

**SHENANGO TOWNSHIP  
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Ordinance No. 1 of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF SHENANGO TOWNSHIP,  
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE  
PURPOSES OF ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Shenango Township recognizes the need to establish certain minimum health and safety requirements for buildings, structures and premises used or associated with human occupancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of minimum standards relative to the foregoing creates potentially hazardous and/or dangerous conditions to the general public and interferes with normal use and enjoyment of public and private property in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS has reviewed the International Property Maintenance Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS advertised the notice of intent to adopt the proposed International Property Maintenance Code as provided by the Second Class Township Code; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania that Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 adopting the 2021 version of the International Property Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in Shenango Township; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore;

repealing any Ordinance or parts of laws of Shenango Township that may be in conflict therewith.

**SECTION 1.** That a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Township Secretary of Shenango Township, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for human occupation and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Township Secretary are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this legislation, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** The following sections of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021, are hereby modified as follows:

Section 101.1. Insert where indicated as [NAME OF JURISDICTION]: Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania;

Section 109.3, pertaining to Prosecution of violation. Delete the current "Section 106.3, Prosecution of violation." and replace with the following:

Section 109.3. Prosecution of violation. Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order served in accordance with Section 107 shall be deemed guilty of a summary criminal offense in accordance with Section 1601(c.1)(2) of the Second Class Township Code, and the violation shall be deemed a *strict liability offense*. If the notice of violation is not complied with, the *code official* shall institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to require the removal or termination of the unlawful occupancy of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant hereto. Any action taken by the authority having jurisdiction on such *premises* shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be lien upon such real estate.

Section 109.4, pertaining to Violation Penalties. Delete the current "Section 109.4. Violation Penalties." and replace with the following:

Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted in an action brought before a district justice in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. A fine in an amount not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 shall be imposed upon any person or entity found by a Magisterial District Judge having jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this Code. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 302.4, pertaining to Weeds. Insert: Eight (8) inches, where indicated.

Section 304.14, pertaining to Insect Screens. This section 304.14 shall be deleted in its entirety;

Section 602.3, pertaining to Heat supply. Insert: October 1st to May 1st;

Section 602.4, pertaining to Occupiable work spaces. Insert: November 1st to April 1st;

Appendix B, pertaining to Board of Appeals, is hereby adopted by the Township and made a part of the Property Maintenance Code.

Subsection B.101.3, pertaining to Membership of the Board, Insert: Five (5) years, where indicated as the term of Board Members.

**SECTION 3.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this legislation is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Shenango Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this law, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

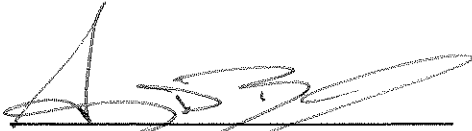
**SECTION 4.** That nothing in this legislation or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

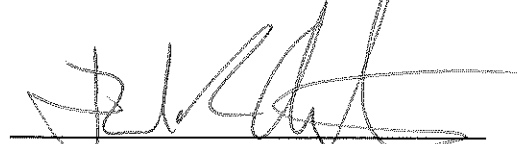
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Adopted and enacted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2022.

**Attest:**

**SHENANGO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

  
Albert Burick, III, Secretary

  
Frank Augustine, Chairman

  
Albert Burick, III, Supervisor

  
Brandon Rishel, Supervisor