

ORDINANCE # 388

AN ORDINANCE ADDING TO AND AMENDING THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES OF LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP. THE ORDINANCE AMENDS CHAPTER 100 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION CODES AND ASSOCIATED ARTICLES AS LISTED BELOW:

Article I	International Building Code 2015
Article II	International Plumbing Code 2015
Article III	International Mechanical Code 2015
Article IV	International Energy Conservation Code 2015
Article V	International Fire Code 2015
Article VI	International Fuel Gas Code 2015
Article VII	International Existing Building Code 2015
Article IX	International Residential Code 2015
Article XI	International Wildland-Urban Interface Code 2015

ARTICLE I
THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

An ordinance of the township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 edition of the International Building Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure the structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; amending Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Building Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Building Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. The following sections are hereby added to the code by approval of Section 403.2 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code:

- A. Section 101.1 Title:** Amended to read “**Township of Loyalsock**” herein after
- B. Time of Completion:** The construction of the building or buildings for which a permit has been issued shall be completed in accordance with the following schedule:
 - 1. Residences and addition, including accessory uses – 12 Months
 - 2. Other Construction Under 100,000 Sq. Ft. – 12 Months
 - 3. Other Construction Over 100,000 Sq. Ft. – 24 Months
 - 4. Extensions may be granted by the Building Code Official upon presentation of proof of good cause for delay by the applicant.

- C. Compensation of Board of Appeals members:** Compensation of Board of Appeals members shall be set by resolution from time to time by the Loyalsock Township Board of Supervisors.
- D. Service Connections:** Before a structure can be demolished or removed, the owner or agent shall notify all utilities having service connections with the structure, such as water, gas, electric, sewer and other connections. The owner or agent must provide to the Building Code Official a release from the utility or letter stating that the respective service connections and appurtenant equipment, such as meters and regulators have been removed or sealed and plugged in a safe manner.
- E. Smoke Detectors:** Single or multiple station smoke detectors shall be installed and maintained in full operating condition in all occupancies where not required by Section 907 of the 2015 IBC or as required by the building official.
- F. Hydrostatic Uplift:** All foundation slabs and other footings, or walls subjected to water pressure shall be designed to resist a uniformly distributed uplift equal to the full hydrostatic pressure. All foundation slabs, footings and walls of buildings located in the Floodway, Floodway Fringe District or General Floodplain Conservation District shall be designed to resist uplift and lateral loads associated with hydrostatic pressure resulting from flooding to one foot six inches above the base of flood elevation.
- G. Hydrodynamic Loads:** For buildings located in the floodway, Floodway Fringe District or General Floodplain Conservation District, all structural components located below the base flood elevation shall be designed to resist hydrodynamic forces resulting from velocity waters during flooding to one foot six inches above the base flood elevation.
- H. Issuance of Building Permit in a Flood Hazard Area:** The Building Code Official shall issue a building permit only after it has been determined that: **1)** The proposed work to be undertaken will be in conformance with requirements of this and all other applicable codes and ordinances, **2)** The Township Codes Enforcement Officer shall review the application for the permit to determine if all other necessary government permits required by State and Federal laws have been obtained, such as those required by the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, the Pennsylvania Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act and the U.S. Clean Water Act. No permit shall be issued until determination has been made, **3)** No encroachment, alteration, or improvement of any kind shall be made to any watercourse until all adjacent municipalities which may be affected by such action have been notified by the township and until all required permits or approvals have been first obtained from the Department of

Environmental Protection, Bureau of Dams, Waterways and Wetlands, 4) The Federal Insurance Administration and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, shall be notified by the township prior to any alteration or relocation of an watercourse.

- I. Establishment of Flood Hazard Areas:** Insurance study for **Loyalsock Township**, dated **June 2, 2016**, as amended

- J. Elevation:** All buildings or structures erected within the Floodway, Floodway Fringe District, General floodplain Conservation District shall be elevated so that the lowest floor is located one foot six inches above the base flood elevation except as allowed by this code.

- K. Elevation Documentation:** A registered design professional shall prepare and seal the documentation prior to and at the completion of construction as to what the lowest floor level will be constructed at in relationship to the base flood elevation.

- L. Construction Material:** All buildings or structures erected in the Floodway, Floodway Fringe District or General Floodplain Conservation District shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage. Construction materials shall be resistant to water damage in accordance with the provisions of Section 1403.6 of the 2015 International Building Code.

- M. Anchorage:** The structural systems of all building and structures shall be designed, connected and anchored to resist flotation, collapse or permanent lateral movement due to structural loads and stresses from flooding equal to one foot six inches above base flood elevation and shall be designed in accordance with Section 1612 of the 2015 International Building Code.

