

Code of Ordinances of the Shrewsbury Township

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Officials
of the
Shrewsbury Township
County of
York, Pennsylvania

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Supervisors

Chairman	-	Earl. W. Schuckman
Vice-Chairman	-	Paul J. Solomon
	-	Patrick D. Fero
	-	Gene Montanarelli
	-	Ed Hughes
Tax Collector	-	Julie A. Rohrbaugh
Auditors	-	Mark Koski
	-	Dorothy E. Bensel
	-	Walter Pahl

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Secretary/Treasurer	-	Jean M. Greene
Municipal Secretary	-	Jodi L. Grove
Solicitor	-	Peter D. Solymos, Esquire
Engineer	-	Donald E. Koser, P.E., HRG, Inc.
Codes Enforcement	-	E. Michael Lee, EML (Codes Enforcement)
Sewage Enforcement	-	Steve McKeon, McKeon & Associates

FOREWORD

History

This comprises the codification of the ordinances of Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

Shrewsbury Township, Shrewsbury Borough and New Freedom Borough are situated in the extreme southern portion of York County along the Maryland border. The County, which is located in the rolling hill country of southeastern Pennsylvania, was settled primarily by Germans and currently represents the southwestern terminus of the area occupied by the Pennsylvania Dutch. One exception to this is the City of York which was laid out in 1741 and named for the English county of the same name. The City has a colorful history. When the British occupied Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress fled to York where it remained from September of 1777 to June of 1778. During the same period, Benjamin Franklin published the famous *Pennsylvania Gazette* at York.

York County is situated in an extremely rich farmland area, and consequently, has developed a strong agricultural industry. In 1968 there were approximately 3,540 farms located in the County, the second largest number in the State, and annual cash receipts from the sale of farm products amounted to \$37,300,000. The principal agricultural products of the County include dairy, poultry and meat animals. Despite the significance of agricultural activities, a highly diversified manufacturing industry is evolving. In 1967, the County ranked seventh and eighth in the State in respect to manufacturing employment and value of production respectively.

Shrewsbury Township, which was originally formed in 1739, was among the first municipalities to be established west of the Susquehanna River. The first settlers in this area were mostly English and Scotch-Irish while portions of the area were settled under Maryland land titles. When the Township was established, the majority of the citizens were English as reflected by the English name of Shrewsbury.

The Germans began to locate in the Township shortly after its formation, and many of the former English settlers sold their lands and left the area. Conflicting feelings arose between the border settlers in Pennsylvania and Maryland as a result of the aforementioned land titles, and the dispute was not resolved until 1767 through the establishment of the Mason-Dixon line. The German element grew to be extremely prevalent in the Township thereafter.

The majority of the residents of the Township were engaged in agricultural pursuits, and such activities still play a significant role in the economy of the community today. The Northern Central Railroad, which followed the existing path of the Penn Central Railroad, and the Baltimore and York Turnpike both passed through the Township in a north-south direction and aided greatly in the development of the resources of the community.

Shrewsbury Borough developed as a center of activity as early as 1800 and was incorporated as a political entity in 1834. The Borough is located in the central portion of the Township on the old Baltimore and York Turnpike. During its early development, the community was known as Strasburg which is the German name for "a village by the road." Early economic activities in the Borough consisted primarily of commercially oriented businesses.

A martial spirit existed among the people of Strasburg during its early development. The Strasburg Blues, commanded by Captain Charles Stuck, was the first military company organized by the community in 1821. Later military units included the Jackson Grays and Company D of the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

New Freedom Borough, located in the southern portion of Shrewsbury Township along the old Northern Central Railroad, also evolved as an early center of activity. The land surrounding the Borough is level and fertile and provided a stimulus for the growth of agricultural activities. The community was incorporated in 1879.

Two additional Boroughs, Glen Rock and Railroad, were also incorporated within the boundaries of Shrewsbury Township. Glen Rock is situated in the northwestern portion of the Township along the route of the old Northern Central Railroad. The land in and around the Borough is hilly with numerous steep slopes, however, it is productive and valuable for farming purposes. In addition to farming, manufacturing activities also played a significant role in the early development of the community. Several streams, branches of the Codorus Creek, flowed through the area and furnished both a water supply and water power for manufacturing operations. The community was incorporated as a borough in 1860. Railroad Borough, which was incorporated in 1871, is situated just west of Shrewsbury Borough. The community served as an important freight depot during the early years of its development.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Shrewsbury was prepared by Keystone Publishers, Inc., and adopted by the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2008 by *Ord. 2008-02*.

Organization

The Code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of Shrewsbury 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 Key to the disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by Shrewsbury 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 Key to disposition indicates what action has been taken by the Shrewsbury 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 Key. The Key is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of Shrewsbury Township, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SHREWSBURY TOWNSHIP, YORK 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.

Shrewsbury Township hereby ordains:

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

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	Res. 12/3/1980; Res. 88-13; Res. R-89-04; Res. 95-2; Res. 96-6; Res. 96-7; 3/6/1996; 8/12/1998; Res. 9/2/1998 6/2/1999; 11/1/2000; 2003-01

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
§§24-301–24-315	Realty Transfer Tax

B. *Amendments.*

Section	Subject	Ordinance No., Section
§1-406	Penalty	2005-06, §6
§2-104	Penalties	2004-06, §4
§4-106	Private Road	96-9, §6
§4-107	Penalties	96-9, §7
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§7-109	Penalties	02-07, §9
§7-210	Tampering with Fire Hydrants, Fire Extinguishers or Fire Apparatus	2006-03, §7-210
§7-211	Obstructing and Disobeying Firefighters	2006-03, §7-211
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§10-209	Transfer Fee	1969-1, §9
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§11-105	Penalties	81-2, §V
§13-103	Application/Issuance of Permit	2006-01, §3
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§24-104	Return and Payment of Tax	79-2, §IV
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§24-208	Collection from Spouse	79-3, §8
§24-211	Penalty	79-3, §11
§24-416	Fine and Penalty	2007-09, §116
§25-109	Requirements for Single Family Dwellings	94-14, §9
§25-114	Penalties	94-14, §14
§25-209	Enforcement; Penalties	2005-01, §9
§26-106	Water Service	92-9, §VI
§26-110	Penalties	92-9, §X
§26-202	Declaration of Water Emergency	92-3, §2
§26-205	Penalties	92-3, §5
§26-215	Penalties	11/5/1986, §5

C. *Repeals.*

Ordinance/Resolution	Subject
	[Reserved]

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:

Section	Short Title
	[Reserved]

Section 7. Land Use Amendments. The Shrewsbury Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as is more fully shown in the complete text of Chapter 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:

Section	Subject
	[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:

Section	Subject	Ordinance No.
		[Reserved]

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

Section	Subject	Ordinance No.
		[Reserved]

Section 8. Procedural Changes. The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Shrewsbury 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 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 Shrewsbury Township Secretary to maintain an up-to-date certified copy of the Code of Ordinances. This copy shall be the official copy of Shrewsbury Township 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 Shrewsbury Township. Whosoever shall violate this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and costs or, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.

Section 12. Severability of Parts of Codification. It is hereby declared to be the intention of Shrewsbury 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.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of August, 2008.

ATTEST:

Shrewsbury Township

/s/ Jean M. Greene
Secretary

/s/ Paul J. Solomon
Chairman, Board of Supervisors