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**PART 1**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§8-101. Intent.**

The intent of this Chapter is to:

- A. Promote the general health, welfare and safety of the community.
- B. Encourage the utilization of appropriate construction practices in order to prevent or minimize flood damage in the future.
- C. Minimize danger to public health by protecting water supply and natural drainage.
- D. Reduce financial burdens imposed on the community, its governmental units and its residents by preventing excessive development in areas subject to flooding.

(*Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §1.00*)

**§8-102. Applicability.**

- 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, business or corporation to undertake, or cause to be undertaken, any construction or development anywhere within the Township, unless a building permit has been obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer, or his designee as approved by the Board of Supervisors. [*Ord. A220*]
- 2. A building permit shall not be required for minor repairs to existing buildings or structures.

(*Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §1.01; as amended by Ord. A220, 9/10/2001*)

**§8-103. Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.**

This Chapter supersedes any other conflict provisions which may be in effect in identified floodplain areas. However, any other ordinance provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that those provisions are more restrictive.

(*Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §1.02*)

## FLOODPLAINS

### **§8-104. Warning and Disclaimer of Liability.**

1. The degree of flood protection sought by the provisions of this Chapter is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on acceptable engineering methods of study. Larger floods may occur. Flood heights may be increased by manmade or natural causes, such as ice jams and bridge openings restricted by debris. This Chapter does not imply that areas outside any identified floodplain area or that land uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages.
2. This Chapter shall not create liability on the part of the Township, or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this Chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

*(Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §1.04)*

**PART 2**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

**§8-201. Building Permits Required.**

Building permits shall be required before any construction or development is undertaken within any area of the Township.

(*Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §2.00*)

**§8-202. Issuance of Building Permit.**

1. The Code Enforcement Officer, or his designee as approved by the Board of Supervisors, shall issue a building permit only after it has been determined that the proposed work to be undertaken will be in conformance with the requirements of this Chapter and all other applicable codes and ordinances.
2. Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the Code Enforcement Officer, or his designee as approved by the Board of Supervisors, shall review the application for permit to determine if all other necessary governmental permits required by State and Federal laws have been obtained, such as those required by the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 1966-537, as amended); the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (Act 1978-325, as amended); the U.S. Clean Water Act, §404, 33 U.S.C. §1334; and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Act (Act 1937-394, as amended). No permit shall be issued until this determination has been made.
3. No encroachment, alteration or improvement of any kind shall be made to any watercourse until all adjacent municipalities which may be affected by such action have been notified by the Township and until all required permits or approvals have been first obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection. [*Ord. A220*]
4. In addition, the Federal Insurance Administration and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development shall be notified by the Township prior to any alteration or relocation of any watercourse.

(*Ord. 226, 4/12/1982, §2.01; as amended by Ord. A220, 9/10/2001*)

**§8-203. Application Procedures and Requirements.**

1. Application for such a building permit shall be made, in writing, to the Code Enforcement Officer, or his designee as approved by the Board of Supervisors, on forms supplied by the Township. Such application shall contain the following: [*Ord. A220*]