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§101. Adoption of Code.

All those certain documents, one copy of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and being marked and described as follows: the "International Residential Code, 2003 Edition," as published by the International Code Council, Inc., for one- and two-family dwellings and accessory structures; the "International Building Code, 2003 Edition," as published by the International Code Council, Inc. (including codes incorporated by reference therein), the same being required by Act No. 45, the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (1999, P.L. 491, No. 45), will be and are hereby adopted as the Building Code, Electrical Code and Plumbing Code of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, appendices, references, conditions and terms of the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (1999, P.L. 491, No. 45), are, by reference thereto, adopted and made a part hereof as if they were fully set out in this Part.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§102. Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, may, by motion, appoint a Code Enforcement Officer to administer this Part. Said Code Enforcement Officer shall be empowered with the authority to enforce all provisions of this Part and the code being hereunder adopted by the Township.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§103. Future Amendments.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, may, from time to time, by resolution, adopt, change, alter or amend various articles or sections of the International Building Code, 2003 Edition, and/or the International Residential Code, 2003 Edition, for one- and two-family dwellings, as the Township Supervisors deem appropriate and necessary for the administration of this Part and the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

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§104. Fees.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, may, from time to time, by resolution, adopt, change, alter or amend fees for any permits, services, certificates or inspections authorized by this Part.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§105. Certificates of Occupancy.

No structure, whether residential, commercial or industrial, shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy is issued by the Code Enforcement Officer designated by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with this Part. No such certificate of occupancy shall be issued until all inspections as required by this Part have been completed and all associated fees have been paid to the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. The owner of any property for which a permit is required, along with the applicant for said permit, shall both be liable to the Township of Vernon, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, for any such fees for permits and inspections.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§106. Construction Plan and Property Plan.

The property owner or permit applicant shall be required to submit a construction plan and property plan showing the improvements requested. These plans shall be for information purposes only for the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Vernon, and the issuance of any permit after such submission does not constitute approval of any plan so submitted, which plans are deemed to be solely for the purpose of assisting the Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Vernon during inspections and review of the application.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§107. Enforcement.

1. If, at any time, the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a property owner, contractor, permit applicant, or any other person connected with the construction, installation, or renovation, violated any provisions of this Part or standards established by the International Building Code, 2003 Edition, and/or the International Residential Code, 2003 Edition, for one- and two-family dwellings, or any amendment thereto, the then Code Enforcement Officer shall have the right to suspend any permit issued, issue a stop-work-order, deny an occupancy permit, and refuse to permit any further construction or installation. The Code Enforcement Officer shall have all rights as prescribed in the code adopted hereunder.

2. In the event of a violation of any provisions of this Part no certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any such structure determined to be in violation by the Code Enforcement Officer, and no such structure shall be occupied by any person until such violation is abated.
3. The Township may proceed with an action at law and/or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Part, and proceeding with such legal action shall not prohibit the Township from seeking to impose other penalties prescribed by this Part nor from suspending construction or issuing a stop-work order as provided for in this Part.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

§108. Penalties.

In addition to, or separate from, the actions set forth in the preceding section (§107), any person violating this Part or any part thereof may be charged with a summary offense and shall, upon conviction before a District Magistrate or other Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 and, in default of the payment of such fine, shall be imprisoned as permitted or provided in the enforcement of summary offenses. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense and shall be subject in all respects to the same penalties as the first offense, and separate proceedings may be instituted and separate penalties imposed for each day's offense.

(Ord. 2004-01, 3/4/2004)

