

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1803-22

SESSION OF 2022

Approved on first reading
This day 28th of April, 2022

Members of City Council:
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MACKEY, PULIZZI, BEITER

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This day 12th of MAY, 2022

AN ORDINANCE

6437

ARTICLE 1713

International Property Maintenance Code

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| 1713.01 Adoption and Purpose; File Copies. | 1713.02 Revisions. |
| 1713.03 Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. | 1713.04 Severability. |
| 1713.05 Publication. | 1713.06 Effective Date. |

1713.01 ADOPTION.

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk and the Bureau of Codes, being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code 2015 as published by the International Code Council, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Williamsport, in the state of Pennsylvania; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Article, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 1713.02 of this Article. A copy of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code will be kept on file with the Williamsport Bureau of Codes.

1713.02 REVISIONS.

The following sections are hereby added or revised:

Section 101.1 Title, Insert: the City of Williamsport

Section 103.5 Fee, Insert: none at this time

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Section 106.4 Insert: Violation penalties - Any person, firm or corporation, who shall violate any provision of this Code shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$200, nor more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

Insert: Section 202 General Definitions

Crosswalk: That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway, measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway, and in the absence of a sidewalk on one side of the roadway, that part of a roadway included within the extension of the lateral lines of the existing sidewalk. The owner shall also be required to open a pedestrian passageway from the sidewalk to the traveled portion of the street at some point on his or her property.

Footways: That portion of the highway paved or set apart for public travel.

Areaways: That portion of the between the property line and the curb line, where curbs are set and where no curb is set, between the property line and the point of location of the curb when the same is set.

Insert: Section 302.4 Weeds, Insert: 10 inches

Insert: Section 302.10 Snow and Ice removal

The owner of any building and or vacant lot fronting on any street, lane or alley where there is a sidewalk (including *crosswalk*) of such premises shall, within twenty four hours after that snow fall, shall have it removed.

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Insert: Section 302.11 Location of Removed Snow

Removed snow from any parking lot, sidewalk or driveway and pile so as to block or impair the vision of an intersection, fire Hydrant, storm grate or inlet.

Insert: Section 302.12 Fire Hydrant and Storm inlets

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or responsible agent to remove and kept the Fire Hydrant and storm inlets accessible.

Insert: Section 302.13 Obstructions Prohibited

No person shall place, cause to be placed or knowingly allow to be placed or remain upon the footways of any of the highways of the City, nor upon the areaways of any of such highways any box, crate, stone, plank, board, goods, wares or merchandise or any other substance or material.

Insert: Section 302.14 Debris on Streets

No person shall throw or place, or caused to be thrown or placed any ashes, garbage, kitchen offal, grass, leaves, tree limbs, yard waste or other offensive or noisome matter in any of the streets, lanes, or alleys.

Section 304.14 Insect Screens, Insert: May 1 to September 30

Section 307 - Handrails and Guardrails, shall be removed and read as follows:

Insert: Section 307.1 Handrails

Handrails are required on one side of the steps with (4) or more risers. The height shall be not less than 34" and not more than 38".

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Insert: Section 307.2 Grips size:

Handrails with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of at least 1 ¼" (32 mm) and not greater than 2" (51 mm). If the handrail is not circular, it shall have a perimeter dimension of at least 4" (102mm) and not greater than 6 ¼" (160 mm) with a maximum cross section of dimension of 2 ¼" (57 mm). Edges shall have a minimum radius of 0.01" (0.25 mm).

Insert: Section 307.3 Guards:

Guardrails are required on walking surfaces, including stairs, ramps, and landings that are located more than 30" above grade, height shall not be less than 36" and openings between guards shall not allow the passage of a sphere 4 in diameter.

[Ord. 6143]

Insert: Section 308.4-Container Size

Trash containers shall be of adequate size to provide enough space for all material being disposed of during the trash collection cycle.

[Ord. 6143]

Insert: Section 308.5-Container Locations

Trash containers shall be placed on the property so as not to create a nuisance to the neighboring properties.

[Ord. 6143]

Insert: Section 308.5.1-Front Property

Trash containers shall not be placed in the front property area which is defined as the area from the front of the structure to the curb/street.

Exception: Containers may be placed in the front property area on the night before the day of trash pick-up and must be removed within 24 hours.