- N. Mobile Units:** New or replacement mobile units to be located in the Floodway, Floodway Fringe District or General Floodplain Conservation District shall be placed in accordance with the applicable elevation requirements of Section 1612 and the anchor tie down requirements of Section 1604 of the 2015 International Building Code.

- O. Alterations and Repairs:** Alterations and repairs to buildings located in any floodway, Floodway Fringe District, General Floodplain Conservation District shall require compliance with Section 403 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and applicable sections of the 2015 International Existing Building Code except that in the case of damages or cost of reconstruction or restoration in excess of 50% of the replacement cost of the building, exclusive of foundations, such structure shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 1612 of the 2015 International Building Code.

P. Increases in Building Height and Floor Area: Any increases in height or floor area of a building in any Floodway, Floodway Fringe District or General Floodplain Conservation District shall be in accordance with Section 1612 of the 2015 International Building Code.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Building Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Building 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE II
THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 International Plumbing Code, regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Plumbing Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of plumbing systems as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Plumbing Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. The following sections are hereby added to the code by approval of Section 403.2 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code:

- A. Section 101.1 Title:** Amended to read "**Township of Loyalsock**" herein after
- A. Sewer Depth:** Section 305.4.1 of the 2015 International Plumbing Code shall read "minimum depth of **36 inches** below grade".
- B. Roof Extension:** Section 903.1 of the 2015 International Plumbing Code shall read "at least **1 foot 6 inches** above the roof"

Section 3. That Ordinance 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled International Plumbing Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Plumbing 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE III THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 International Mechanical Code, regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of mechanical systems in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Mechanical Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, relocation, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of mechanical systems as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Mechanical Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. The following sections are hereby added to the code by approval of Section 403.2 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code:

- A. Section 101.1 Title:** Amended to read “**Township of Loyalsock**” herein after
- B. Flood Hazard:** For structures located in flood hazard areas, mechanical systems, equipment and appliances shall be located 1 foot 6 inches above the base flood elevation.
- C. Tank Installation:** All above ground tanks shall be screened from neighboring properties by a solid fence not to exceed six feet in height or plant materials that will provide a screening equal to the six foot high fence. Tanks may be required to be placed at the rear of the property if deemed necessary to provide an adequate visual barrier.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Mechanical Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Mechanical 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE IV
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, regulating and governing energy efficient building envelopes and installation of energy efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing energy efficient building envelopes and installation of energy efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Energy Conservation Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. The following sections are hereby added to the code by approval of Section 403.2 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code:

A. Section 101.1 Title: Amended to read “**Township of Loyalsock**” hereafter

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Energy Conservation Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Energy Conservation 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE V
THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 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 Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Fire Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for 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 collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

A. Section 101.1 Title: Amended by adding the following insert: **“Township of Loyalsock”** hereafter

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Fire Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE VI
THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code, regulating and governing fuel gas systems and gas-fired appliances in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing fuel gas systems and fuel-fired appliances as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fuel Gas Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

A. Section 101.1 Title: Amended by adding the following insert: **“Township of Loyalsock”** hereafter.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Fuel Gas Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Fuel Gas 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE VII
THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

An ordinance of the Township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 International Existing Building Code, regulating and governing the repair, alteration, change of occupancy, addition, and relocation of existing buildings, including historic buildings in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefore; amending Ordinance # 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Existing Building Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the repair, alteration, change in occupancy, addition, and relocation of existing buildings, including historic buildings as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Existing Building Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

A. Section 101.1 Title: Amended by adding the following insert: **“Township of Loyalsock”** hereafter.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Existing Building Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Existing Building 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption

**ARTICLE IX
THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE**

An ordinance of the township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code, regulating and governing the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, location, removal and demolition of detached one and two family dwellings and multiple single family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; amending Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the International Residential Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the building code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Residential Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. The following sections are hereby added to the code by approval of Section 403.2 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code:

- A. Section R101.1 Title:** Amended by adding the following insert: code of “**Township of Loyalsock**” hereinafter
- B. Section R105.5 Time of Completion:** Amended by changing the text to the following: “**The construction of dwellings and additions, including garages, patios, porches, or any other associated residential construction shall be limited to (1) one year from the issuance date**”.
- C. Section R108 Obtaining Permits:** Section R108 shall be amended by adding a new subsection “**Section 108.7**” to read as follows: “**Permits must be obtained and paid in full within (14) fourteen days of the issuance date. Failure to**

obtain and pay in full within the time frame allotted will make this permit null and void. Reissuance of said permit will be based on late fee charges”.

