

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02**

**“NO ENTRY” STRUCTURE ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN PENN TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY PERMITTING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT THE TIME CONSTRAINTS OF THE PENN TOWNSHIP DANGEROUS STRUCTURE ORDINANCE 2015-06.**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF PENN TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS:** The ordinance shall be known as the NO ENTRY Ordinance of Penn Township, Cumberland County.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to ensure the health and safety of emergency responders conducting operations in Penn Township. This would permit immediate action to be taken without the time constraints of the Penn Township Dangerous Structure Ordinance 2015-06.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS:**

- a. **Unsafe Structure:** A structure that has been deemed to be unsafe to conduct interior operations by emergency personnel.
- b. **Unsafe Conditions:** Examples of conditions that would cause this action are, but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Excessive fire load.
  - 2. Excessive clutter and restricted pathways in the structure.
  - 3. Blocked exit ways and doors.
  - 4. Booby-traps by owners.
  - 5. Unsafe floors or stairways.
  - 6. Structural deficiency or collapse hazards.
  - 7. Building adapted by closing normal doorways or stairways for multiple occupancy.

**SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT:** The provision of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Penn Township Zoning Officer, or any public officer sworn to uphold and enforce the law of the Township.

- a. Upon determination of the structure meeting the requirements of this ordinance the owner of the property shall be given written notice by Certified Mail, in person or by posting on the property. This notice will contain the reasons for this determination. Owner will be informed that emergency responders will be

notified upon 911 dispatch that they are not to enter the structure due to safety considerations. This may result in exterior firefighting operations only.

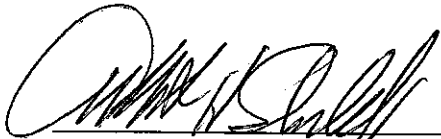
- b. **“NO ENTRY UNSAFE STRUCTURE”** sign will be posted on the most likely door to be used by emergency responders.
- c. Cumberland County 911 Center will be notified to place that address in the Computer Aided Dispatch System. If a 911 call is received for that address the emergency responders will be informed by dispatch of the status of that location.
- d. Removal of the posted sign shall be considered a violation. Each day the sign is not present shall consist of a separate violation. The violation(s) will be handled by the Alternate Dispute Resolution Ordinance 2016-03.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Pennsylvania in public session duly assembled.

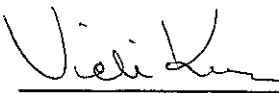
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**GARY MARTIN, Chairman**

  
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**KENNETH SHEAFFER, Vice Chairman**

  
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**ALBERT SHULLER, Supervisor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**VICKI KNEPP, Secretary**