

ORDINANCE NO. 713

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, YORK  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND ADOPTING  
THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners,  
York County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of International Fire Code

That a certain document, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Township of Penn, being marked and designated as "The International Fire Code, 2009 Edition" as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Township of Penn, York County, Pennsylvania; for regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Penn 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 prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

101 Title

Shall be amended to read:

"These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of Penn Township, hereinafter referred to as "this code".

101.2 Appendices

Shall be amended to read:

"The provisions of Appendices A through J contained herein are hereby adopted.

109.3 Violation Penalties

Shall be amended to read:

"Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this code shall be subject to the fines and penalties as set forth in Chapter 101, PENALTIES, of the Penn Township Code. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### 11.4 Failure To Comply

Shall be amended to read:

“Any *person* who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that *person* is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$1,000.

#### Section 105 Permits

##### 105. General

Shall be amended to read:

“Permits shall be required in accordance with the following Sections only:

- 105.6.14 Explosives
- 105.6.15 Fire Hydrants & Valves
- 105.6.30 Open Burning
- 105.7.1 Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems
- 105.7.5 Fire Alarm & Detection Systems And Related Equipment
- 105.7.11 Private Fire Hydrants
- 105.7.13 Standpipe Systems

#### Section 307 Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

##### 307. 1 Prohibited Open Burning

The following shall be added to 307.1.1

“Open burning shall not be used for waste disposal purposes, shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, and the fuel chosen must minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The *fire code official* is authorized to order the extinguishments by the permit holder or the fire department of open burning, which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. The *fire code official* may rely on the Fire Chief or his designated representative to verify the content of the material to be burned, as well as any other public safety considerations which fall within the realm of their expertise.”

##### 307.2 Permit Required

Shall be amended to read:

“A permit shall be obtained from the *fire code official* in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for (1) burning of fence rows, fields, agricultural fields and materials relating to farming by the occupant of a tract of land consisting of not less than ten (10) contiguous acres; (2) range or wildfire management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests; (3) a bonfire. Permits require the payment of a fee, which shall be set by Resolution from time to time. Annual permits must be renewed during the month of May. Permits not renewed by June 1 of each year shall be expired and a new permit will be required before burning can resume.”

The following section shall be added:

#### 307.2.2 Notification

“Notification of open burning shall be submitted in writing at least three (3) days in advance and shall be in such form and contain any and all information required by the *fire code official*. Said notification shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the proposed burn, the nature and quantities of material, the date(s) when the burn will occur, and the location of the burn site.”

#### 505. Address Identification

Shall be amended to read:

“Buildings shall have *approved* address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Numbers shall be a minimum of three inches (3”) high for residential uses and five and one-half inches (5-1/2”) high for nonresidential uses.”

### SECTION 3. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

### SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance.

### SECTION 5. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP CODE

The Articles hereby adopted shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Penn Township Code so that reference to the Code shall be understood and intended to include such changes.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 19th day of April 2010.

Board of Commissioners of Penn Township

By:   
Craig M. Prieber, President

Attest:

  
Rodgers, Secretary