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§101. Adoption and Purpose. The Central Keystone Council of Governments Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC) as published by the Central Keystone COG, or subsequent editions as it may be amended, supplemented or changed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the CKCOG, is hereby adopted as the Maintenance Code for Property, Fire Safety & Buildings of Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures by providing the standards for supplies utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use; for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use; and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Central Keystone Council of Governments Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC) on file in the office of Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania, are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a 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.

§102. Insertions and Revisions. Central Keystone Council of Governments Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC), as published by the Central Keystone COG, is revised as follows:

- (1) Delete Section 104.2;
- (2) Delete Section 104.3;
- (3) Delete Section 104.4.1 and replace with: "Inspections shall be made at the direction of the Board of Supervisors of Buffalo Township.";
- (4) Section 104.7 is amended by adding the following: "The times within which corrective action shall be taken shall be established from time to time by the Board of Supervisors of Buffalo Township by resolution.";
- (5) Delete Section 106.3.3;
- (6) Amend Section 107.3 by adding "or" at the end of subsections 1, 2 and 3;

- (7) Section 112.2 is amended by adding “The stop work order shall be posted on the premises.”;
- (8) Section 302.4 is amended to change 10” (ten inches) to 8” (eight inches);
- (9) Chapter 7 is deleted;
- (10) Chapter 8 is deleted;
- (11) Chapter 9 is deleted.

§103. Fees. Buffalo Township does hereby adopt and maintain the fee schedule as established by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the CKCOG as amended from time to time. A copy of this fee schedule shall be retained by the CKCOG and shall be maintained as Appendix C of the CKCOG Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC).

§104. Penalties. Violations of this Part shall be enforced by an action brought before a District Judge in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Township Solicitor may assume charge of the prosecution without the consent of the District Attorney. The fine for a violation of this Part shall not exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. Such penalties for violation of any notice to cease violation or notice and order to correct shall begin to accrue on the first day such notice is served and shall cease on the day the violation is stopped or abated.

§105. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§106. Severability. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Part is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Part. Buffalo Township hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

§107. Applicability. That nothing in this Part or in the CKCOG Maintenance Code, Property, Fire Safety & Building (CMC), hereby adopted, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights required, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed by this Part, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Part.

§108. Effective Date. That this Part and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect August 10, 2019.

(Ordinance No. 19-1, adopted August 5, 2019)