

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON
ORDINANCE NO. 616**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE*, REGULATING AND GOVERNING 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 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 610 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Southampton is a township of the second class, organized and operating in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 2024, enacted Ordinance 610, repealing Ordinance 593 and adopting the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Southampton desires to update its Fire Code in order to protect the health, safety, general welfare, and the property of the inhabitants of the Township of Lower Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Southampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

ARTICLE I: Section 7-401 et seq. Amended.

Chapter 7 of the Township Code is amended as follows:

§ 7-401 Adoption of standards.

That a certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Fire Marshal's office of Township of Lower Southampton, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, 2021 edition, including appendix chapters being adopted A, B, C, D, F, H, I, J, K, L, M, N as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Township of Lower Southampton in the State of Pennsylvania, regulating and governing 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; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Fire Marshal of the Township of Lower Southampton are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Part, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 7-402 of this Part.

§ 7-402 Amendments; revisions.

The following sections of the code are hereby revised:

1. Section 101.1: Township of Lower Southampton.
2. Section 112.4: Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this part who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a Magisterial District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this part continues or each section of this part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 7-403 Effect on new construction; conflicts with UCC.

1. This chapter shall not apply to new construction that is otherwise regulated or under construction through permits issued under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and the International Codes which are mandatorily adopted by the Township of Lower Southampton thereunder (collectively the "UCC").
2. To the extent of any conflict between the provisions of the UCC (including, without limitation, the International Fire Code to the extent the International Fire Code is referenced by the International Building Code), the provisions of the UCC shall apply.

ARTICLE II: Repealer.

Ordinance No. 610 of Lower Southampton Township adopted April 2, 2024 is hereby repealed and replaced with the Sections above. Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in violation or in conflict with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as same are affected by this Ordinance.

ARTICLE III: Severability.

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, enforceable or unconstitutional, the Board of Supervisors, hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV: Effective Date.

Section 1. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after enactment thereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 25 day of February, 2026.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON

Attest:

Joseph Galdo, Township Manage/Asst. Secretary