

# Code of Ordinances of the Township of North Centre

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**OFFICIALS**  
**of the**  
**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE**  
County of Columbia  
Pennsylvania

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Chairman      | - Ronald E. LeVan, Jr.                  |
|               | - Steven D. Hess, Sr.                   |
|               | - David A. Artman                       |
| Tax Collector | - Columbia County Tax Assessment Office |
| Auditors      | - Carl Fedako                           |
|               | - Conway Hosler                         |
|               | - Gerald John                           |

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Secretary            | - Stacy Shaffer       |
| Treasurer            | - Thomas R. Clymer    |
| Codes/Zoning Officer | - John C. Michael     |
| Solicitor            | - Bull, Bull & Knecht |



## FOREWORD

### History

This comprises the codification of the ordinances of the Township of North Centre. The Township of North Centre was originally settled in 1771 and on May 7, 1923, was incorporated as a Second Class Township from parts of Centre Township.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of North Centre was prepared by Penns Valley Publishers, a division of Fry Communications, Inc., and adopted by the Township Board of Supervisors January 21, 1999, by Ordinance Number 1999-01.

### Organization

The Code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of the 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 the 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 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 the Township, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.



ORDINANCE NO. 1999-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE, COLUMBIA 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 Board of Supervisors hereby ordains:

**Section 1. Adoption.** The "Code of Ordinances, Township of North Centre," 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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Chapter 1 . . . . Administration and Government  
Chapter 4 . . . . Buildings  
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Chapter 7 . . . . Fire Prevention and Fire Protection  
Chapter 8 . . . . Floodplains  
Chapter 10 . . . Health and Safety  
Chapter 13 . . . Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations  
Chapter 14 . . . Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks  
Chapter 15 . . . Motor Vehicles  
Chapter 18 . . . Sewers and Sewage Disposal  
Chapter 20 . . . Solid Waste  
Chapter 21 . . . Streets and Sidewalks  
Chapter 24 . . . Taxation; Special  
Chapter 27 . . . Zoning

APPENDIX:

A. . . . . Annexation of Territory  
B. . . . . Bond Issues and Loans  
C. . . . . Franchises and Services  
D. . . . . Governmental and Intergovernmental Affairs  
E. . . . . Plan Approval  
F. . . . . Public Property  
G. . . . . Sewers  
H. . . . . Streets and Sidewalks  
I. . . . . Water  
J. . . . . Zoning; Prior Ordinances

Key to the Disposition of All Ordinances

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 "Township of North Centre 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 North Centre 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 North Centre 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

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
15, Entire Chapter	Motor Vehicles and Traffic	6-1986

B. Revisions

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
1, 1, 101	Planning Commission	101-1965
1, 3, 301-303	Recognizing Firemen's Relief Association	Res. 4/1/1963
24, 2, 201-207	Earned Income and Net Profits Tax	100-1964

**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

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1, 2, 201-214	Emergency Management Agency
4, 1, 101-109	Dangerous Structures

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>
5, 1, 101-104	Code Enforcement
7, 1, 101-105	Open Burning
10, 1, 101-118	Property Maintenance
10, 2, 201-204	Height of Vegetation
10, 3, 301-308	Storage of Motor Vehicle Nuisances
10, 4, 401	Administration of Health Laws
13, 1, 101-109	Transient Retail Business
13, 2, 201-213	Junk Dealers and Junkyards
14, 1, 101-114	Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks
15, Entire Chapter	Motor Vehicles and Traffic
20, 1, 101-123	Solid Waste Storage and Collection
20, 2, 201-209	Disposal of Sewage Sludge
20, 3, 301	Food Processing Waste Application
21, 1, 106	Driveway Construction; Maintenance
21, 4, 401-415	Street Acceptance
24, 3, 301-305	Per Capita Tax

B. Amendments

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
8, 2, 202	Issuance of Building Permit	1-1983, §2.01
8, 2, 203	Application Procedures and Requirements	1-1983, §2.02
8, 2, 210	Enforcement	1-1983, §2.09
8, 2, 211	Appeals	1-1983, §2.10
8, 3, 302	Determination of the 100 Year Flood Elevation	1-1983, §3.01
8, 3, 304	Boundary Disputes	1-1983, §3.03
8, 4, 401	General Technical Requirements	1-1983, §4.00

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
8, 4, 403	Development Which May Endanger Human Life	1-1983, §4.02
8, 5, 501	Floodplains; General	1-1983, §5.00
8, 5, 502	Floodplains; Application Review Procedures	1-1983, §5.01
8, 5, 503	Floodplains; Special Technical Requirements	1-1983, §5.02
18, 2, 206	Holding Tanks	12/10/1990, §6
21, 2, 203	Opening and Cutting of Streets; Issuance of Permit	5-1974, §3
21, 2, 205	Opening and Cutting of Streets; Completion and Inspection	5-1974, §5
21, 3, 308	Construction and Improvement; Compliance	106-1969, §8
24, 1, 101	Realty Transfer Tax; Short Title	10-1986, §1
24, 1, 115	Realty Transfer Tax; Lien	10-1986, §15

C. Repeals

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Res. 7/10/1989	Land Use Fees

**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:

<u>Chapter,Part,Section</u>	<u>Short Title</u>
None	

**Section 7. Land Use Amendments.** The Township of North Centre 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:

<u>Chapter, Part, Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>
27, 12, 1214	Zoning; Time Limitations
27, 12, 1215	Zoning; Stay of Proceedings

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

<u>Chapter, Part, Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
27, 1, 102	Zoning; General Provisions; Purpose	9/9/1974, §103
27, 3, 302	Zoning; Definitions	9/9/1974, §302
27, 6, 606	Zoning; Open Space Option	9/9/1974, §606
27, 9, 901	Zoning; General Regulations	9/9/1974, §901
27, 11, 1106	Zoning; Swimming Pools	9/9/1974, §1106
27, 12, 1204	Zoning; Enforcement Notice	9/9/1974, §1204
27, 12, 1205	Zoning; Causes of Action	9/9/1974, §1204
27, 12, 1206	Zoning; Enforcement Remedies	9/9/1974, §1204
27, 12, 1207	Zoning; Zoning Hearing Board	9/9/1974, §1205
27, 12, 1209	Zoning; Jurisdiction	9/9/1974, §1206

- C. Repealed Provisions. The following provisions of the Code are repealed, the rest of which is indicated by ~~strike through~~, and are summarized as follows:

<u>Chapter, Part, Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Ordinance No.</u>
None		

**Section 8. 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 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 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 North Centre 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. 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 the Board of Supervisors 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 21day

of January, 1999.

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE

By /s/ Steven D. Hess  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas R. Clymer  
Secretary



## FEE SCHEDULE

SUBJECT	FEES
FOOD PROCESSING WASTE APPLICATION (20, §301)	
Permit	\$350.00
SEWAGE SLUDGE DISPOSAL (20, §203)	
Annual Application Fee	\$750.00
Annual Permit Renewal Fee	\$350.00
ZONING	
Petition for Change	\$350.00

(Res. 1/21/1999)

