

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, THE 2015
EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AND THE 2015 EDITION OF
THE NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY 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 RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF
FEES THEREFOR, REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCE AND PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH**

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RICHMOND TOWNSHIP
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as follows:

SECTION 1:

**ADOPTION OF THE RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE
PREVENTION CODE.**

The RICHMOND TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT hereby adopts the following codes and standards, including applicable Appendix chapters to be known as the Richmond Township Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Code:

1. The International Fire Prevention Code, 2015 edition;
2. The International Residential Code, 2015 edition; and
3. The Life Safety Code, NFPA 101, 2015 edition.

regulating and governing and 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 Richmond Township Fire Protection District are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof, as if fully set out in this Ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this Ordinance. The above International Fire Prevention Code, 2015 edition, International Residential

Code and the Life Safety NFPA 101, 2015 edition, have been on file with the Secretary of the Richmond Township Fire Protection District for a period in excess of 15 days prior to the adoption of this ordinance, which incorporates the above Codes by reference.

SECTION 2:

AMENDMENTS AND REPEAL

- A. Amendment. This Fire Prevention Code may be amended from time to time by the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Township Fire Protection District.
- B. Repeal. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3:

ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES

- A. Additions, Insertions and Changes to the International Fire Prevention Code, 2015 Edition.

- 1. Section 101.1 Insert: Richmond Township Fire Protection District.
- 2. Section 105.4. I shall read as follows:

Submittals: Construction documents shall be submitted in two (2) sets in such form and detail as required by the Fire Code Official. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

- 3. Section 109.3 shall read as follows:

Violation Penalties: Any person who shall violate a provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of and approved plan or directive of the Building Official, Fire Department representative or a permit or certificate issued under the provision of the Code, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

4. Section 1 1 1.4 shall read as follows:

Failure to Comply: Any person who continues any work in or about the structure after being served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$50.00 a day that a violation continues to be deemed a separate offense.

5. Section 903.3.1.3 NFPA 13D sprinkler systems.

This section is deleted in its entirety.

B. Additions, Insertions and Changes to the International Residential Code, 2015 Edition.

1. Section R313 (Sprinklers) is deleted in its entirety.
2. Chapters 11 through 43 are deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 4:

Plan review:

- A. Plan review: All buildings containing more than four (4) residential units and all commercial and industrial buildings shall be subject to plan review by the Richmond Township Fire Protection District as outlined in the Richmond Township Fire Prevention Ordinance, and the owner or permit applicant shall pay the plan review fees provided by the Richmond Township Fire Prevention Ordinance.
- B. Plan review fees: All plan review fees shall be \$0.20 per sq. ft.

Plan review fees shall be calculated on all usable floor space. Mezzanine and exterior storage space of hazardous materials must be added to the floor space for the purposes of calculation of fees.

- C. Engineering fees: Where fire alarm/detection systems utilizing more than 10 devices, those located in multi-tenant facilities and/or any suppression system is required in a commercial / industrial building, the owner shall be responsible for the cost of an engineering review to be completed by the Richmond Township Fire Protection District designated engineer. Fire alarm/detection systems with less than 10 devices will be completed by the Richmond Township Fire Protection District Bureau. Fees shall be paid directly to the engineering firm and no authorization to install shall be provided until the engineer approves the design of the system.

SECTION 5:

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 Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 6:

That nothing in this Ordinance or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending 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 7:

That the Richmond Township Fire Prevention Bureau is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published.

SECTION 8:

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 immediately from and after the date of its final passage and adoption. Passed this 12 day of OCT, 2017.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Approved this 12 day of OCTOBER, 2017

Thomas M. Van Dijk
PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Walter J. Lutz

SECRETARY

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