

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2007

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE,  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING  
REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEXUAL OFFENDERS  
WHO RESIDE IN, ARE EMPLOYED IN, OR ARE  
ENROLLED AS A STUDENT IN THE TOWNSHIP**

Each Offender who resides in, is employed in, or is enrolled as a student in the Township shall be required to register with the Pennsylvania State Police pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in the Statute, and to comply with any and all duties, regulations and procedures set forth in the Statute.

WHEREAS, Sexually violent predators and certain other offenders pose a high risk of engaging in further offenses even after being released from incarceration or commitments and that protection of the public from this type of offender is a paramount governmental interest; and

WHEREAS, persons found to have committed such an offense have a reduced expectation of privacy because of the public's interest in public safety and in the effective operation of government; and

WHEREAS, release of information about sexually violent predators to public agencies and the general public will further the governmental interests of public safety and public scrutiny of the criminal and mental health systems so long as the information released is rationally related to the furtherance of those goals; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Supervisors (the "Supervisors") of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "Township") to protect the safety and general welfare of the residents of the Township by providing for registration and community notification regarding sexually violent predators who are about to be released from custody and will live in or near the Township as a means of assuring public protection and shall not be construed as punitive.

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. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Centre Township Sexual Offenders Ordinance".

Section 2. Definitions. All terms as used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Pennsylvania "Megan's Law", or "Registration of Sexual Offenders", 37 Pa. Code, §55.1, et seq. (the "Statute").

Section 3. Registration Requirements. Each Offender who resides in, is employed in, or is enrolled as a student in the Township shall be required to register with the Pennsylvania State Police pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in the Statute, and to comply with any and all duties, regulations and procedures set forth in the Statute.

Section 4. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), together with costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such fine and costs, said person shall be subject to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day during which any person violates any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or provision not have been included herein.

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Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions hereof.


Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of enactment hereof.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14 day of May, 2007.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE,  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

  
Chairman

  
Supervisor

  
Supervisor

Attest:

  
Secretary

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