

Code of Ordinances of the Township of Reading

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Officials
of the
Township of Reading
County of
Adams, Pennsylvania

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Supervisors

- | | | |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Chairman | - | Paul J. Bart |
| Vice Chairman | - | Bob Zangueneh |
| | - | Donald E. Kauffman |
| Tax Collector | - | Jennifer Miller |
| Auditors | - | Nancy A. Stimer |
| | - | Daniel L. Helman |
| | - | Judy Shemon |

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Administrator/Treasurer | - | Marcia V. Weaver |
| Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer | - | Kelly Duty |
| Solicitor | - | Victor A. Neubaum |
| Engineer | - | P. Eric Mains |

FOREWORD

History

This comprises the codification of the ordinances of the Township of Reading. The Township of Reading was originally settled in 1749 and incorporated before 1800 while part of York County before the formation of Adams County from part of York County on January 22, 1800.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Reading was prepared by Keystate Publishers, Inc., and adopted by the Township of Reading Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2014, by *Ord. 2014-01*.

Organization

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 An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or (4) is located in the Appendix.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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READING, ADAMS 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 Reading hereby ordains:

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

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Chapter 1 Administration and Government
Chapter 2 Animals
Chapter 3 [Reserved]
Chapter 4 Buildings
Chapter 5 Code Enforcement
Chapter 6 Conduct
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Chapter 8 Floodplains
Chapter 9 Grading and Excavating
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
Chapter 16 [Reserved]
Chapter 17 [Reserved]
Chapter 18 Sewers and Sewage Disposal
Chapter 19 [Reserved]
Chapter 20 [Reserved]
Chapter 21 Streets and Sidewalks
Chapter 22 Subdivision and Land Development
Chapter 23 Stormwater Management
Chapter 24 Taxation; Special
Chapter 25 [Reserved]
Chapter 26 Water
Chapter 27 Zoning

APPENDIX:

- A. Adjustments to Township Boundaries
- B Debt and Bond Issues
- 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

Table of Disposition of All Ordinances
 Table of 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 Reading 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 Reading 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 Reading 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 Reading 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
		[Reserved]

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

B. *Amendments.*

Section	Subject	Ordinance No., Section
§1-301	Recognition of Firemen's Relief Association	Res. 8/9/1976; 1987-2, §1-501
§6-101	Disorderly Conduct Prohibited	1987-2, §6-101
§6-701	Discharge of Firearms Prohibited	1987-2, §6-801
§6-702	Use of Air Rifles, Bow and Arrows, or Similar Devices Restricted	1987-2, §6-802
§6-704	Penalties for Violation	1987-2, §6-804; 1996-3, §2
§23-201	Terms Defined	2012-01, §201
§23-302	Exemptions	2012-01, §302
§23-402	Plan Submission	2012-01, §402

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 Township of Reading 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:

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.
§22-201	Definitions	1999-2, §201; 2004-4, §XXXIII
§22-403	Street and Highway Standards	1999-2, §403; 2004-4, §§XIV–XIX
§22-407	Lots	1999-2, §407; 2004-4, §XXII
§22-507	Storm Drainage Systems and Stormwater Management	1999-2, §507
§22-519	Dedication and Acceptance of Improvements	1999-2, §519; 2008-3, §1
§22-905	Design and Improvement Standards	1999-2, §1005
§22-918	Removal of Mobile Homes	1999-2, §1018
§27-102	Purpose	2000-1, §101
§27-504	Open Land Uses and Standards	2000-1, §503; 2004-3, §§XXXIV, XXXVII, LXI; 2008-1, §67
§27-603	Uses Permitted by Special Exception	2000-1, §602; 2004-3, §§LII, LXX; 2006-3, §4
§27-1104	Signs Permitted Within Agricultural and Residential Districts	2000-1, §1203

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.
§§22-601–22-615	Stormwater Management	1999-2, §§601–615; 2004-4, §§XXXVII–XXXIX, XL–XLVIII
§§27-1101–27-1105	Floodplain Overlay (FP) District	2000-1, §§1100–1104

Section 8. Procedural Changes. The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Township of Reading 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 Reading 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 Reading 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 Reading. 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 Reading 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 21st day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:

Township of Reading

/s/ Marcia V. Weaver
Secretary

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

