

ORDINANCE NO. 185  
EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PORTABLE KEROSENE  
HEATING UNITS AND STORAGE OF KEROSENE FUEL

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, under and by virtue of the authority granted by the Second Class Township Code, do hereby enact and ordain the following:

Section 1. The use of kerosene heating units is permitted only in single-family, twin or half double residential units, and multiple dwelling-unit complexes (i.e. townhouses) in which individual units are separated by approved fire walls.

Section 2. The use of portable kerosene heating units is not permitted in apartment houses, multiple dwellings with three or more dwelling units, in boarding houses, motels or hotels.

Section 3. The use of portable kerosene heating units is not permitted in commercial establishments, industrial establishments, or public offices, except where the protection required by this ordinance is provided.

Section 4. The required protection for use of portable kerosene heating units in commercial establishments, industrial establishments and public offices is as follows:

- a. The portable kerosene heating unit shall be surrounded by a one-half inch square wire mesh frame so as to prevent persons from coming into contact with the portable kerosene heating unit.
- b. The portable kerosene heating unit shall have a minimum six inch clearance between the kerosene heating unit and the wire mesh frame protection screen.
- c. All protection material shall be noncombustible.

Section 5. Under no circumstances are portable kerosene heating units permitted in places of public assembly, including, but not limited to, schools, and institutions.

Section 6. All containers used for the indoor storage of kerosene fuel in commercial establishments, industrial establishments or public offices shall be metal construction with positive screw-type spout, shall be approved safety can under U.L. regulations of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal regulations, with a maximum size of five (5) U.S. gallons. The container shall be labeled "kerosene" with at least two inch high letters. A total maximum of five gallons may be stored in a building subject to the regulations contained herein. Storage must be at least 10 feet distant from any permanent heating unit, boiler, furnace or wood burning stove or the portable kerosene heating unit. The storage container must be deemed not to be a hazard area by the East Norriton Township Fire Marshal.

Section 7. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order of the East Norriton Township Fire Marshal shall be guilty of a summary offense, punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00 or imprisonment for not less than 3 days nor more than 30 days should said fine not be paid. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue. Each day that a prohibited condition is maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 23rd day of May, 1983.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON

By: John B. Fourley  
Chairman

Attest:

Herbert J. Baerwald  
Secretary