcement of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modification, if and when granted, and the decision of

the Enforcement Official shall be entered upon the records of the Township and an executed copy shall be furnished to the Applicant.

Section 4 - Appeals from Decision of Enforcement Official.

Any party in interest may appeal from a decision of the Enforcement Official by notifying the Secretary of Hilltown Township, in writing, of his or her intention to appeal with the listed reason or reasons for said appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision. The Township shall set a public hearing date within the next forty-five (45) days, at which hearing the decision shall be either affirmed, reversed or modified. The decision of the Township shall be final.

Section 5 - Penalty for Violation.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any Order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such decision as affirmed or modified by the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township or by a Court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be liable to the maximum penalty provided by law. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained such constitute a separate offense. The application of penalty shall not be construed to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions by the Township.

Section 6 - Adoption by Reference.

The Code, of which at least three (3) copies are on file in the Hilltown Township Municipal Building, known as the Life Safety Code, shall and the same is hereby made available to interested citizens for review.

Section 7 - Severability.

Provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 8 - Interpretation.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements for the promotion of the public safety of the residents of Hilltown Township. Where the provisions of this Ordinance impose greater restrictions than those of other Ordinances, laws or regulations of the Township, County or the Commonwealth, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling. Where the provisions of such other Ordinances, laws or regulations impose greater restrictions than those of this Ordinance, the provisions of such other Ordinances, laws or regulations shall be controlling.

Section 9 - Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after the adoption by the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors.

SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED this *25th* day of *AUGUST*, A.D., 1986.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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