

ORDINANCE NO. 07 - 23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 110, UNIFORM CODES, CONSTRUCTION; SECTION 110-3 AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED CODES, TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES ADOPTING THE PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE'S UPDATED ADOPTION OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL CODES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania have enacted, by Ordinance, adoption of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Uniform Construction Code (the "UCC"), which Ordinance has been amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Township of Bethlehem to amend its Ordinance to include the most recent updates to the UCC, which includes the adoption of certain International Codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT CHAPTER 110, UNIFORM CODES, CONSTRUCTION; SECTION 110-3 AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED CODES OF THE CODE OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 110 Uniform Codes, Construction; § 110-3 Amendments to Adopted Codes is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"§ 110-3 Amendments to Adopted Codes

A. In the International Building Code of 2018, adopted at Pennsylvania Code, Title 34, Labor and Industry, Part XIV, Uniform Construction Code, Chapter 403, Administration Standards, § 403.21(a)(1):

(1) In Section 1612.3, Establishment of flood hazard areas, insert "Township of Bethlehem" in place of the bracketed phrase "[INSERT NAME OF JURISDICTION]" and insert "April 6, 2001" in place of the bracketed phrase "[INSERT DATE OF ISSUANCE]."

C. In the International Plumbing Code of 2018 adopted at Pennsylvania Code, Title 34, Labor and Industry, Part XIV, Uniform Construction Code, Chapter 403, Administration Standards, § 403.21(a)(6):

(1) In Section 305.4.1, Sewer Depth, insert "42 inches" in place of the bracketed term "[NUMBER]."

(2) In Section 903.1, Roof Extension, insert "18 inches" in place of the bracketed term "[NUMBER]."

(3) Section 1002.6, Building Traps, is amended to read as follows:

Building (house) traps shall be installed, except where specifically found to be detrimental by the Building Code Official. Each such trap must be accessible, have a clean out on the outlet side and fresh air intake connected to the inlet side which is no less than two inches in diameter. Such relief vent or fresh air intake shall terminate above grade in a screened outlet located outside the building provided that such vent meets the requirements of Section 904.5 of the International Plumbing Code and Section P3103.5 of the International Residential Code (one- and two-family dwellings construction).

D. In the International Residential Code of 2018 adopted at Pennsylvania Code, Title 34, Labor and Industry, Part XIV, Uniform Construction Code, Chapter 403, Administration Standards, § 403.21(a)(7):

(1) Table R301.2(1), Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria, is completed with the following insertions.

ground snow load: 30 psf
Wind speed: 90 mph
Seismic design category: C
Weathering: Severe
Frost line depth: 36 inches
Termite damage: Moderate to heavy
Winter design temperature: 10° F.
Flood hazards: See currently effective FEMA FIRM Maps

(2) In Section P2603.5.1, Sewer Depth, insert "42 inches" in place of the first bracketed term "[NUMBER]" and insert "42 inches" in place of the second bracketed term "[NUMBER]."

(3) In Section P3103.1.1, Roof Extension, insert "18 inches" in place of the first bracketed term "[NUMBER]" and insert "zero inches" in place of the second bracketed term "[NUMBER]."

E. In the International Fire Code of 2018 adopted at Pennsylvania Code, Title 34, Labor and Industry, Part XIV, Uniform Construction Code, Chapter 403, Administration Standards, § 403.21(a)(8):

(1) Section 307, Open Burning, is hereby deleted. (Note: the subject matter of open burning is governed by Chapter 101, Burning, Open, of this Code.)

(2) Section 912, Fire Department Connections, Subsection 912.5, Signs, is amended to read as follows:

A metal sign with raised letters as least one inch (25 mm) in size shall be mounted on all fire department connections serving fire sprinklers standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read "Automatic Sprinklers," "Standpipes," "Test Connection," or a combination thereof, as applicable. In addition, where a fire department connection is located on the exterior of a building, a sign shall be mounted on the building between 12 feet above ground level and the roof line as determined by the Building Code Official directly above the fire department connection. The sign shall be reflective with four-inch red lettering on a white background. The sign shall read "Fire Department" on the top line and "Connection" on the lower line."

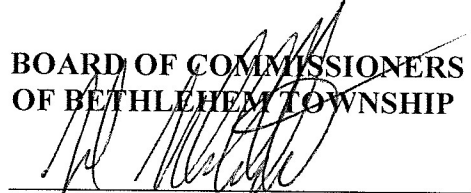
SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this Ordinance to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after adoption.

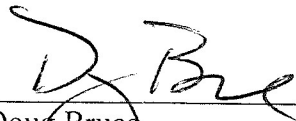
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18th day of September, 2023, at a regular public meeting after public hearing thereon.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**



John J. Merhotte
President

ATTEST:



Doug Bruce
Township Manager/Secretary