

**NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. -2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH COVENTRY, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 141 CODE ENFORCEMENT, SECTION 141-1, "APPLICATION," CHAPTER 181 FIRE PREVENTION, SECTION 181-1, "MODIFICATIONS TO 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE,;" AND CHAPTER 270 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, SECTIONS 270-1, "ADOPTION OF STANDARDS," AND 270-2, "REVISIONS AND INSERTIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH COVENTRY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of North Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 141-1. Section 141-1 of the Code of the Township of North Coventry, entitled "Application," shall be amended as follows:

- A. Applicable codes. The term "applicable codes" and the enforcement thereof as referred to in this as well as other sections of this chapter shall apply to those codes which are listed below as follows:
- (1) The Uniform Construction Code, as identified in and adopted by Ordinance Section § 150-2 and 34 Pa. Code Chapters 401-405.
 - (2) 2021 International Property Maintenance Code with Appendix A.
 - (3) 2021 International Fire Code with Appendix B, C and D.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 181-1. Section 181-1 of the Code of the Township of North Coventry, entitled "Modifications to 2015 International Fire Code" shall be amended as follows:

§ 181-1 Modifications to 2021 International Fire Code.

A. Deletions. The following sections of IFC are deleted in their entirety:

- (1) Sections 5601.1.3 through and including Section 5601.7 (Fireworks).
- (2) Sections 307.1 through and including 307.5 (Open burning).

B. Amendments. The following sections of the IFC 2021 are hereby amended as follows:

(1) **Section 103.2 Appointment.** The appointed Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal are hereby established as the authorized representatives of the North Coventry Township Police Department and/or North Coventry Township Code Enforcement Office as the duly authorized representatives to enforce the provisions of this Code. The designated enforcement officer of this Code is hereafter referred to as the "Code Official." The Code as hereby adopted shall also be enforced by the North Coventry Township Police who shall be authorized to issue parking tickets and/or summons in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to enforce Fire Code regulations established under the Code. Further, the authorized enforcement agents herein shall have the authority to tow vehicles away at the expense of the owners of such vehicles if said vehicles are parked in violation of fire lane restrictions duly established in accordance with this chapter.

C. Delete Section 103.3 Duties.

D. Additions. The following section is added to the IFC2021:

(1) **Section 912.1.1 Stortz fire department connections.** The fire department connection(s) shall be five-inch Stortz-type connector(s) compatible with the hose couplings currently used by the Norco Fire Company.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 270-1. Section 270-1 of the Code of the Township of North Coventry, entitled "Adoption of standards", shall be amended as follows:

§ 270-1. Adoption of standards.

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors of North Coventry Township, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of North Coventry, in the State of Pennsylvania for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures; by providing the standard for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the Township of North Coventry are hereby referred to, adopted and made part thereof, as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 270-2 of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Section 270-2. Section 270-2 of the Code of the Township of North Coventry, entitled "Revisions and insertions" shall be amended as follows:

The following sections are hereby revised:

- § 101.1. Insert: North Coventry Township
- § 103.5. Insert: The fees for activities and services performed by the Township in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- § 104.1. Insert: March to October
- § 602.3. Insert: October to April
- § 602.4. Insert: October to April.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. This Ordinance is severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired.

SECTION 6. APPLICABILITY. This Ordinance repeals any prior ordinance or portion thereof to the extent that such prior ordinance or portion thereof is inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its enactment as provided by law.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of North Coventry in lawful session duly assembled.

**NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

By: _____
Bill Soumis, Chair

By: _____
Richard Scheler, Vice-Chair

By: _____
Carrie Hipple, Member

By: _____
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ATTEST:

Erica L. Batdorf, Township Manager/Secretary