

Chapter 76

FIRE PREVENTION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Langhorne Manor 5-12-1970. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Brush, grass and weeds — See Ch. 45.
Building construction — See Ch. 49.

Life safety standards — See Ch. 90.
Zoning — See Ch. 170.

§ 76-1. Adoption of code by reference. [Amended 8-13-1974 by Ord. No. 102]

There is hereby adopted by the Borough of Langhorne Manor for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the "Fire Prevention Code" recommended by the American Insurance Association, particularly the 1970 Edition thereof, with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein, except for such modifications or amendments as are hereinafter set forth; copies of the aforesaid Fire Prevention Code shall be on file in the Borough Municipal Building, Prospect and Hulmeville Avenues, Borough of Langhorne Manor, and may be examined at times of regular meetings of the Borough Council or upon appointment made with the Borough Secretary.

§ 76-2. Designation of enforcing officials.

- A. The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Fire Chief of the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company, who shall be elected annually by the members of said company as provided in its bylaws.
- B. The Fire Chief may detail such members of the fire company as inspectors as shall from time to time be necessary. The Fire Chief may also recommend to Borough Council the employment of a technical inspector if special circumstances require.

§ 76-3. Definitions.

As used in the Fire Prevention Code, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION — The Fire Chief of the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company.

CORPORATION COUNSEL — The Solicitor for the Borough of Langhorne Manor.

MUNICIPALITY — The Borough of Langhorne Manor.

§ 76-4. Limits of districts where certain storage prohibited. [Amended 8-13-1974 by Ord. No. 102]

The entire Borough of Langhorne Manor shall be included within the limits within which the storage of explosives and blasting agents (Section 12.5b), storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks (Section 16.22a), new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids (Section 16.61) and bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas (Section 21.6a) are prohibited or restricted.

§ 76-5. Modifications of code.

- A. Section 28.1, Subsections a through d, of the Fire Prevention Code, entitled “Bonfires and Outdoor Rubbish Fires” are excluded from this chapter and are not enacted.
- B. The Fire Chief shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon written application therefor by the owner or lessee, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety assured and substantial justice done. Such modification, if granted, shall be in writing and filed with the other papers in the case.

§ 76-6. Appeals.

Whenever the Fire Chief shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code has been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, or if the Fire Chief shall approve any application or grant any permit which any resident of the borough shall object to, the applicant or party objecting may appeal from the decision of the Fire Chief to Langhorne Manor Borough Council within sixty (60) days from the date of the decision appealed.

§ 76-7. New materials and processes.

Whenever new materials, processes or methods of construction shall be developed, the Fire Chief, upon application by an interested party, shall determine if the new material, process or method will provide the same or greater degree of safety from fire or explosion, and if so, shall allow the use of the new material, process or method.

§ 76-8. Violations and penalties. [Amended 8-13-1974 by Ord. No. 102]

Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.) or to imprisonment in the county

jail for a term of not more than thirty (30) days, or both. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.