

ORDINANCE NO. 43

OF THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

ESTABLISHING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EXPLOSION, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, does hereby enact and ordain:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Fire Prevention Code.

There is hereby adopted by the Township of East Norriton for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association, successor to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, being particularly the 1965 edition thereof and the whole thereof and its latest accumulative supplements, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by Section 3 of this ordinance, of which code not less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office

of the Secretary of the Township of East Norriton, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the Township of East Norriton.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

a. Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Township of East Norriton.

b. Wherever the term "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Solicitor of the Township of East Norriton.

c. Wherever the words "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention" are used in the Fire Prevention Code, they shall be held to mean the Fire Chief of East Norriton Township and/or the duly appointed Fire Marshall of East Norriton Township.

SECTION 3. Amendments made in the Fire Prevention Code.

The Fire Prevention Code is amended and changed in the following respects:

ART. 4 Section 4.3 shall read as follows:

~~RESURFACING~~
Resurfacing operations shall not be carried on while the establishment is open for business. The Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be notified forty-eight (48) hours in advance when bowling alleys are to be resurfaced. Proper ventilation shall be provided. Heating, ventilating and cooling systems employing recirculation of air shall not be operated during resurfacing operations or within one (1) hour following the application of flammable finishes. All electric motors or other equipment in the area which might be a source of ignition shall be shut down, and all smoking and use of open flames prohibited during the application of flammable finishes and for one (1) hour thereafter.

ART. 9 Section 9.2, paragraph a., shall read as follows:

a. No person shall engage in the business of dry cleaning without a permit which shall prescribe the class of system to be used. In no event shall a Class I or Class II system be permitted.

ART. 11 Section 11.5, Regulation of Parking, shall read as follows:

The Fire Marshall and/or the Fire Chief shall have the power to restrict and regulate the parking of motor vehicles on all parking lots adjacent to commercial buildings or buildings open to the public for the purpose of providing egress by occupants in the case of fire and the ingress of fire equipment.

ART. 14 Section 14.6, paragraphs b. and c. shall read as follows:

b. Nursing homes or boarding care homes which are

occupied by bed patients or by ambulatory patients and residents which are established after the adoption of this Code shall be protected throughout including stairways, closets, basements, cellars, attics, storage rooms and chutes by a system of automatic sprinklers installed and maintained in accordance with approved standards. Nursing homes or boarding care homes which are occupied by bed patients and residents which are in operation at the time of the adoption of this Code shall be equipped with an approved automatic fire alarm system.

c. Buildings used for residential occupancy other than nursing homes or boarding care homes may be occupied one story higher than specified in paragraph a of this Section without sprinklers if equipped with approved fire alarm system.

ART. 16 Section 16.22 paragraph a., shall read as follows:

a. The storage of Class I and Class II flammable liquids in above ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited. The storage of Class III flammable liquids in above ground tanks with capacity of more than seven hundred and fifty (750) gallons outside of buildings is prohibited.

Section 16.51 shall read as follows:

No bulk plant shall be constructed within the limits of the Township of East Norriton.

Section 16.52 paragraphs a. and b. shall read as follows:

a. Class I and Class II flammable liquids shall be stored in closed containers, or in storage tanks underground in accordance with Division II.

b. Class III flammable liquids shall be stored in closed containers, or in tanks within buildings, or underground in accordance with Division II.

ART. 21 Section 21.6 shall read as follows:

All permanent installations for the bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas shall be buried or mounded in an approved manner. Such installations shall be prohibited except in industrial districts.

ART. 24 Section 24.16 shall read as follows:

All pot-type and gravity feed heating and cooking appliances are prohibited in the Township of East Norriton.

ART. 28 Section 28.1 paragraph b. shall read as follows:

b. No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land between the hours of sunrise and sunset at a location which is not less than seventy-five (75) feet from any structure and that

adequate provision is made to prevent fire from spreading to within seventy-five (75) feet of any structure. Controlled trash fires and burning of leaves may be conducted during the same hours, if contained in an approved container, at a distance no less than fifty (50) feet from any structure, and no less than twenty (20) feet from an adjacent property line, or boundary. An adult must be in attendance during the entire burning operation and cannot leave unattended until embers are completely extinguished. All permitted fires must be completely extinguished by sunset.

SECTION 4. Modifications.

The Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon application in writing by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out to the strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modification when granted or allowed and the decision of the Supervisors thereon shall be entered upon the records of the township and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

SECTION 5. Appeals.

Whenever the Fire Marshall or the Fire Chief shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the Code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Fire officials to the Supervisors within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision appealed.

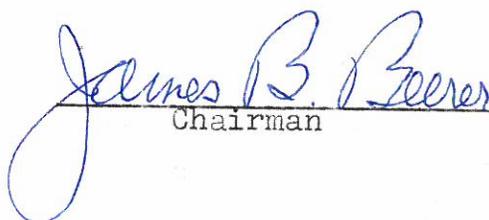
SECTION 6. New Materials, Processes or Occupancies which may require Permits.

The Supervisors shall determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies which shall require permits, in addition to those now enumerated in said Code. The Fire Marshall and the Fire Chief shall post such list in a conspicuous place, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons.

SECTION 7. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Supervisors or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or in default of payment thereof by imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. The imposition of one (1) penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said changes aforesaid shall become effective for the quarter beginning January 1, 1966, and shall continue thereafter until further action by the Supervisors of East Norriton Township affecting said changes and rates.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township this 7th day of FEBRUARY A.D. 1966.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary