

Ordinance 93-11

Building Code

Dec 30, 1993

ORDINANCE NO. 93-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 AND SECTION 18, CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Commissioners have unanimously agreed that the Township Code be amended with respect to the building code.

NOW, THEREFORE, be and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same; Article I, Section 5 of Chapter 57 of the Code of the Township of Hopewell is hereby amended to read as follows:

57-5 Adoption of Standards.

The BOCA Basic Building Code recommended by the Building Officials Conference of America, Inc., being the 1993 edition thereof, Articles 1 through 20, save and except such portions thereof as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by §57-18 of this Article, is hereby adopted, and all construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures shall, from the effective date of this Articles, be performed in accordance with its provisions.

57-18 Amendments.

A. The standard code hereby adopted is amended and changed in the following respects:

(4) SECTION 101.1 TITLE

These regulations shall be known as the Building Code of The Township of Hopewell, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

(5) SECTION 104.3 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

The local jurisdiction shall appoint code officials, technical assistance and inspectors as may be necessary for the administration of this code.

(6) SECTION 104.4 is deleted from this Article.

(7) SECTION 105.1.1 DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

The jurisdiction may appoint designated representatives for the enforcement of all provisions of this code. The appointed representative shall be vested with said enforcement powers as is provided within the code. All references within the code to the words "Code Official" shall include designated code enforcement persons as appointed by the local jurisdiction.

(8) SECTION 105.4.1 APPROVED AGENCIES

Definition - an approved agency shall be a private entity submitting reports as to their inspections after being appointed to do so by the local elected officials of the jurisdiction and providing said jurisdiction with adequate documents to show their expertise for the inspections to be performed including, but not limited to, insurance equal to, or in excess of, that maintained by the local jurisdiction, and written original certifications for work performed.

(9) SECTION 103.3 USED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Used materials, equipment, and devices shall not be re-used for any reason within the jurisdiction without first having a complete written engineering report submitted by an engineer license in the discipline to the building official. After which the approval of this material must be received in writing from the code official.

(10) SECTION 107.1 subsection 6 is deleted from this Article.

(11) SECTION 107.2 FORM OF APPLICATION

The application for a permit shall be submitted in such written form as the code official prescribes and shall be accompanied by the required fee as prescribed in Sections 112.0. The provisions of Pennsylvania Act 44, shall be complied with upon application for permit. Also for all structures where Pennsylvania labor and industry, Plan Review and Approval is required. This shall be done before the application for permit is made to the local municipality.

(12) SECTION 112.3.1 FEE SCHEDULE

A fee for each plan examination, building permit, inspections and all work done in connection with this application shall be as indicated in the Fee Schedules approved by the elected officials for this purpose.

(13) SECTION 113.2 REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

After issuing a building permit, the code official shall conduct inspections from time to time during and upon completion of the work for which a permit has been issued. A record of all such examinations and inspections and of all violations of this code shall be maintained by the code official. The owner shall provide for special inspections in accordance with Section 1705.0. Required inspections and said special regulations shall be included on the "Special Instructions for Inspections Form" that is attached to each building permit upon issuance.

(14) SECTION 116.4 is deleted from this Article.

(15) SECTION 166.5 is deleted from this Article.

(16) SECTION 117.2 UNLAWFUL CONTINUANCE

The penalty for unlawful continuance shall be the same as the penalties as included in the ordinance for violations. Each day is a separate offense.

(17) SECTION 119.1 CONDITIONS

All structures or existing equipment which are, or hereafter, become unsafe, unsanitary, or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate electrical systems (light) and ventilation. Deficient or non-maintained fire suppression equipment, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, habitation, or the public welfare, or which involve illegal or improper occupancy [without a valid permit] or inadequate maintenance [maintenance of all mechanical, electrical systems], shall be deemed an unsafe condition.

(18) SECTION 120.1 IMMINENT DANGER

When, in the opinion of the code official, there is imminent danger of failure or collapse of a building or structure or any part thereof which endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the building or structure, the code official is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the occupants to vacate the same forthwith. The code official shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure a notice reading as follows: "this Structure is Unsafe and its Occupancy has been Prohibited by the Code Official." It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure except for the purpose of making the required repairs or of demolishing the same. The code official or his designee shall be empowered to call upon the services of other municipal officials to assist in the performance of his duties surrounding emergency measures when eminent danger to the health, safety and welfare of the community are present as determined by the code official.

(19) SECTION 121.2 MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD

The board of appeals shall consist of five members appointed by the chief appointing authority as follows: one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Thereafter, each new member shall serve for five years or until a successor has been appointed. The Board of Appeals will be appointed by the elected officials from the electorate of the community.

(20) SECTION 121.2.1 is deleted from this Article.

(21) SECTION 121.4.1 PROCEDURE

The Board shall follow the procedures as set forth in Act 247 and those procedures as set forth in Act 247 and those procedures so indicated in the Act for the conduct of the hearing.

(22) SECTION 121.5 QUORUM

Quorum of the appeals board shall be three members present.

(23) SECTION 121.6 BOARD DECISION

The board shall modify or reverse or uphold the decision of a code official by a majority vote of the members present.

(24) SECTION 121.6.1 RESOLUTION

The decision of the board shall be furnished to the applicant and to the code official by certified copy.

(25) SECTION 121.7 COURT REVIEW

Any person, whether or not a previous party of the appeal, shall have the right to apply to the appropriate court for a writ of certiorari to correct errors of law. Notification for review by a court of an appropriate jurisdiction shall be made within 30 days of the hearing of which the decision was rendered.

ADOPTED this 30 day of DECEMBER, 1993.


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Acting President Township Board of Commissioners

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