

AN ORDINANCE # 1

PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF FIRES BY INSPECTING, REGULATING AND ABATING FIRE HAZARDS.

The Board of Township Supervisors of East Norriton Township does ordain and enact:

SECTION 1. That, from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful to kindle, or burn, any paper, trash or other combustible materials within the limits of East Norriton Township, unless the said fire is confined to a safe metal or other non-combustible container or receptacle, and then only when kept under control of an adult person until said fire is extinguished.

SECTION 2: The Township Supervisors may issue by publication a general permit during certain seasons of the year for the burning of leaves, weeds, underbrush and the like materials, but when so issued, such burning must be conducted during daylight and with the attendance of an adult person. All fires must be completely extinguished before darkness.

SECTION 3: It shall be unlawful to deposit ashes, smoldering coals or embers, grease or oily substances or other matter, liable to spontaneous combustion, within ten feet of any combustible material, except in metallic or other non-combustible receptacles. Such receptacles, unless resting on the ground outside the building, must be placed on non-combustible stands, and in every case must be kept at least two feet from any wall or partition.

SECTION 4: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation making, using, storing or having control of any shavings, excelsior, rubbish, sacks, bags, litter, hay, straw or any other combustible trash or fragments, to fail, neglect, or refuse, at the close of each day to cause all such materials, which are not compactly baled or stacked in an orderly manner, to be removed from the premises or stored in a non-combustible receptacle as prescribed in Section 3 of this ordinance, and also to obstruct the free and easy exit and entrance from and to any fire escape.

SECTION 5: It shall be unlawful for any person to store packing boxes, barrels, or similar combustible material, except in the open, without obtaining a written permit from the Township Supervisors, providing, however, no permit shall be required for the storage within a manufacturing or other establishment of sufficient packing cases, boxes or other combustible material to carry on its daily operations. Storage of the above mentioned materials, in the open, must not be more than twenty feet in height and must be at least fifty feet from the nearest building.

SECTION 6: The Fire Marshall of District 12, Montgomery County, shall have full power to enforce all of the provisions of this Ordinance, to make inspections, to notify any person or persons of fire hazards, and to bring complaints against any person or persons, firms, corporations, etc. neglecting to comply with any order or notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance: Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall prevent any officer of East Norriton Township from proceeding with the enforcement of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 7: Upon the written and signed notice to the East Norriton Township Supervisors, giving them notice of a fire hazard, it will be mandatory for the East Norriton Supervisors to notify the Fire Marshall of District 12, Montgomery County, within 24 hours. If upon inspection of the so called fire hazard, the Fire Marshall of District 12, deems it to be a fire hazard, then the Fire Marshall of District 12, shall have full power to enforce the removal of the same.

SECTION 8: Any person, persons, firm, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or neglecting to comply with any orders, notices issued pursuant to a violation of any Section hereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars to East Norriton Township, the same to be collected by a summary proceeding before a Justice of the Peace in said Township, or recovered the same as debts of like amount are recoverable.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this *1st* day of *August* A. D., 1946.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
By:

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Attest:

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