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Code of Ordinances

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Officials

of

Moon Township

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Supervisors

- | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Chairman | - | Marvin D. Eicher |
| Vice-Chairman | - | James A. Vitale |
| | - | Andrew M. Gribben |
| | - | John Hertzner |
| | - | Joseph M. Wise |
| Tax Collector | - | Catherine Tress |
| Auditors | - | Sally Cross |
| | - | John J. Wrynn |
| | - | Gary Schisler |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Interim Manager/Secretary/
Treasurer | - | Jeffrey L. Ziegler |
| Code Officials | - | David R. Meinert and Lora Dombrowski |
| Solicitor | - | Timoth J. Bish, Esquire |
| Engineer | - | Malcolm W. Petroccia, P.E. |
| Parks Director | - | Lance Welliver |
| Roadmaster | - | John Scott |

FOREWORD

*History*¹

Beginnings

Moon Township has evolved significantly since its beginnings as a farm-based community. As the oldest Township in Allegheny County, founded in 1788, Moon Township had a total area of 143 square miles. Some reports indicate that it would take one man on horseback two days to travel from one end of the community to the other. This geographically large township eventually spawned into 55 smaller municipalities, including the current neighboring townships of Fayette, Findlay, Crescent and the Borough of Coraopolis.

In its early days, settlers in Moon Township depended heavily on the hunting and farming economy for survival. The excess of farm production at the end of the 18th century brought about a need for industries such as gristmill, sawmill and fulling mill. By 1803, the Industrial Revolution had arrived in Moon Township. The Township continued to experience significant economic growth into the 20th century when roadways and railroads opened up the gates to Moon, making it an attractive place for people to settle and raise their families. Both the Sewickley Bridge, which was originally constructed in 1911, and the Pennsylvania & Lake Erie Railroad contributed significantly to Moon Township's tremendous population growth.

During World War II, the industrial plants located within Moon Township and the surrounding communities became major suppliers of armor plates and munitions. This boom in production created a great housing need for workers who were stationed at factories in Neville Island and along the Ohio River. Thus, the United States Government built the Mooncrest neighborhood to house such individuals.

Growth

Moon Township's largest percentage of growth came in 1952, when the Greater Pittsburgh Airport was completed, dedicated and opened for business in Moon Township. One year later, construction on the Penn Lincoln Parkway was complete, making the commute to downtown Pittsburgh from Moon Township possible in about 20 minutes. These two large development projects not only contributed to a population increase of 24 percent between 1950 and 1957, but also led to a housing boom that created more than 1,250 homes in a decade-long time span.

The construction of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, which was later named Pittsburgh International Airport, is perhaps the most significant contributing factor to the economic growth Moon Township experienced. The growth was challenged in the early 1990s, however, when the airport relocated to Findlay Township. At that time, the Moon Township Board of Supervisors developed a forward-thinking plan that would help sustain growth in the Township. Although Moon lost a great source for business development, the Township has continued to experience growth and today is home to a number of high-profile national corporations, including FedEx Ground, GlaxoSmithKline, Eaton Electrical Group, Nova Chemicals, Inc., and Michael Baker Corporation. In addition, Moon Township also serves as the home of Robert Morris

¹Editor's Note: Adapted from "History" at <http://www.moontwp.com/history.html>, December 23, 2009.

University, which has a very strong business curriculum and educates nearly 5,100 students annually.

The Moon Township Code of Ordinances was prepared by Keystate Publishers, Inc., and adopted by the Moon Township Board of Supervisors on *[Date]* by Ordinance Number_____.

Organization

The Code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of the Moon Township contained in Chapters 1 through 27, (2) the Appendix, which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or “one time” nature, (3) the Table to disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by the Moon Township, and (4) the Index, which is an alphabetical arrangement of subjects.

In the Code each Chapter is separated by a divider tab, and specific ordinances can be located by subject on the contents page at the beginning of each Chapter. The Index may also be used to search for a subject when one is looking for general information on a particular subject, or if it is not known in which Chapter the subject might be found. The Appendix consists of several general categories containing a chronological listing of short subject descriptions along with a reference to the original ordinance and its date of enactment, if known.

The Table to disposition indicates what action has been taken by the Moon Township Board of Supervisors with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or (4) is located in the Appendix. Annual tax rate and budget ordinances are located only in the Table. The Table is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of the Moon Township, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.

OFFICIAL
TOWNSHIP OF MOON
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF MOON TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE MOON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES; CONSOLIDATING, REVISING, AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES; ENACTING CERTAIN NEW PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CODE AND FOR THE CITATION OF THE CODE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE; SAVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FROM REPEAL; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

WHEREAS, Section 1601(d) of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §66601(d), authorizes Moon Township (the “Township”) to cause to be prepared a consolidation, codification or revision of the general body of Township ordinances, and authorizes the Township to adopt such consolidation, codification or revision as an ordinance of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township contracted with Keystate Publishers, Inc., for the preparation of a codification of the general body of Township ordinances, to be known as the “Moon Township Code of Ordinances”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township desires to enact an ordinance adopting the codification of the general body of Township ordinances, known as the “Moon Township Code of Ordinances.”

