

Adopted March 2, 1956

ORDINANCE NO. 1---1956

AN ORDINANCE

Prohibiting the construction, erection or alteration of any building, or the erection of any fence or single wall, in any subdivision or area plotted and devoted to human habitation and dwelling house uses, or within five hundred feet thereof, excluding areas devoted principally to agricultural purposes, in Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, without first obtaining a building permit from the Supervisors of said Shenango Township for such construction, erection or alteration; requiring that plans and/or sketches be submitted; establishing building lines; and prescribing penalties for the violation of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, in order to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare, it is necessary that the Supervisors of Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, regulate and govern the construction, erection and alteration of all buildings and other structures, in the several subdivisions and in areas plotted and devoted to human habitation and dwelling house uses, or within five hundred feet thereof, excluding areas devoted principally to agricultural purposes, in said Shenango Township.

SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF SHENANGO TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That no person shall cause or permit any building to be constructed, erected or altered, or any fence or single wall to be erected, upon any land that he may own, possess or control, in any subdivision or in any area plotted and devoted to human habitation and dwelling house uses, or within five hundred feet thereof, excluding areas devoted principally to agricultural purposes, in Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, without first having obtained a written permit therefor from the Supervisors of Shenango Township, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. Such permit shall be issued by the Chairman in behalf of the Board of Supervisors upon the filing of an application with the Board on a form provided by

the Board, submission of plans and/or sketch, and furnishing of evidence of intended compliance with the requirements of laws, ordinances, regulations and restrictions affecting building construction, and land use, including sanitation, lighting, ventilation, water supply, toilet facilities and drainage. Upon application for a building permit for the construction, erection or alteration of any building, the applicant shall pay a fee of Five (\$5.00) Dollars to the Township of Shenango.

SECTION 2. A minimum building line of fifty (50) feet shall be required on all lots in new subdivisions that may be developed after the enactment of this ordinance; said building line to be established from the required minimum right-of-way or side line of the road, street or way in question. There also shall be required in such subdivisions a minimum ten (10) foot building line for side and rear yards for all buildings except garages for which a minimum five (5) foot building line shall be required.

SECTION 3. Upon completion of the work of construction, erection or alteration under a permit granted as aforesaid, the holder of such permit shall report such completion to the Chairman of the Board of Township Supervisors. After completion or at any time during the course of the work for which the permit shall have been granted, the Chairman of the Board may cause an inspection thereof to be made. If there is evidence that any requirement of law, ordinance regulation or restriction has not been complied with, he shall report such fact to the Board of Township Supervisors who shall institute such action as is authorized by law or ordinance, or otherwise enforce compliance with law, ordinance, regulation or restriction as the case may be. The fact of completion of such work shall be noted upon the original application for the permit, which shall be kept on file for public inspection.

SECTION 4. If any work authorized by any permit issued under this ordinance shall not have been commenced within six (6) months after the issuance of such permit, the Chairman of the Board of Township Supervisors shall require the permit holder to relinquish such unused permit which thereupon shall become invalid. Under such conditions neither the permit fee nor any part thereof shall be returned to such permit holder; and, if at any future time such permit holder shall make application for another permit for the same work, he shall follow the same procedure and pay the required fee in like manner as if no permit had been issued previously.

SECTION 5. The word "person" as used in this ordinance shall mean any natural person or persons, association, partnership, firm or corporation.

SECTION 6. The word "alteration" as used in this ordinance shall mean an exterior alteration to the buildings or structure in question or such change thereof as shall alter the nature or use of the building in a substantial way.

SECTION 7. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction as provided by law, be sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each offense, and upon failure to pay the same, to undergo imprisonment in the Lawrence County Prison for a term of not more than thirty (30) days.

Miles Baker, Chairman
Richard Kalajainen,
David Baldwin,
Supervisors of Shenango
Township, Lawrence County,
Pennsylvania

Mrs. Eva Shaffer, Secretary

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