

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02
LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SALFORD TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 60 ENTITLED "FIRE CODE" TO ADOPT THE 2018 ICC INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR SPECIFIC USES WITHIN LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Second-Class Township Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to make and adopt Ordinances that are consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth that it deems necessary for the protection of the Township to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens, business owners and visitors; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish such goals, the Board of Supervisors, after due consideration of the proposed Ordinance at a duly advertised public meeting, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Township will be served by the adoption the 2018 International Fire Code and the establishment of an Annual Fire Inspection Program within the Township.

The Board of Supervisors of Lower Salford Township does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

SECTION I. - Amendment to Code

The Code of the Township of Lower Salford is hereby amended to add the following new Chapter 60 entitled "Fire Code":

Chapter 60

Lower Salford Township Fire Code

§60-1. Adoption of the 2018 ICC International Fire Code.

A certain document, on file in the Lower Salford Township building, being marked and designated as the "International Fire Code, 2018 edition," including appendix chapters being adopted - A, B, C, D, F, H, I, and J, and subsequent versions in line with the Code Series adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Uniform Construction Code, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of Lower Salford Township in the State of Pennsylvania, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises.

This document is being adopted with the following amendments:

Section 101.1: Insert “Lower Salford Township”.

Section 110.4: Insert “Statutory Offense” and “\$1,000.00”.

Section 112.4: Insert “Not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00”.

Section 1103.5.3: Insert “Within 90 days or date determined by the AHJ”.

Section 5704.2.9.6.1, Section 5706.2.4.4 and Section 5806 .2: Insert “No highly flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases shall be stored in bulk aboveground, except tanks or drums of fuel directly connecting with energy devices, heating devices or appliances located and operated on the same lot as the tanks or drums of fuel, and/or liquefied petroleum gases for retail sale or delivery. All outdoor storage facilities for fuel, raw materials and products, and all fuel, raw materials and products stored outdoors shall be enclosed by a safety fence approved by the township engineer. Fuel storage tanks shall be enclosed by an earthen moat or embankment of sufficient height to contain a liquid volume in excess of the capacity of the enclosed storage tanks.”

Section 6104.2: Eliminate the words “jurisdiction to specify”.

§60-2. Establishment of an Annual Inspection Program.

Pursuant to the 2018 International Fire Code §107 Inspections, all of the following Uses, as identified within the 2018 International Building Code, Chapter 3 – Occupancy Classification and Use, within Lower Salford Township shall be inspected by the Fire Code Official or other appointed individual on an Annual basis.

Uses identified are as follows:

Assembly: A-1, A-2, A3, A-4, A-5

Business: All Business Uses

Educational: All Educational Uses

Factory: All factory Uses

High Hazard: H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5

Institutional: I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4

Mercantile: All Mercantile Uses

Residential: R-1, R-2, R-3 (except one and two family dwellings), R-4

Storage: S-1, S-2

Utility: All Utility Uses (except when associated with one and two family dwellings)

§60-3. Fees.

Fees for the Annual Inspection Program shall be established from time to time by the Board of Supervisors for Lower Salford Township.

§60-4 Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

Ordinances of Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and/or Resolutions or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

§60-5 Saving Clause.

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 4 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right of remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

§60-6 Severability.


If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid; such infirmity shall not affect nor impair the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Salford Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included therein.

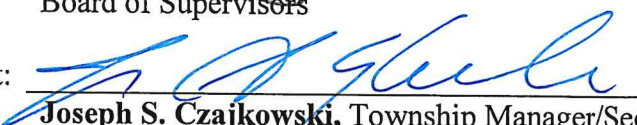
SECTION II. - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it is enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Salford Township.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED THIS 3RD DAY OF May, 2023.

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP

By: 
Keith A. Bergman, Chairman,
Board of Supervisors

Attest: 
Joseph S. Czajkowski, Township Manager/Secretary