

ORDINANCE NO. 70-1993

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE BY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS GOVERNING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, EQUIPMENT, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY ADOPTING THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF 1993 EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ITS PROVISIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE BOCA CODE OR AS PROVIDED HEREIN, AND THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the authority of the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Second Class Township Code as amended and supplemented, as follows:

ARTICLE I
TITLE AND APPLICATION

Section 10. Short Title - This Ordinance shall be known as, and may be cited as, the Township of Centre Building Code.

Section 11. Application and Effective Date - There is hereby adopted by the Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania "The BOCA National Building Code/1993, Twelfth Edition, as published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., and any amendments or supplements thereto (hereafter referred to as "the Building Code"), and the said Code is hereby adopted, referred to and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance except as modified or amended specifically hereinafter in this Ordinance. From the date on which this Ordinance shall take effect, the provisions of the Building Code shall be controlling within the limits of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania; provided, however, that the "Building Regulations for Protection from fire and Panic" and all other pertinent regulations of the Department of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall take precedence where applicable, or where more restrictive.

ARTICLE II
ADMINISTRATION

Section 20. Administration and Inspection - The administration and inspection requirements of this Ordinance

shall be as set forth in the Building Code and as amended herein, and shall be the responsibility of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township of Centre, except in regard to Sections 120, Unsafe Structures, and each sub-part thereof, and Section 121, Emergency Measures, and each sub-part thereof in which instances a qualified member of the Township Engineer's firm shall act as the Building Official.

ARTICLE III
DEFINITIONS

Section 30. Code Officer - Whenever the term "Code Officer" is used in the Building Code, it shall be held to mean the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, except in regard to Sections 120 and 121 of the Code in which case it shall be a qualified member of the firm of the Township Engineer.

Section 31. Chief Appointing Authority - Whenever the terms "Chief Appointing Authority", "Chief Authority", "Appointing Authority", or "Proper Authority" or any variations thereof are used in the Building Code, they shall be held to mean the Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Section 32. Jurisdiction - Whenever the word "Jurisdiction" or any variations thereof are used in the Building Code, they shall be held to mean the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Section 33. Legal Counsel - Whenever the terms "Legal Counsel" or "Legal Representative", or any variations thereof are used in the Building Code, they shall be held to mean the Solicitor of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE

Section 40. Amendments and Changes - Page, Section and Line references are to those of the BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 1993 Twelfth Edition.

Section 100.1 Now reads: (name of jurisdiction).
Amended to read: Township of Centre Berks, County, Pennsylvania.

Section 105.0 Now reads: Code Official Appointment.
Amended to read: Delete Section and replace with:
Appointment: The Building Official (Ordinance Enforcement Officer) shall be appointed by the Supervisors of the Township of Centre. The Supervisors may designate a deputy to the Ordinance Enforcement Officer who may, then directed by the Board of Supervisors, exercise all the powers of the Ordinance Enforcement

Officer during the temporary absence or disability of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

Section 112.0 Fees et. seq. Delete entire Section 112.0 including sub-section and replace with: Fee Schedule: The Supervisors of the Township of Centre shall establish, by resolution, a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses and collection procedures for all building permits, certificates of use and occupancy, erection of signs, moving and demolition of buildings and structures, and all other matters pertaining to this Ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS

Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances - Except as otherwise hereinabove provided or provided in the BOCA National Building Code 1993, all existing ordinances or parts of ordinances are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 51. Severability - It is the intention of the Township of Centre that each separate provision and every part thereof shall be independent of all other provisions herein and it is further the intension of the Township of Centre that if any of the provisions of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid, all of the other provisions hereof shall remain valid and in force.

Section 52. Effective Date - This Ordinance shall become effective on the earliest date allowed by law.

Duly enacted by the Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 28th day of December _____, 1993, in lawful session duly assembled.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP

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