

ORDINANCE NO. 16 - 1976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING CERTAIN LAND USE AND CONTROL MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1910.3(b) OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, has been notified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that property and casualty insurance agents may commence selling Housing and Urban Development (HUD) National Flood Insurance insuring property located within the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has further furnished the Township of Centre Federal Insurance Administration Flood Hazard Boundary Maps effective November 1, 1974, and revised, effective November 7, 1975, designating and identifying thereon the special flood hazard areas within the Township of Centre; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, to adopt certain land use and control measures in accordance with the requirements of Section 1910.3(b) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1 - The following requirements and controls shall apply to all land and water areas located within the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and designated and identified by the Federal Insurance Administration, and hereinafter referred to as, Special Flood Hazard Areas, and as delineated on the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Insurance Administration Flood Hazard Boundary Maps as aforementioned, and all present or future amendments, supplements or additions thereto (copies of said maps being available for public inspection at the office of the Borough Secretary, George Seifrit, R.D. #1, Mohrsville, Berks County, Pennsylvania):

(A) As provided by the Township of Centre Building Code, building permits shall be required for all proposed construction, repair and/or other physical improvements within the Township of Centre, and application therefor shall be made and approved as provided for in said Building Code. In addition to the information required by the Township of Centre Building Code, where Special Flood Hazard Areas are involved, the application for a building permit shall contain a description of the construction practices and methods which will be used during the course of the proposed construction, repair and/or other physical improvements.

(B) The Building Officer of the Township of Centre shall review all building permit applications for proposed construction, repairs and/or other physical improvements within

said Special Flood Hazard Areas to determine that the proposed construction or repairs will involve the use of construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage and that the proposed construction methods and practices will minimize flood damage.

(C) The Building Official of the Township of Centre shall review the building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements within Special Flood Hazard Areas to assure that the proposed construction (including pre-fabricated homes and mobile homes), (1) shall be protected against flood damage, (2) is designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent floatation, collapse or lateral movement of the building or structure, (3) uses construction materials and utility equipment that is resistant to flood damage, and (4) uses construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage.

(D) All new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems shall be constructed in accordance with the Building Code and applicable ordinances and statutes of the Township of Centre; provided, however, that such systems shall, for the purpose of this Ordinance, be deemed to include extensions to the existing public water distribution system and any public sanitary sewage system when constructed; and all such systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into said systems and discharges from said systems into flood waters. To the extent that existing requirements and Ordinances of the Township of Centre permit on-site

waste disposal systems within the Township of Centre, such systems shall be located so as to avoid impairment thereof or contamination therefrom during flooding.

SECTION 2 - In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intention of the Township of Centre that such remainder of this Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - All ordinances or parts of ordinances or other regulations of the Township of Centre inconsistent with the within controls relating to Special Flood Hazard Areas shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 - This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its enactment.

ENACTED and ORDAINED as an Ordinance this 13TH day of OCTOBER, 1976.

EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 23, 1976.

ATTEST: George C. Seifert Wilmer H. Phillips Chairman
David H. Hoffler Member
David B. Spahn Member

SUPERVISORS OF TOWNSHIP OF
CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PA.