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OFFICIALS
of the
BOROUGH OF GROVE CITY

County of Mercer
Pennsylvania

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor - Randy L. Riddle

Council

President	-	George A. Pokrant
Vice-President	-	Jeffrey P. Black
	-	Michael L. Coulter
	-	Andrea L. Folkertsma
	-	Patrick J. Chapman
	-	Shawn Myers
	-	Mary Kay Mattocks
	-	Joel A. Bigley
	-	Jeffrey L. Hodge
	-	Richard L. Talbert

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Manager/Treasurer	-	Vance E. Oakes
Secretary	-	Paris L. Weiland
Solicitor	-	Timothy R. Bonner, Esquire

FOREWORD

This volume is the complete revision and reprinting of the codification of ordinances of the Borough of Grove City, as of January 21, 1974. The Borough was incorporated January 4, 1883, and Ordinance 1 was enacted April 4, 1883. From this date to January 21, 1974, the numbering of ordinances reached "965" (actual enactments were 962 because of several deviations in numbering).

Ordinances 1 through 795 were first codified, to November 20, 1958. A revision was authorized to December 31, 1963, including Ordinances 796 through 824. Also included in the codification of 1958 and the 1963 revision were 104 resolutions of general or legislative nature.

In preparing this complete revision, the 824 ordinances and 104 resolutions of the original code, plus ordinances 825 through 965 and 28 resolutions enacted since the end of 1963, were compared with State law, court decisions, and any later ordinances or resolutions on the same subject, and were further considered in the light of modern needs and conditions in the Borough. Recommendations by the codifiers as to retention, amendment or repeal were set out in an "Analysis of All Ordinances." To carry out the recommendations and decisions made by Borough officials at meetings held October 15 and October 25, 1973, the codifiers prepared 34 ordinances: repealing 74 ordinances and 16 resolutions; partially repealing 2 ordinances; amending 23 ordinances; suggesting 10 new ordinances.

This group of ordinances, assigned Numbers 966 through 999, was introduced in Council, advertised according to law, enacted finally and approved by the Mayor on January 21, 1974. Ordinance 1000 approved January 18, 1974, was enacted to repeal certain prior ordinances and to clarify the policy on utility deposits; this is the latest enactment in this volume.

The codification is arranged in chapters, according to subject. At the beginning of each chapter is a table of contents, facilitating a quick inspection of the material in the chapter. Following the codification of all the active general ordinances is the Appendix, in which are listed, generally by title only, those ordinances that are no longer of general interest, but which have had a permanent effect on the Borough. These include ordinances or resolutions on annexation of territory, bond issues, agreements, contracts, particular sewers and streets, and the annual tax levy.

Following the Appendix is a Key to the Disposition of All Ordinances ever enacted by the Borough, and of all resolutions contained in the codification. This indicates the location in the volume where each ordinance or resolution may be found and accounts for those not in the code because of special, expiration or because the ordinance only served to repeal one or more prior ordinances. At the end of the volume is an index to all material in the code. Each Borough officer can find all ordinance provisions pertaining to his office.

The codification is designed to be kept up to date for many years to come. At the end of each chapter and subdivision, section numbers have been reserved for new ordinances. Since the volume is in loose-leaf form, with blank spaces to correspond to the reserved sections, new provisions can be inserted without difficulty. Since ordi-

nances are affected, not only by later ordinances by changes in the law and by later court decisions, it is recommended that each year the code be reviewed and necessary changes be made by new enactments.

During the progress of the work the Borough officials have been very cooperative and helpful. The publishers wish particularly to express their appreciation to: the Manager, F. Rupert McKee; the Secretary, Kathy L. Lipnichan; and the Solicitor, Herman M. Rodgers.

The codification was prepared by Ronald M. Lucas, Esq., under the supervision of Elizabeth Smedley, director of municipal codification for Penns Valley Publishers.

State College, Pennsylvania
January 31, 1974

Special Note:

The code as originally adopted January 21, 1974; and as revised through April 26, 1980 was readopted as official Borough law for all existing ordinances as amended by *Ord. 1114*, October 20, 1980.

FEE SCHEDULE

1. Fees and Costs Paid by the Borough. In the conduct of Borough affairs, including processing of applications for permits and other relief granted through the Borough agencies, the Borough experiences costs, fees and expenses payable to the professional employees retained by the Borough and to experts and specialists whose review, examination and inspection is necessary to the accomplishment of the Borough ordinances and their purposes and the public welfare. There is hereby imposed as a requirement for payment by any applicant the costs of all fees, engineering, review and inspection costs by professional Borough employees, and all other experts, specialists or persons necessary to review applications for requested actions from the Borough, and the costs and expenses of all other Borough employees necessary to a review, inspection and determination in the process initiated by the applicant. These fees, costs and expenses are applicable to each and every application filed with the Borough.

