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Chapter 6

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100.00 Adoption of Code:

That a certain document, copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Borough of Saegertown, being marked and designated as the *International Fire Code*, 2018 Edition, including all Appendices, except as provided herein, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Borough of Saegertown, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This code regulates and governs the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided.

This code provides for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Borough of Saegertown are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in this Ordinance.

200.00 That the following sections are hereby revised:

200.10 Section 101.1. Insert: Borough of Saegertown

200.00 That the following sections are hereby revised:

Section 110.4 Violation penalties. Persons who violate any provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, or do work in violation of approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of permit or certificate used under provision of this code, shall be guilty of a Class C fine as set by duly adopted resolution of Borough Council, and may be changed and/or modified by duly adopted Resolution of Borough Council, at duly authorized meeting, a quorum being present.

Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

200.30 Section 111.4. Insert: \$1000 or an amount set by resolution of Council.

300.00 Geographic Limits:

- That the geographic limits referred to in certain section of the 2018 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows:
- Section 3204.3.1.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers if prohibited): Such storage shall be prohibited in all areas except the M-1 Zoning District which lies East of the existing railroad tracts. Absolutely no such storage shall be permitted in any Residential Zoning District.
- 300.30 Section 3404.2.9.5.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited: Such storage shall be prohibited in all areas except the M-1 Zoning District which lies East of the existing railroad tracts. Absolutely no such storage shall be permitted in any Residential Zoning District.
- 300.40 Section 3406.2.4.4 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited: Such storage shall be prohibited in all areas except the M-1 Zoning District which lies East of the existing railroad tracts. Absolutely no such storage shall be permitted in any Residential Zoning District.
- 300.50 Section 3804.2 (geographic limits in which the storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas): Such storage shall be prohibited in all areas *except* the M-1 Zoning District which lies East of the existing railroad tracts. Absolutely no such storage shall be permitted in any Residential Zoning District.

400.00 Sections Deleted and Amended:

- 400.10 Reserved
- All appeals for the purpose of hearing applications for modification of the requirements of the International Fire Code pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be heard by Borough Council.
- Borough Council shall be authorized to hear evidence pertaining to the application and the intent of the Code and this Ordinance for the purpose of issuing orders pursuant to the provisions of the Code and this Ordinance.

- The Borough Council shall hear such appeals as a Board with a quorum present. For purposes of issuing a decision, a majority of the Borough Council shall constitute a decision.
- Every decision shall be promptly filed in writing with the other records of Saegertown Borough and shall be open to public inspection.
- A copy of every decision shall be sent by mail or otherwise delivered to the applicant or appellant. For purposes of the hearing, the applicant or appellant shall be given a reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard at the time of the hearing.

500.00 Fire Alarm Testing:

For purposes of alarm testing in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the International Fire Code, alarm testing provisions are revised to provide and require that Class H (high hazard) and Class I Group 1 and 2 (institutional) shall test fire alarms to the fire station as directed by the Fire Code Enforcement Officer or other designated Borough official.

600.00 Repealer:

That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

700.00 Unconstitutional:

- That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
- The Council for the Borough of Saegertown hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

800.00 Liability:

That nothing in this ordinance or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

900.00 Enacted:

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Saegertown Borough Council this 11th day of July 2007, as amended by Ordinance number OR2-2019 on the 8th day of July 2019.

If any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage thereof.