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The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) has adopted the following codes for use:

- International Building Code
- ICC Electrical Code (utilizes National Electric Code standards)
- International Energy Conservation Code

- International Existing Building Code
- International Fire Code
- International Fuel Gas Code
- International Mechanical Code
- International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities
- International Plumbing Code
- International Residential Code
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code

Beginning 12/31/2006, the PA UCC began to use the 2006 versions of the above referenced codes. Buildings for which a design or construction contract was signed prior to 12/31/2006, should comply with the 2003 versions of the codes listed above. These code books may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC), either off their website (www.iccsafe.org) or by calling the ICC at 1-800-786-4452.

§ 106-1. Adoption of standards.

A certain document, one copy of which is on file in the office of the Township of Lower Paxton, being marked and designated as the "International Fire Code: 2006" as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the Fire Prevention Code of the Township of Lower Paxton, County of Dauphin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided, and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 2 of this chapter.

§ 106-2. Modifications to standards.

Section 307 of the International Fire Code: 2006 is hereby amended as follows: A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled any open burning

unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section. The open burning of refuse and recyclable materials, including leaf waste, as defined in Article 165, Section 2 of the Codified Ordinances of the Township, shall be prohibited.

ARTICLE II, Fire Control Regulations [Adopted 11-16-1981 by Ord. 81-15]

§ 106-4. Adoption and purpose.

There is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors the fire control measures and regulations as herein set forth for the purposes of controlling conditions which could impede or interfere with fire suppression forces.

§ 106-5. Authority at fires and other emergencies.

The fire official or duly authorized representatives, as may be in charge at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property, is empowered to direct such operations as may be necessary to extinguish or control any suspected or reported fires, gas leaks or other hazardous conditions or situations or of taking any other action necessary in the reasonable performance of their duty. The fire official may prohibit any person, vehicle or object from approaching the scene and may remove or cause to be removed from the scene any person, vehicle or object which may impede or interfere with the operations of the Fire Department. The fire official may remove or cause to be removed any person, vehicle or object from hazardous areas. All persons ordered to leave a hazardous area shall do so immediately and shall not reenter the area until authorized to do so by the fire official.

§ 106-6. Interfering with Fire Department operations.

No person shall interfere with, attempt to interfere with, obstruct or restrict the mobility of or block the path of travel of any Fire Department emergency vehicle

in any way or interfere with, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or hamper any Fire Department operation.

§ 106-7. Compliance with orders.

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the fire official or interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.

§ 106-8. Vehicles crossing fire hose.

No person shall drive any vehicle over any unprotected fire hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, alleyway, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command of such operation.

§ 106-9. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES -- Restricted to those vehicles which are defined and authorized as such under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

§ 106-10. Unlawful boarding or tampering with emergency fire equipment.

No person shall, without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of such Fire Department emergency equipment, cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any Fire Department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest; or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound-producing device thereon; or manipulate or tamper with or attempt to manipulate or tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on or a part of any such emergency vehicle.

§ 106-11. Blocking fire hydrants and fire connections.

A. No person shall obscure from view or damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any Fire Department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and Fire Department connections that are located on public or private streets, access lanes or private property.

B. If, upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the municipal treasury on certificate of the fire official and with the approval of the Township Manager, and the Solicitor shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.

§ 106-12. Hydrant use approval.

No person shall use or operate any fire hydrant intended for the use of the Fire Department for fire suppression purposes unless such person first obtains authorization for such use from the fire official and the water company having jurisdiction. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by and authorized to make such use by the water company having jurisdiction.

§ 106-13. Private fire hydrants.

All new and existing shipyards, oil storage plants, lumberyards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards and which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the fire official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The fire official shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. The fire

official may require the installation of sufficient fire hose and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official.

§ 106-14. Maintenance of fire suppression equipment.

No person shall obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training or testing purposes, recharging, making necessary repairs or when permitted by the fire official. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and nonapproved fire appliances or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the fire official.

§ 106-15. Street obstructions.

No person shall erect, construct, place or maintain any fences, gates, chains, bars, pipes or any other type of permanent obstruction in or on any street, within the township boundaries. The word "street," as used in this article, means any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including but not limited to private streets or access lanes, as well as all public streets and highways within the township boundaries.

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§ 106-17. Affected structures.

All non-residential and certain multi-family residential structures within Lower Paxton Township having an automatic fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system

shall be equipped with a key box. Affected multi-family structures shall be those having restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to living units. Exempt from the requirements of this article shall be hospitals and nursing homes that provide professional services 24 hours per day.

§ 106-18. Key box type and location.

The key box shall be a UL type and approved by a Township building code enforcement officer. The rapid entry key box shall be installed in a location approved by the Fire Chief representing the service area in which the structure will be located.

§ 106-19. Key box contents.

The key box must be installed and secured with the Fire Department-protected key, and with all required keys installed, prior to the issuance of an Occupancy Permit. The rapid key boxes shall contain the following:

- a) Keys to locked points of entry, whether on the interior or exterior of the structure
- b) Keys to the locked mechanical rooms;
- c) Keys to the locked elevator rooms;
- d) Keys to the elevator controls;
- e) Keys to any fence or secured areas;
- f) Keys to any other areas as directed by the representative of the Fire Chief.

§ 106-20. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who or which shall violate any provision of this article or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof shall be

punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 plus costs, and in default of payment of such fine and costs to imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

§ 106-21. (effective date)

The provisions of this article shall apply to all structures built on or after July 1, 2001.