

ORDINANCE NO. 5167

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP,
SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 2, ANIMALS, CHAPTER 13, LICENSES, PERMITS
AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 15, MOTOR
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AND CHAPTER 21, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING, DELETING, AND AMENDING SECTIONS
RELATED TO STRAY ANIMALS, TOWNSHIP ADDRESSES, PEDDLING AND
SOLICITING, METERD PARKING, OBSTURCTIONS AND OVERHANGING
VEGETATION, AND VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township as follows:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 2, ANIMALS, Part 2, Other Animals, is hereby amended to add **Section §2-201.A., Stray Animals.**

§2-201.A. Stray Animals.

It is unlawful for any person to feed stray/homeless animals. The presence of stray animals should be reported to the Northampton Township Police Department or the Code Enforcement Department. Concerned citizens may humanely trap stray animals and deliver them to an animal control shelter.

SECTION 2. CHAPTER 13, LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, Part 1, Alarm System Registration, Section §13-105.1., Violations and Penalties., is hereby amended to delete *55 Township Road* and replace it with *50 Township Road.*

SECTION 3. CHAPTER 13, LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, Part 3, Peddling and Soliciting, Section §13-313., Violations and Penalties., is hereby deleted and rewritten as follows:

§13-313. Violations and Penalties.

1. In the event of a violation of this Part, any police officer of the Township of Northampton may present to the owner, tenant or occupant a notice indicating the nature of the offense and bearing the statement that no prosecution shall be instituted for 48 hours hereafter if, during said 48-hour period, the offender shall

voluntarily appear at the office of the Police Department of the Township of Northampton, 50 Township Road, Richboro, Pennsylvania 18954, and voluntarily enter a plea of guilty and pay a penalty of \$25 to the Township. In the event such persons fail to comply with such notice, the offense will thereafter be prosecuted and the penalty collected in a manner prescribed by existing laws.

2. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, 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 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.

SECTION 4. CHAPTER 15, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Part 5, On-Street Metered Parking, Part 6, Off-Street Metered Parking, and Part 7, Off-Street Unmetered Parking, are hereby deleted and marked as *Reserved*.

SECTION 5. CHAPTER 21, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, Part 1, Openings and Excavations, Section §21-114., Obstructions; Overhanging Vegetation is hereby deleted and rewritten as follows:

§21-114. Obstructions; Overhanging Vegetation.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to erect, set up, place or maintain any gasoline pump, oil tank or other obstructions, including, but not limited to, dumpsters, trailers, pods or other similar obstructions that are deemed a hazard, or to plant any trees, shrubbery or similar obstruction within the boundaries of any public highway, road, street, avenue, lane, alley, sidewalk or footpath in the Township of Northampton.
2. Trees and hedges overhanging the sidewalk and/or roadway shall be trimmed to provide clear passage of not less than 12 feet above the sidewalk or roadway. In addition, all obstructions at intersections that create visibility problems, as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer or Police Department, shall be removed.
3. Any such obstruction shall be removed promptly by the property owner whenever notice to remove such obstruction is given by the Zoning/Code Enforcement Director and/or the Police Department. If the owner fails to comply with such notice, the Township may remove the obstruction and charge the cost thereof to the owner.

- 4. No commercial vehicle may be parked on a Township street except for service and delivery to said residence. A commercial vehicle shall be defined as any means of conveyance as defined as such in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. §102, as amended: bus, combination, farm vehicle, limousine, semitrailer, special mobile equipment, taxi, trailer, truck and wrecker, or similar vehicle, which exceeds 22 feet in length and/or 12,000 pounds.

SECTION 6. CHAPTER 21, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, Part 2, Snow and Ice Removal, Section §21-203.2. is hereby amended to delete *55 Township Road* and replace it with *50 Township Road*. *\$15* is hereby deleted and replaced with *\$25*.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

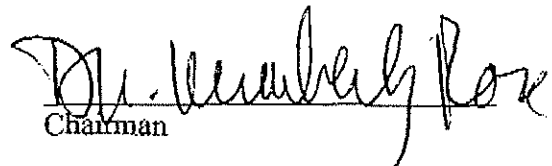
In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

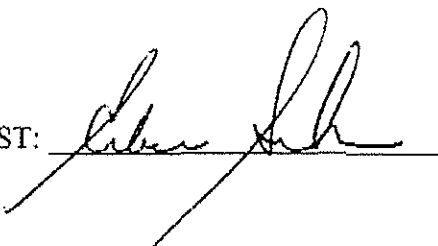
SECTION 8. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township this 11th day of December, 2013.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP


Chairman

ATTEST: 

10/14/13