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[Ord. 6143]

Insert: Section 308.6 Screened Containers

When a dumpster is used to contain garbage it must be screened in a manner so as not to be visible to the neighboring properties. Screening is defined as: trees, shrubs, bushes or fencing with a minimum height of 6'-0".

Dumpster Definition: For the purpose of this section a dumpster shall be defined as a container or container(s) which holds in excess of 250 gallons or more than (4) 90 gallon containers.

[Ord. 6143]

Insert: Section 310 - Rooming House

No person shall operate a rooming house unless he holds a valid rooming house permit issued by the Health Officer or his designee in the name of the operator and for the specific dwelling or dwelling unit. The operator shall apply to the Health Officer upon compliance by the operator with the applicable provisions of this article and of any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and payment of the applicable fee hereinafter set out. This permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous place within the rooming house at all times. No such permit shall be transferable. Every person holding such a permit shall give notice in writing to the Health Officer within 24 hours after having sold, transferred, given away or otherwise disposed of ownership of, interest in or control of any rooming house. Such notice shall include the name and address of the person succeeding to the ownership or control of such rooming house. Every rooming house permit shall expire at the end of one year following its date of issuance, unless sooner suspended or revoked as hereinafter provided, and upon expiration thereof a renewal permit shall be required. The applicant for a permit or renewal permit shall pay a fee as specified in Article 117 of the Codified Ordinances.

Any person whose application for a permit to operate a rooming house has been denied may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Board of Health under the procedure provided by this article.

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Any person whose permit to operate a rooming house has been suspended, or who has received notice from the Health Officer that his permit is to be suspended unless existing conditions or practices at his rooming house are corrected, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Board of Health, under the procedure provided by this article, provided that if no petition for such hearing is filed within 10 days following the day on which such permit was suspended, such permit shall be deemed to have been automatically revoked.

Insert: Section 310.1 - Prohibited Furniture

Interior type furniture, which would be adversely affected by the elements and/or susceptible to infestation by insects, rats or other vermin, is prohibited from being placed outside a structure. Such prohibited furniture shall include, but is not limited to, upholstered couches and chairs, automobile seats or other fabric-covered articles not designed or intended for exterior use.

Insert: Section 310.2 - Removal of Prohibited Furniture

When the Codes Office determines that prohibited furniture is located in an exterior property area, they shall cause the owner, or responsible person, to be notified in accordance with the International Property Maintenance Code. If the prohibited furniture is not removed within the time set forth in such notice, the owner or responsible person shall be subject to the penalties provided for by law.

Insert: Section 311.2 - Effect of Designation

Any notice or communication and any initial or subsequent process or pleading necessary or deemed to be appropriate by the Bureau of Codes to be given, made or served upon an owner or operator who has designated a responsible agent may be given, made or served upon the responsible agent for such party until the Bureau of Codes receives a written revocation or change of such designation signed and dated by the owner or operator. The revocation or change shall be effective upon receipt by the Bureau of Codes.

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Section 602.3 Heat Supply, Insert: September 15 to May 15

Section 602.4 Occupiable Work Space, Insert: September 15 to May 15

(Ord. 5947 §2. Approved 4-29-04; Ord. 6143. Approved 9-17-2009. 1)

The following Articles would be deleted and removed with the above additions to the International Property Maintenance Code

Delete Article 733 Snow and Ice Removal to be removed in its entirety.

Delete Article 725 Safety to be removed in its entirety.

Delete Article 717 Nuisances to be removed in its entirety.

Delete Article 737 Streets and Sidewalks

Delete Article 1153 Weeds and Grass

1713.03 INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES REPEALED.

Ordinance Number 5947 of the City of Williamsport entitled International Property Maintenance Code and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

1713.04 SEVERABILITY.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City of Williamsport hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

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Nothing in this Article or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 1741.03 of this Article; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Article.

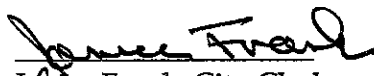
1713.05 PUBLICATION.

The appropriate City officials are hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published as required by law.


EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final adoption by Williamsport City Council.

ATTEST:


Janice Frank, City Clerk:


Adam Yoder
President, Williamsport City Council


Derek Slaughter
Mayor, City of Williamsport