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ORDINANCE 1-94

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING
THE STREET NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS WITHIN SAID
TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS
THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED and it is hereby ordained
and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors in and for the
Township of Middlesex, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as
follows:

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENTION AND PURPOSE. The Board of
Township Supervisors hereby declares its legislative intention
and the purpose of this Ordinance based upon the following
background, facts, intention and purpose. Because of rapid and
diverse growth, it is necessary to identify all existing and
future buildings within the Township of Middlesex by a central
numbering system in order to facilitate the direction of public
and emergency services to specific geographical locations. Since
health, welfare, safety and life itself may depend upon swift
response, it is necessary to have a system of building numbers
which are keyed and relate to a central directory. Therefore,
the owners of all buildings now in existence and hereafter
constructed in this Township are required to display a building
identification number as assigned by Township officials in
accordance with specifications which will make said numbers
visible and meaningful to the users thereof.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this

Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto, as follows:

"Building" - any structure used or intended to be used as a dwelling or place of business or industry, now in existence or hereafter constructed or erected.

"Building Number" - the identification number assigned to a Building in accordance herewith.

"Owner" - the owner of any Building, whether an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity, feminine or masculine, singular or plural.

"Township" - the Township of Middlesex.

"Township Secretary" - the Secretary in and for the Township as appointed from time to time by Township's Board of Township Supervisors.

SECTION 3: NUMBERING SYSTEM. The building identification system presently used by this Township shall be continued as the system for the determination and assignment of Building Numbers.

SECTION 4: EXISTING BUILDING NUMBERS. All existing Building Numbers shall continue until changed by written notice to be given in the same manner as set forth in Section 7. Existing Building Numbers shall be those (a) customarily and routinely used in the delivery of mail or other building identification purpose, or (b) previously assigned by this Township in the land subdivision process.

SECTION 5: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT. The Township Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all action required to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Said Secretary shall have the authority to delegate such authority to other employees of Township.

SECTION 6: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION MANDATORY; OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. Every Owner of every Building within this Township shall cause the same to be identified by a Building Number within forty-five (45) days from the effective date of this Ordinance or within the time contained in the notice by the Township Secretary pursuant to Section 7 hereinbelow. Any Owner who shall fail to comply with the provision of this Section 6 shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: NOTICE OF IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TO EXISTING BUILDING OWNERS. The Township Secretary shall send to the Owner of every existing Building to which an identification number has not been assigned, notice of said Building Number, directing that said number be affixed to the Building or otherwise established on the land of said Building in the manner prescribed by Section 9 of this Ordinance within thirty (30) calendar days after the mailing of such notice by regular first-class United States mail, postage paid, addressed to the Owner as determined by the real estate tax assessment records of the County of Cumberland applicable to Township. Said notice shall be in writing and shall contain a copy of this Ordinance. Any Owner who shall fail to comply with said notice within the stated time shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: NEW BUILDINGS. Whenever any Building shall hereafter be erected within the Township, a Building Number shall be assigned upon the issuance of a building permit as required under other applicable ordinances and regulations of this

Township. The Owner shall cause such Building Number to be displayed as required under Section 6 hereinabove upon commencement of any building activity, including excavation. Upon completion of construction, said Building Number shall be displayed permanently as required under Section 9 hereinbelow. The assignment of a Building Number in the permitting process shall constitute notice to the applicant of the need to comply with this Section 8 and no further notice shall be required to take enforcement action hereunder.

SECTION 9: SPECIFICATIONS OF BUILDING NUMBERS AND LOCATION.

Building Numbers assigned as aforesaid shall be affixed permanently or indelibly painted upon or carved upon the appropriate Building or upon a permanent standard, base or support between the Building and any street, road, lane or highway along or leading to the land occupied by said Building. Each such Building Number shall be of such size, color and material so as to be clearly visible and readable from the street, road, lane or highway along or leading to the land occupied by said Building. In interpreting the foregoing specifications, the type and location of said Building Number shall be clearly and readily visible and readable by emergency service personnel responding to any such Building by the most direct route.

SECTION 10: MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING NUMBERS. Each Owner of a Building shall be responsible for the constant maintenance of the Building Number in a complete and legible form in accordance

with the requirements of Section 9 aforesaid. Any Owner who shall fail to comply with this Section 10 shall be guilty of a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11: PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; DISPOSITION OF FINES.

Any Owner who or which shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and the costs of the action for each offense, or in default of payment of such fine, to undergo imprisonment at the Cumberland County Prison for a term of not more than thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues or exists shall constitute a separate offense. All fines collected for violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Township for the general use of the Township.

SECTION 12: CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION; SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is declared by any reason to be illegal, unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any other section, sub-section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word or remaining portion of the Ordinance. The Board of Township Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sub-

section, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, sub-sections, provisions, regulations, limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases or words may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 13: REPEALER. This Ordinance shall repeal any inconsistent Ordinances.

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment by the Board of Township Supervisors of Middlesex Township.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 6TH day of April A.D., 1994.

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX

By Robert M. Eppley
Chairman, Board of Township
Supervisors

ATTEST:

Gale Jensen
Township Secretary
(Township Seal)