

Ordinance 56-4

Removal of Buildings

4/21/1950

ORDINANCE NO. 56-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF A PERMIT THEREFORE, AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Hopewell Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same.

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful to begin the erection, enlargement, alteration or removal of any building or structure, or part thereof, unless a permit therefor shall first be obtained from the Township Secretary. Application for such permit shall be made in writing to the Township Secretary by the owner or his agent upon forms to be furnished for that purpose by the Township Secretary, which said application shall be accompanied by a set of plans and specifications according to which said work is proposed to be done setting forth the character and extent of the work to be performed thereunder in all its structural parts, and further showing the location of the building or structure proposed to be erected, altered or removed upon the ground. Said application together with said plans and specifications may be referred to the Township Engineer by the Township Secretary, and when the approval of said Township Secretary shall be endorsed thereon in writing, said permit shall be issued.

(a) If said application, plans and specifications shall not be approved as aforesaid, the said permit shall not issue.

(b) The application, plans and specifications shall remain on file among the Township records.

(c) Said application shall be granted or refused within one week after the filing thereof with the Township Secretary, and said permit shall be rendered null and void unless work in compliance with said plans and specifications shall be commenced within sixty days after the issuance of said permit.

(d) Ordinary repairs or alterations wherein no substantial change of the design, interior partitions or structural support is to be made, may be done without obtaining a permit.

SECTION 2. After a permit has been granted no change shall be made either in the plans or specifications, unless said plans and specifications setting forth at length the change desired to be made, shall be submitted to the Township Secretary for approval, and a new permit covering the desired changes in said plans and specifications.

SECTION 3. The applicant for a permit as set forth in Section One hereof, whose application shall have been refused may, within

five days after such refusal, take an appeal from the action of the Township Secretary to the Township Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to hear the applicant; to consider the plans and specifications and render its decision for or against said appeal by a majority vote of the Commissioners at their first regular meeting after said appeal is filed, or at any special meeting duly and lawfully convened for that purpose.

SECTION 4. The fee for issuing such permit or permits shall be the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for a garage, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a residence or dwelling, and the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for any building or structure where any portion of the whole thereof is built or constructed for commercial use, and an additional sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each time plans and specifications are subsequently submitted to the Township Secretary, which said fees shall be paid to the Township Secretary by the applicant at the time the application or re-application is made. The Township Secretary shall provide a suitable book for the purpose of keeping a record of all permits issued by him, and shall pay to the Township Treasurer all moneys received by him within the month for which the same are received, and shall make monthly reports to the Township Board of Commissioners of all permits issued, the amounts received therefor, together with his receipt from the Township Treasurer for the same.

SECTION 5. Any building or structure constructed, enlarged or removed without the provisions of this ordinance having first been complied with is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to cause said buildings or structures to be forthwith abated, or removed by the police officers, who are hereby authorized in such case to employ such assistance as shall be necessary to abate the said nuisance. Provided, however, that in any case where the party constructing, reconstructing, enlarging or removing any such building or structure shall make claim to rightfully construct, reconstruct, enlarge or remove such building or structure, it shall be in the discretion of the Township Board of Commissioners, in the particular case to cause a bill in equity to be filed, restraining the construction, reconstruction, enlarging or removal of such building or structure.

SECTION 6. The Chief of Police, and police officers of said Township are hereby charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance and it shall be their duty to make complaint to any Justice of the Peace of said Township, in a case where they know this ordinance is being or has been violated.

SECTION 7. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any person aggrieved or injured by the violation of this ordinance from protecting any rights he may lawfully have.

SECTION 8. Any person, firm or corporation being the owner or agent and any person, firm or corporation being the contractor, who shall commence the erection, enlargement, alteration or removal of any building or structure or part thereof, without first having obtained a permit as herein provided, or who shall not perform the work in accordance with the plans and specifications accompanying the said application, shall upon proof thereof to any Justice of the Peace of said Township, that the said work has been commenced without any permit or that the work has not been performed in accordance with the said plans and specifications, or that any other pro-

vision of this ordinance has been violated, be adjudged guilty of violating this ordinance, and be fined the sum of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and costs of suit, and Five Dollars (\$5.00) a day thereafter until said permit is issued or until the said building or structure is made to conform to said plans and specifications.

(a) All the aforesaid fines and penalties to be recovered as penalties are or shall be recoverable, in the name and for the use of the Township of Hopewell, and in default of payment of said fines and costs the offender may be committed to the Beaver County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty days.

SECTION 9. That all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this 21<sup>st</sup> day of

April, 1956.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

By Paul Doughty President.

ATTEST:

Charlotte M. Buffington  
Secretary.

Ordinance enacted at special meeting of April 21, 1956.  
Charlotte M. Buffington  
Secretary

# Proof of Publication

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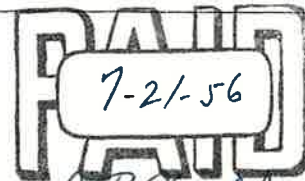
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The cost of advertising and proof, \$ 65.90, has been paid.

BEAVER NEWSPAPERS, Inc.

BEAVER VALLEY TIMES

By



STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }  
COUNTY OF BEAVER, }

By  
SS:

*J.B. Miller*

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally

appeared Ray J. Taylor, who being duly sworn

according to law says that he is General Manager of BEAVER NEWSPAPERS, Inc.; that neither affiant nor said corporation is interested in the subject matter of the attached advertisement; and that all allegations of the foregoing statement including those as to the time, date and character of publication are true.

*Ray Taylor*  
General Manager

to and subscribed before me  
this 26th day of April, 1956

*Maudie F. McBrier*

NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
MARCH 5, 1957

**LEGAL ADVERTISING**  
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**51. Housekeeping Rooms**  
Large comfortable, centrally located, semi-private bath and entrance.  
MONACA — Large comfortable, centrally located, semi-private bath and entrance, use of phone, references exchanged. Beaver Falls 115.  
private bath, view from brookhead Hotel.

**54. Business Opportunities**  
New modern Amoco station now available in New Brighton, Call Spruce.  
Low rent, low investment 1022-R evenings, 5-1961, or Beaver Falls 1022-R evenings.  
BEER DISTRIBUTOR'S LICENSE — For sale. Can be moved anywhere in Beaver Co. For information, call ES. 5-2431.  
CONFECTORY, GROCERY STORE — Located 1019 Main St., Aliquippa; doing good business, priced to sell. Call ES. 5-9987, between 7 and 8 p.m. only.

**DISTRIBUTING FRANCHISE — Route**  
established in Beaver, Washington and Allegheny Counties. Write R. R. Dis-tributing Co., P.O. 21, E. Liverpool, O.

**GROCERY & CONFECTIONERY — Good**  
location in Beaver Falls. Living quarters, good health. Write for particulars.

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