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Moon Township hereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

Section 1. Adoption. The *Moon Township Code of Ordinances*, as attached hereto and as prepared and published for the said Township, is hereby adopted as a consolidation, codification and revision of the ordinances of the Township. Chapters 1 through 27 thereof contain the text of the body of all general administrative and regulatory ordinances of the Township organized as follows:

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The Appendix of the volume lists, by subject matter, in chronological order, the titles (or an abstract of title) of enactments of special nature or of historical interest, for the complete text of which the official records of the Township shall be authoritative.

Section 2. Citation and Effective Date. The codification referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be known and cited officially as the *Moon Township Code of Ordinances*, and all future ordinances shall make reference thereto. This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

Section 3. Saving Clause and Interpretation. The provisions of the *Moon Township Code of Ordinances*, so far as they are the same as those ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the adoption of said Code, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as a new enactment. The provisions of the *Moon Township Code of Ordinances* shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of the prior ordinances or regulations. Unless otherwise

stated herein, in the event of any conflict between any provisions or regulations of this Code, then the stricter regulation shall govern.

Section 4. Consolidation and Revision. As a necessary part of codification, the following provisions are hereby consolidated and revised as indicated:

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Section 5. New Enactments, Amendments and Repeals. As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted, amended and repealed as summarized by short title:

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C. *Repeals.* Any and all prior ordinances, including but not limited to the ordinances listed below, are hereby repealed, in whole or in part, to the extent inconsistent with this Ordinance and the Moon Township Code of Ordinances; provided, however, this Ordinance does not repeal those land use ordinances referenced in Section 6 hereof.

Ordinance/Resolution	Subject
Ord. 204, §104-3	Sale Prohibited

Ordinance/Resolution	Subject
Ord. 262	Parking Tax
Ord. 355	Tax Certifications
Ord. 414, §§192-52, 192-53, 192-58	Parking Tax
Ord. 509	Use of Public Right-of-Way by Private Communication Systems

Section 6. Land Use Amendments.

- A. Chapter 22 is reserved pending adoption of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance which is proposed to be adopted immediately following adoption of this Ordinance and which Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is intended by the adoption thereof to be included as Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, of the Moon Township Code of Ordinances. As a result, this Ordinance does not repeal Ordinance Nos. 542, 556, 589, 605, and 611.

- B. Chapter 27 is reserved pending adoption of the Zoning Ordinance which is proposed to be adopted immediately following adoption of this Ordinance and which Zoning Ordinance is intended by the adoption thereof to be included as Chapter 27, Zoning, of the Moon Township Code of Ordinances. As a result, this Ordinance does not repeal Ordinance Nos. 543, 548, 557, 572, 585, 586-A, 607, 608, 614, 619-A, 627, 628, 629, 633, 643, 644, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, and 653.

Section 7. Procedural Changes. The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Township ordinances:

- A. Grammatical and spelling errors have been corrected where necessary;

- B. Minor changes have been made to correct obsolete terms and usages;

- C. The penalty provisions have been revised where necessary to comply with applicable law including, but not limited to, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, Vehicle Code, Municipalities Planning Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act.

Section 8. Amending the Code of Ordinances. The procedure for amending the Code of Ordinances shall include the citation of the Chapter, Part, Section and subsection to be amended, revised, repealed or added similar to the following:

- A. *Amendment or Revision.* “Chapter ___, Part ___, Section ___, Subsection ___ is hereby amended [revised] to read as follows...”

- B. *Additions.* “Chapter ___, Part ___, Section ___, Subsection ___ is hereby amended by the addition of the following...”

C. *Repeal.* “Chapter ___, Part ___, Section ___, Subsection ___ is hereby repealed in its entirety.”

Section 9. Responsibility for Code of Ordinances. It shall be the responsibility of the Township Secretary to maintain an up-to-date certified copy of the Code of Ordinances. This copy shall be the official copy of the *Moon Township Code of Ordinances* and shall be available for public inspection.

Section 10. Penalties. It shall be unlawful for anyone to change, alter or tamper with the Code of Ordinances in any manner which will intentionally misrepresent the laws of the Township. Whosoever shall violate this Section shall be guilty of an offense under §4911, “Tampering with Public Records or Information,” of the Crimes Code, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4911, and shall be prosecuted under that Section of the law.

Section 11. Severability of Parts of Codification. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Township that the Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this codification are severable. If any Section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this codification.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 20____, by the Board of Supervisors of Moon Township in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

MOON TOWNSHIP

Township Manager/Secretary

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

“(Seal)”