2. Impact of Issuance of License and Payment of Fee. By the mere granting of a license or the payment of a fee as required in this schedule, the applicant may not, in reliance thereon, commit any violation of any local, State or Federal regulation and/or law. For example, and not by way of limitation, the licensing of a video poker machine does not grant local government permission to engage in illegal gambling.

3. Demolition Permits. For issuance of demolition permits, cash or draft payable to Borough of Grove City in accordance with the following schedule:
 - A. Demolition \$50

 - B. Signs \$25.00 plus \$2.00 per square foot of sign area
 - (1) Minimum Fee \$40

4. Zoning Matters. The following schedule of fees for issuance of permits, licenses and documents relating to zoning matters is hereby adopted:
 - A. Zoning Permits:
 - (1) Sign Permit: \$40.00 plus \$0.50 per sq. ft. or portion thereof, including all sides of multi-faceted sign.

 - (2) Zoning Use Permit:
 - (a) Residential Use \$40.00
 - (b) Commercial and Other Uses \$60.00

 - (3) Zoning Occupancy Permit:
 - (a) Residential Use \$30.00

6. Building Code and Property Maintenance Code Appeals. The following fees are hereby established for appeals under the Borough Building Code and Property Maintenance Code:

For the filing of an appeal under the Borough Building Code and the Borough Property Maintenance Code, the applicant shall submit a \$350 non-refundable application fee. Fees for the stenographer shall be borne by the applicant.

7. Surcharges. The applicant shall be responsible for paying any and all surcharges imposed by Federal, State, County, Borough and/or local laws, ordinances and regulations. Any such surcharge shall be in addition to any fees assessed in the fee schedule.
8. Miscellaneous Permit, Licenses and Charges. The following schedule of fees for permits, licenses, documents and services provided by the Borough of Grove City is here by adopted:

A. Police Accident Reports	\$15.00
B. Police Confirmation Letters	\$15.00
C. Police Fingerprinting Service	
(1) Borough Residents/Business	No Fee
(2) All Others	\$25.00
D. Municipal Lien Letters	\$20.00
E. Municipal Tax Verification Letters	\$25.00 per parcel
Duplicate Tax Bill	\$5.00
Paid to Real Estate Tax Collector	
F. Copies of Ordinances:	
(1) Zoning Ordinance	\$10.00
(2) Subdivision Ordinance	\$7.00
(3) All other Ordinances	\$0.25 per page
G. Zoning Maps	\$7.50
H. Photocopies	\$0.25 per page
I. Pine Grove Lodge Rental	\$50.00 per day

9. Grove City Memorial Park Picnic Pavilions.

A. Costs Paid by the Borough. In the maintenance of Borough park facilities, including repairs, cleaning, replacement and administration of reservations, the Borough experiences costs and expenses payable for supplies, materials and labor.

- B. Fees Charged for Use of Facilities. There is hereby imposed as a requirement for reserving of picnic pavilions by any applicant for use of facilities during normal memorial park hours of sunrise to sunset, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, non-refundable cash or draft payable to Borough of Grove City in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Name of Shelter</u>	<u>Fee for Use</u>
Memorial Shelter	\$25 for up to 5 rows reserved ($\frac{1}{4}$ of shelter); maximum space allowed per group is $\frac{1}{2}$ of shelter
Highland Shelter	\$50 for entire shelter
Keystone Shelter	\$25 for up to 6 rows reserved ($\frac{1}{4}$ of shelter); maximum space allowed per group is $\frac{1}{2}$ of shelter
Fellowship Shelter	\$25 for entire shelter
Friendship Shelter	\$25 for entire shelter
Optimist Shelter	\$25 for entire shelter

The Borough shall confirm reservations upon receipt of payment for use of facilities. No reservation is considered confirmed until payment is received and verified, within 10 days of reservation request.

[Res. 2011-10]

10. Scavenger Wastes.

- A. Permit Application Fee for Removal, Transportation and Disposition of Scavenger Wastes to the Borough. Persons desiring to discharge scavenger wastes into any public sewer and treatment plant shall be required to obtain a permit from the Borough. The application fee for said permit will be \$500, non-refundable cash or draft payable to Borough of Grove City.
- B. Fees Charged for Disposition of Scavenger Wastes to the Borough. A fee of \$0.09 per gallon will be charged to persons holding a valid permit for discharge of scavenger wastes into any public sewer and treatment plant in the Borough of Grove City. This fee will be calculated and invoiced by the Borough and payment in the form of cash or draft payable to the Borough of Grove City must be made to the Borough within 30 days of the invoice date. Failure to pay the full amount due, by the date due, will result in termination of the holder's permit for removal, transportation and disposition of scavenger wastes to the Borough.

[Res. 2011-14]

(Res. 2009-29, 12/21/2009, §§1–8; as amended by Ord. 2011-10, 6/20/2011, §§1, 2; and by Res. 2011-14, 8/15/2011, §§1, 2)