

ORDINANCE # 26

An Ordinance of the Township of Pymatuning, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, re-enacting for the year 1961 Ordinance No. 10 of the Township of Pymatuning regulating the placing and keeping of inhabited trailers or other movable structures or conveyances upon lands within the Township of Pymatuning; requiring a permit for each such trailer structure or conveyance; imposing a tax or fee for such permit; prohibiting unsafe and unsanitary conditions; providing for inspections, defining certain terms; and providing penalties for violations, and amending Ordinance No. 10 by increasing the trailer tax from \$2.00 per month to \$3.00 per month.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Pymatuning Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same;

SECTION 1.

It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of the Board of Supervisors of Pymatuning Township in enacting this Ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Pymatuning regulating inhabited trailers or other movable structures or conveyances that are now or are likely to become burdens upon the fire, police, sanitation and health protection facilities of the Township of Pymatuning. It is further declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and this Ordinance would have been adopted had any unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 2.

"Persons". The word person shall mean every owner of property, whether a natural person, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association or otherwise.

"Lot or piece of ground". The words "Lot or piece of ground" shall include vacant lands as well as those occupied by buildings, whether or not it appears upon the records as a part of a recorded plan of lots.

SECTION 3.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or permit to be kept upon any premises owned or controlled by him, any habitable trailer or other habitable vehicle capable of being moved in its habitable state, whether the wheels of such vehicle have been removed or not, without having first secured from the Township Secretary a permit for each such trailer so proposed to be kept.

(b) Application for such permits and renewals shall be submitted to the Township Secretary on a form provided for such purpose by the Township Secretary.

(c) Upon receipt of the application, the Township Secretary or other person designated by the supervisors shall inspect the premises and trailer or trailers to be located thereon and if he finds that the requirements of the regulations of this Ordinance and other Township Ordinances and laws of the Commonwealth, now or hereafter in effect, having been complied with, the Secretary shall grant a permit to the applicant for such trailer. The permit shall expire one month from the date of issue, but may be renewed for

additional monthly periods upon payment in advance of a license fee or tax of \$3.00 per month. Where a permit for more than one trailer or for a period greater than one month is desired, it may be issued for the period applied for at the rate of \$3.00 per month per trailer.

If, however, the owner or person in control of the premises shall have failed to comply with the regulations contained herein, the permit shall not be issued.

#### SECTION 4.

Every person who shall keep or permit to be kept one or more trailers upon any premises owned or controlled by him shall:

1. Keep the said premises in a safe, clean and sanitary condition at all times.
2. Report to a health officer all cases of persons or animals having or suspected of having any communicable disease.
3. Prevent the running loose of dogs, cats, or other animals or pets.
4. Maintain in convenient places, approved by the Chief of one of the township fire departments, approved hand fire extinguishers in the ratio of at least one to each four trailers.
5. Locate the trailer or trailers on well drained sites which shall be free from heavy growth of weeds and brush and which shall be of sufficient size that no trailer shall be within fifty (50) feet of the lot line of an adjoining owner or of any public highway. No trailer shall be placed within twenty (20)

feet of any trailer or structure, and the minimum unit area of premises used or occupied by each trailer shall be of 2,000 square feet, clearly defined on the ground by stakes, posts, or other markers.

6. Make adequate provisions for the collection and removal of waste, rubbish and garbage, and provide an adequate means of sewage disposal, all of which shall be in compliance with all of the laws of the Commonwealth and the Ordinances of the township.

7. Keep at all times a register of all occupants, which shall be open at all times to inspection by state and township officers, showing for all occupants:

- (a) Name;
- (b) Date of beginning of use of premises;
- (c) License number of vehicle;
- (d) State issuing such license.

8. Permit the Township Secretary or any Township policeman to inspect the premises and trailers thereon at any reasonable time.

#### SECTION 5.

(a) No permit or renewal of a permit shall be granted for use on any premises whereon any unsafe or unsanitary condition is permitted to exist and, further, the permitting by any owner of such unsafe or unsanitary conditions on his premises shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the existence of such conditions within any inhabited trailer, truck, conveyance or other structure shall be deemed a violation on the part of the owner of the premises, in which case the Secretary of the Township shall

refuse to grant or renew the permit for such trailer, without prejudice to the right of the owner to secure permits and renewals for premises which are otherwise kept in safe and sanitary conditions.

(b) The Secretary of the Township shall cause all premises for which permits have been issued to be inspected at all reasonable times and at such frequent intervals as may be required for the proper enforcement of this Ordinance and the safe-guarding of the health and safety of the public. Interference with the duties of duly authorized officers making such inspections shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and in default thereof, to undergo imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days. Each day of violation shall constitute a new and separate offense.

SECTION 7.

This Ordinance is enacted under the authority of the Act of June 25, 1947, P.L. and its amendments.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 2 day of November, 1960.

Wayne Street

Lawrence McKnight

Harvey Liberson  
Board of Supervisors