

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE

ORDINANCE NO. 12

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF CURBS AND SIDEWALKS AND PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF TREES BETWEEN CURBS AND SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND FIXING THE FEES AND CHARGES THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1

GENERAL PURPOSE

(a) Curbs and sidewalks shall be constructed in those built up areas as the Supervisors of the Township shall determine and direct in order to provide for the safety of pedestrians.

(b) The grading, paving, construction and repairing of all sidewalks and the construction and repairing of all curbs in the Township shall be done in conformity with the following specifications, regulations and provisions only.

SECTION 2

GRADES

The grade to which every curb or sidewalk shall be hereafter laid, constructed or repaired shall be that fixed and designated by the Township Engineer or by the Board of Supervisors or one of them designated to deal with these matters.

SECTION 3

WIDTH AND SPACING

The space between the street side of the curb to the street side of the paved portion of the sidewalk shall be three (3) feet and no (0) inches, and the width of the paved portion of the sidewalk shall be four (4) feet and no (0) inches in all new developments or street constructions. In already built-up sections of the Township, existing conditions shall be taken into account by the Township Engineer in applying these regulations, or by the Board of Supervisors or one of them designated to deal with these matters.

SECTION 4

DRAINAGE

Finished sidewalks and curbs shall have a grade from the inner edge of the sidewalk to the outer edge of the curb of three-eighths of an inch (3/8") to the foot.

SECTION 5

INSPECTION

All work done hereunder shall be inspected by such person as may be from time to time designated by the Township Supervisors or by the said Supervisors or any of them.

SECTION 6

PUBLIC SAFETY

It shall be the duty of the owners of the land abutting upon any curbs and/or sidewalks to keep them in such repair and condition that they may not be or become dangerous to the welfare and safety of the traveling public, and the Township Supervisors shall have the right to notify property owners

when their sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair or renewal.

SECTION 7

CERTAIN TREES PROHIBITED

It shall hereafter be unlawful to plant and maintain any trees between curb and corresponding sidewalk. This shall not apply to any trees presently so growing.

SECTION 8

PERMITS

No person or persons, firm or corporation shall construct or repair any sidewalk or curb without first applying for and obtaining from the Township Secretary a permit for the same. The application for such permit shall set forth:

- (a) The full name and address of the owner of the land affected,
- (b) The name and address of the contractor, or the person to perform the work,
- (c) The precise location of the property upon which the work is to be done,
- (d) The length of the proposed project; and
- (e) Such other and pertinent information as may be considered necessary.

SECTION 9

OPEN GUTTERS

No open gutters for conducting rain water or drainage of any kind will be permitted in the sidewalks or curbs.

SECTION 10

FEEES

The cost of obtaining a survey permit to repair curbs and sidewalks shall be the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); and the cost of obtaining a survey permit to construct curbs and sidewalks shall be the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the first twenty (20) feet or fraction thereof and Six cents (\$.06) per foot for each additional foot.

SECTION 11

SPECIFICATIONS

(a) Curbs shall be made of concrete. The depth shall be not less than 24 inches and the width, at the top, 8 inches, and at the bottom no less than 10 inches. Curbs shall rest upon a compacted bed of broken stones of a depth of not less than 4 inches.

(b) Sidewalks shall be made of concrete. The depth shall not be less than 5 inches. Sidewalks shall rest upon a compacted bed of broken stone, of a depth of not less than 4 inches.

(c) The concrete materials shall be such as are approved from time to time by the Board of Supervisors or the Township Engineer.

(d) The proportions shall be, 1 part of Portland cement, 2 parts of sand and 3 parts of crushed stone for concrete; and 1 part of Portland cement and 2 parts of sand for mortar.

(e) Sidewalks and curbs shall have clean cut joints every 5 linear feet of work. Approved expansion joints shall be placed every 30 linear feet or less of work.

(f) Radius corners of all intersecting sidewalks shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations as adopted by the Berks County Planning Commission and on file in the office of the Supervisors of Centre Township.

SECTION 12

PENALTIES-VIOLATIONS

Any person or persons, firm or corporation, constructing or repairing sidewalks or curbs or planting trees in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, before a justice of the peace, be subject to a penalty of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each and every offense, and costs of prosecution to be recovered as penalties are by law recovered; or to a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each and every offense, and costs of prosecution; and upon default in the payment of said fine and costs, shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days in the Berks County Prison.

SECTION 13

REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions, inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Enacted and ordained into law on the 14th day of

February, 1973.

EFFECTIVE: February 19, 1973.

Attest: George C. Seifert,
Sec.

Wm. E. Spatz
Chairman

David B. Spahn
Raymond L. Shuppert
Supervisors of the Township
of Centre, Berks County,
Penna.