

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 13-17 of 2013

ADOPTION OF 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

WHEREAS, Norristown a revitalizing Municipality is desirous of maintaining a clean and healthy environment for its citizens;

WHEREAS, the International Property Maintenance Code provides uniform guidelines to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens;

THEREFORE, Municipal Council hereby adopts the International Property Maintenance Code of 2006 as copyrighted by the International Code Council, ISBN # 1-60983-056-4, subject to the following conditions (Attached as Exhibit "A"):

a) All portions of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code concerning: litter removal, snow removal, and noxious weeds are superseded by local Municipality of Norristown Ordinances.

b) In addition the following amendments are accepted and all previous versions of the Property Maintenance Code are hereby repealed:

Section 101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Property Maintenance Code of the Municipality of Norristown hereinafter referred to as the Property Maintenance Code.

Section 106.4 Violation Penalties. Any person, firm or corporation, who shall violate a provision of this code or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted and subject to a fine of not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00, plus Court costs, or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Amend - 111.1 Application for appeal. Any person directly affected by a decision of the *code official* or a notice or order issued under this code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that a written application for appeal is filed within **10** days after the day the decision, notice or order was served. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder has been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or the requirements of this code are adequately satisfied by other means.

Add - Section 111.9 should no Board of Appeals be appointed, the first level of appeal shall be to the Municipal Code Manager. The next level of appeal shall be to the Municipal Administrator. All appeals beyond this level shall be to the Pennsylvania Court System.

Amend - Section 304.3 Premises Identification. Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property and to the rear of properties visible from alleys and half streets. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

Section 304.14 Insect Screens Insert May 15th to October 1st

Section 602.3 Heat Supply Insert October 1st to May 15th

Section 602.4 Occupied Work Spaces Insert October 1st to May 15th

Amend - Section 605.2 Receptacles. Every habitable space in a dwelling shall contain at least three (3) separate and remote receptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain at least one grounded type receptacle or with a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) protected outlet when located within six (6) feet of a water source. Every bathroom shall contain at least one receptacle equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Kitchen outlets within six (6) feet of a water source must be GFCI protected outlets. Any outlet within six (6) feet of a water source on in a wet/damp location must be GFCI protected. All receptacle outlets shall have the appropriate faceplate cover for the location.

Add - Section 704.4.1 Fire Extinguishers. All dwelling units shall be equipped with a listed and labeled fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 3A40B:C. The fire extinguisher shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Add - Appendix B, Supplemental inspection requirements

Effective Date ---This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2014.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 17th day of December, 2013 in Council Chambers.



Gary H. Simpson, Council President



Crandall O. Jones
Municipal Administrator