- D. Section R309.1 Floor Surface:** Section R309.1 shall be amended to read as follows: **“Garage and carport floor surfaces shall be of approved noncombustible material. That area of the floor used for parking of automobiles or other vehicles shall be a minimum of (4) four inches lower than the dwelling unit when the garage is attached to the dwelling. The garage floor shall slope to facilitate the movement of liquids toward the main vehicle entry doorway.**
- E. Section R314 Smoke Alarms:** Section R314.3 shall be amended by adding a No. 5 to the section to read as follows: **“In every attached garage”**
- F. Section R322 Flood Resistant Construction:** Section R322 shall be amended by adding a new subsection **“Section 324.3.8 Issuance of a building permit in a Flood Hazard Area”** to read as follows: **“The Building Code Official shall issue a building permit only after it has been determined that:**
1. The proposed work to be undertaken will be in conformance with requirements of this and all other applicable codes and ordinances.
 2. A code official shall review the application for the permit to determine if all other necessary government permits required by State and Federal laws have been obtained, such as those required by the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, the Pennsylvania Dam Safety and Encroachment Act, the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act and the U.S. Clean Water Act. No permit shall be issued until this determination has been made.
 3. No encroachment, alteration or improvement of any kind shall be made to any watercourse until all adjacent municipalities which may be affected by such action have been notified by the Township and until all required permits or approvals have been first obtained from the Department of Environment Protection, Bureau of Dams, Waterways and Wetlands.
 4. The Federal Insurance Administration and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development shall be notified by the township prior to any alteration or relocation of any watercourse.
- G. Section R322 Flood Resistant Construction:** Section R322.2.1 shall be amended by adding No. 4 to the section to read as follows: **“All buildings or structures erected within the 100 year flood plan shall be elevated so that the lowest floor is located one foot six inches above the base flood elevation.**
- H. Section R403 Footings:** Section R403 shall be amended by adding a new subsection **“Section R403.1.1.1 Formed footers”** to read as follows: **all footings for foundations systems where it is for a basement or crawl space shall be formed on both sides to ensure adequate size and depth.**

- I. Section R408 Under-Floor Space:** Section R408 shall be amended by adding a new subsection “**Section R408.2.1 Maximum height**” to read as follows: Crawl space area from bottom of joists to grade inside crawl space area shall not exceed (4) four feet zero inches in height.
- J. Section M2201 Oil Tanks:** Section M2201.2 shall be amended by adding a new subsection “**Section M2201.2.3 Oil Tank Enclosure**” to read as follows: **Any aboveground oil tank must be screen in a manner to serve as a sight barrier from neighboring properties, streets and roads. Said screening may be a wooden wall, solid fencing, shrubs or other material approved by the Building Code Official. Said barrier must be maintained at all times after installation of the aboveground tank.**
- K. Section P2603.5.1 Sewer Depth:** Shall be amended by adding the following inserts at two locations: minimum of “**36**” inches below finished grade. Minimum of “**36**” inches below grade.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Residential Code, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Residential 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 as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ARTICLE XI
THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE

An ordinance of the township of Loyalsock adopting the 2015 edition of the ICC Wildland-Urban Interface Code, regulating and governing the establishment of minimum special regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to prevent structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels, even in the absence of fire department intervention in the Township of Loyalsock; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; amending Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Loyalsock does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Loyalsock, being marked and designed as the ICC Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council and amended and regulated in the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Section 403.21 (a) (b), and is hereby adopted as the Wildland-Urban Interface Code of the Township of Loyalsock, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the mitigation of hazard to life and property from the intrusion of fire from wildland exposures, fire from adjacent structures and prevention of structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels 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 Wildland-Urban Interface Code and/or the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code on file in the office of the Township of Loyalsock 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 Section 2 of the this ordinance.

Section 2. That the following sections are hereby revised:

A. Section 101.1 Title: Amended by adding the following insert: **“Township of Loyalsock”** hereafter.

B. Section 103.1 Creation of Enforcement Agency: Amended by adding the following insert: **“Building Code Enforcement”** hereafter.

Section 3. That Ordinance No. 338 of the Township of Loyalsock entitled, International Wildland-Urban Interface, 2009 Edition, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended.

Section 4. 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 Township of Loyalsock 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, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

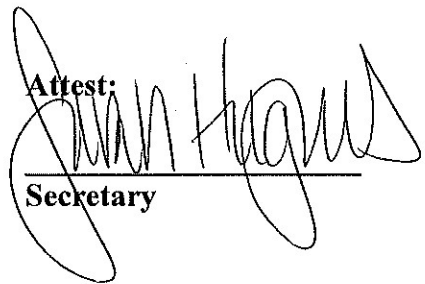
Section 5. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Wildland-Urban Interface Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.


Section 6. That the Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

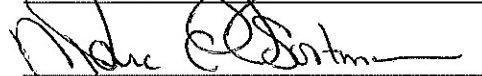
Section 7. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect on October 1, 2018 from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

Enacted and ordained at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania on the 11th day of September 2018. This ordinance shall take effect the 1st day of October 2018.

**LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Attest:

Secretary





Virginia Eaton

