

CHAPTER 5

CODE ENFORCEMENT

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§101. Title.

This Part, together with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, adopted herein, shall be known and may be cited as the "Uniform Construction Code of the Township of Conewago" (hereinafter the "Township").

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §I)

§102. Purpose.

The purpose of this Part is to promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Township and to conform to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Code").

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §II)

§103. Adoption of Standards.

1. Uniform Construction Code. The Uniform Construction Code, contained in 34 Pa. Code, Chapters 401, 403 and 405, in effect as of the date of the adoption of this Part and as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the Uniform Construction Code of the Township of Conewago, save and except those portions of the Code as are hereinafter deleted, amended or added.
2. Referenced Codes. The Township, pursuant to the requirements of Section 501 (a) (1) of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, Act No. 45 of 1999, adopts and incorporates by reference the following codes as defined in 34 Pa. Code, Chapter 401, Section 401.1, as the Uniform Construction Code of the Township.
 - A. The provisions of Chapter 2-29 and 31-35 of the International Building Code.
 - B. The ICC Electrical Code.
 - C. The International Mechanical Code.
 - D. The International Fuel Gas Code.

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- E. The International Plumbing Code.
 - F. The International Residential Code.
 - G. The International Fire Code.
 - H. The International Energy Conservation Code.
 - I. Section AE501 - AE503 and AE601 - AE605 of Appendix E of the International Residential Code.
 - J. The International Existing Building Code.
 - K. The International Urban-Wildland Interface Code.
 - L. Appendix E of the International Building Code.
 - M. Appendix H of the International Building Code.
 - N. Appendix G of the International Residential Code.
3. Application. The provisions set forth in this Part and in the Uniform Construction Code adopted herein shall take effect July 8, 2004, and shall apply throughout the entire Township.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §III)

§104. Administration and Enforcement.

- 1. Election. Conewago Township hereby elects to administer and enforce the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, Act 45 of 1999, 35 P.S. §§ 7210.101 - 7210.1103, as amended from time to time, and its regulations.
- 2. Administration and Enforcement. Administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code within the Township shall initially be through a third-party agency. The Uniform Construction Code may be administered and enforced utilizing any of the following ways as determined by the Board of Supervisors of the Township:
 - A. Designation of an employee of the Township to serve as the Building Code Official to act on behalf of the Township.
 - B. Retention of one or more construction code officials or third-party agencies to act on behalf of the Township.

- C. Agreement with one or more other municipalities for the joint administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code through an inter-municipal agreement.
- D. Entering into a contract with another municipality for the administration and enforcement of this Part and the Act on behalf of the Township.
- E. Entering into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for plan review, inspections, and enforcement of structures other than one-family or two-family dwelling units and utility and miscellaneous use structures.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §IV)

§105. Existing Codes and Ordinances.

- 1. General. All relevant ordinances, regulations, and policies of the Township not governed by the Uniform Construction Code shall remain in full force and effect.
- 2. Codes Which Are Less Than the Minimum Requirements of the Code. All construction code ordinances or portions of ordinances which are in effect as of the effective date of this Part and whose requirements are less than the minimum requirements of the Uniform Construction Code are hereby amended to conform with the comparable provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §V)

§106. Revisions.

Following Sections Revised. The following codes are amended and/or supplemented as follows:

- A. International Building Code.
 - (1) Section 1612.3, insert: Township of Conewago.
 - (2) Section 3410.2, insert: Effective date of this Part.
- B. International Residential Code.
 - (1) Table 301.2(1), insert:
 - (a) Ground snow load = 25.
 - (b) Wind speed = 90.

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- (c) Seismic Design Category = B.
- (d) Weathering = Severe.
- (e) Frost Line Depth = 36 inches.
- (f) Termite = Slight to Moderate.
- (g) Decay = Slight to Moderate.
- (h) Winter Design Temperature = 0 degrees.
- (i) Ice Shield Underlayment Required = No.
- (j) Flood Hazards = National Flood Insurance Program, Flood Insurance Study, November 1976, Community No. 420395.
- (k) Air Freezing Index = 780 degree days.
- (l) Mean Annual Temperature = 52 degrees.
- (2) Section P2603.6.1, insert: 12 inches and 24 inches.
- (3) Section P3103.1, insert: 18 inches and 12 inches.
- C. International Plumbing Code.
 - (1) Section 904.1, insert: 24 inches.
- D. International Electrical Code.
 - (1) Section 404.2, insert: Per Resolution enacted by Conewago Township Board of Supervisors.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §VI)

§107. Permit Fees.

Permit fees assessable by the Township for the administration and enforcement undertaken pursuant to this Part and the Uniform Construction Code shall be established by the Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township by Resolution, as adopted and amended from time to time.¹

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §VII)

¹ Editor's Note: See the Fee Schedule in the front of this Code.

§108. Board of Appeals.

1. Board of Appeals. A Board of Appeals shall be established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township in conformity with the requirements of the relevant provisions of the Uniform Construction Code, as amended from time to time, and for the purposes set forth therein.²
2. Joint Board of Appeals. If at any time enforcement and administration is undertaken jointly with one or more other municipalities, said Board of Appeals shall be established by joint action of the participating municipalities.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §VIII)

§109. General Provisions.

1. Conflicting Provisions. The Uniform Construction Code herein adopted governs if there is a conflict between the Uniform Construction Code and the Conewago Township Code Enforcement Ordinance relating to administration and enforcement provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.
2. Validity. If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this Part is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Part.
3. Savings. This Part shall not repeal or in any way affect the following: the floodplain regulations adopted by Ordinance No. 1986-2 as set forth in Chapter 8 of the Conewago Township Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. 2004-1, 7/14/2004, §IX)

² Editor's Note: See Chapter 1, Part 7.