

**Code of Ordinances**  
**of the**  
**Township of Northampton**  
**Bucks County, Pennsylvania**



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**Officials**  
**of the**  
**Township of Northampton**

County of  
Bucks, Pennsylvania

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Board of Supervisors

Chairman	-	Dr. Kimberly Rose
Vice-Chairman	-	James T. Cunningham
Secretary	-	Eileen Silver
Treasurer	-	Frank Rothermel
Member	-	George F. Komelasky
Tax Collector	-	Barbara Buckman
Auditors	-	James Donahue
	-	Lawrence Weinstein
	-	Karen Jim

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Manager	-	Robert M. Pellegrino
Director of Planning and Zoning	-	Michael Solomon
Solicitor	-	Michael J. Savona, Esquire
Engineer	-	James Majewski, P.E., Remington Vernick & Beach



## FOREWORD

### *History*

This comprises the codification of the ordinances of the Township of Northampton. Northampton Township was originally settled by English colonists. They named it after Northampton, the county town of Northamptonshire, England. Northampton Township was incorporated in 1722.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Northampton was prepared by Keystate Publishers, Inc., and adopted by the Township of Northampton Board of Supervisors on April 25, 2012, by *Ord. 561*.

### *Organization*

The Code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of the Township of Northampton 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 Township of Northampton, 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 Township of Northampton 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 An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or (4) is located in the Appendix.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 Township of Northampton, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.





ORDINANCE NO. 561

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; 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.

The Township of Northampton hereby ordains:

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

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Chapter 1 . . . . . Administration and Government  
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Chapter 10 . . . . . Health and Safety  
Chapter 11 . . . . . Housing  
Chapter 12 . . . . . [Reserved]  
Chapter 13 . . . . . Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations  
Chapter 14 . . . . . [Reserved]  
Chapter 15 . . . . . Motor Vehicles and Traffic  
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Chapter 17 . . . . . [Reserved]  
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APPENDIX:

- A. . . . . Adjustments to Township Boundaries
- B . . . . . Debt and Bond Issues
- C . . . . . Franchises and Services
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Table to Disposition of All Ordinances  
 Table to Disposition of Significant Resolutions

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 of Northampton 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 “Township of Northampton Code of Ordinances,” and all future ordinances shall make reference thereto. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication of notice of final enactment as required by law.

**Section 3. Saving Clause.** The provisions of the Township of Northampton 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 Township of Northampton Code of Ordinances shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of the prior ordinances or regulations.

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

A. *Consolidations.*

Section	Subject	Ordinance No., Section
15, Entire Chapter	Motor Vehicles and Traffic	214; 215; 217; 220; 223; 230; 239; 242; 254; 255; 257; 258; 259; 263; 268; 270; 283; 293; 299; 301; 303; 316; 319; 322; 332; 348; 354; 358; 360; 366; 373; 376; 380; 382; 385; 386; 390; 391; 395; 399; 401; 402; 407; 410; 420; 426; 429; 434; 439; 444; 451; 458; 459; 462; 466; 474; 478; 482; 483; 485; 490; 495; 496; 503; 508; 512; 519; 520; 526; 528; 529; 531; 532; 546; 550

B. *Revisions.*

Section	Subject	Ordinance No., Section
	[Reserved]	

**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:

A. *New Enactments.*

Section	Subject
§§1-101–1-111	Preliminary Provisions
15, Entire Chapter	Motor Vehicles and Traffic

B. *Amendments.*

Section	Subject	Ordinance No., Section
§1-311	Powers and Duties	314; 359
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§1-402	Open Records Officer	Res. R-08-15
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§11-105	Violations and Penalties	457
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<b>Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No., Section</b>
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§18-141	Violations, Notifications and Penalties	72; 142; 211; 492
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§18-211	Violations and Penalties	141; 211; 285
§18-313	Violations and Penalties	427
§20-111	Collection of Residential Solid Waste (Other than Bulky Items and Recyclable Materials).	Res. R-02-01
§20-112	Residential Collection of Bulky Items	Res. R-02-01
§20-113	Separation and Collection of Recyclable Residential Material	Res. R-02-01
§20-114	Separation and Collection of Residential Compostable Material	Res. R-02-01
§21-119	Violations and Penalties	213; 285
§21-203	Violations and Penalties	213
§21-309	Violations and Penalties	510
§24-110	Enforcement and Penalties	387
§24-212	Violations and Penalties	533
§24-315	Violations and Penalties	245; 285
§26-105	Violations and Penalties	396
§26-207	Violations and Penalties	244; 285
§26-314	Violations and Penalties	53; 211; 285

*C. Repeals.*

<b>Ordinance/Resolution</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<i>Ord. 475</i>	Environmental Advisory Council

**Section 6. Adoption of Standard Codes by Reference.** As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted by reference as standard codes summarized by short title:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
	[Reserved]

**Section 7. Land Use Amendments.** The Township of Northampton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as is more fully shown in the complete text of Chapters 22 and 27 thereof which is attached hereto and made part hereof by reference hereto as if fully set out at length herein, with deletions shown by ~~strike-through~~ and additions shown by underline, all of which is briefly summarized hereinafter.

A. *New Provisions.* The following provisions are new provisions which are being added to the Code, are underlined throughout the text, and are summarized as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>
	[Reserved]

B. *Revised Provisions.* The following provisions of the Code are revised, the text of which indicates deletions by ~~strike-through~~ and additions shown by underline, and are summarized as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
§22-104	Compliance with Applicable Standards Required; Filing of Declaration Plan	158
§22-202	Terms Defined	158; 209; 294; 329; 350; 356; 404; 412; 442; 443; 452; 501
§22-403	Design Criteria and Requirements	158; 180; 209; 211; 219; 266; 267; 379; 381; 388; 412; 419; 447; 464; 469; 501; 554
§22-506	Violations and Penalties	158; 294
§27-201	Definitions and General Terminology	160; 177; 179; 189; 201; 210; 221; 237; 262; 265; 295; 297; 298; 300; 309; 339; 340; 341; 362; 370; 371; 405; 411; 413; 438; 441; 450; 473; 481; 488; 497; 500; 522; 523; 534
§27-408	R-5 Mobile Home Park District	160; 177; 289; 339; 349; 445; 470; 488
§27-502	General Commercial/Office District	160; 207; 210; 238; 289; 307; 346; 470; 497; 535, §1
§27-703	Use Regulations	160; 164; 179; 184; 331; 450; 500
§27-1111	Physical Performance Requirements	160; 210; 465
§27-1306	Certificates of Use, Occupancy and Compliance	160; 210; 341

C. *Repealed Provisions.* The following provisions of the Code are repealed, the text of which indicates deletions by ~~strike-through~~, and are as follows:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
	[Reserved]	

**Section 8. Procedural Changes.** The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Township of Northampton 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 the Pennsylvania Township Code, Vehicle Code, Municipalities Planning Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act.

**Section 9. 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 as follows:

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

**Section 11. 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 of Northampton. 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 12. Severability of Parts of Codification.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Township of Northampton 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.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

ATTEST:

Township of Northampton

/s/ Eileen Silver  
Secretary

/s/ Frank Rothermel  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors