

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-31**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; CONSOLIDATING, REVISING, AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES; ENACTING CERTAIN NEW PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CODE AND FOR THE CITATION OF THE CODE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE; SAVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FROM REPEAL; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

The Board of Supervisors hereby ordains:

**Section 1. Adoption.**

The "Code of Ordinances, Township of Oxford," as prepared and published for the said Township of Oxford, is hereby adopted as a consolidation, codification and revision of the ordinances of the Township of Oxford. Chapters 1 through 27 thereof contain the text of the body of all general administrative and regulatory ordinances of the Township of Oxford organized as follows:

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**Section 2. Citation and Effective Date.**

The codification referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be known and cited officially as the "Township of Oxford Code of Ordinances," and all future ordinances shall make reference thereto. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication of notice of final enactment as required by law.

**Section 3. Saving Clause.**

The provisions of the Township of Oxford Code of Ordinances, so far as they are the same as those ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the adoption of said Code, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as a new enactment. The provisions of the Township of Oxford Code of Ordinances shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of the prior ordinances or regulations.

**Section 4. Consolidation and Revision.**

As a necessary part of codification, the following provisions are hereby consolidated and revised as indicated:

- A. Consolidations

Chapter, Part, Section	Subject	Ordinance No.
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B. Revisions

<b>Chapter,Part,Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
18, 1, §§18-101-18-162	Sewer System Connections	71

**Section 5. New Enactments, Amendments and Repeals.**

As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted, amended and repealed as summarized by short title:

A. New Enactments

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1, 1, 1-701	Planning Commission

B. Amendments

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
1, 3, 1-302	Definitions	1/3/1994C, §103
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1, 1, 1-401	Inspectors or Inspectors to be Ap- pointed; Duties	16
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11, 1, 11-106	Duties of the Oxford Township Secretary	50, §6
13, 1, 13-106	License Fee	18, §6
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14, 1, 14-102	Definitions	27, §2
14, 1, 14-104	Fees	27, §4

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
14, 1, 14-106	Environmental, Open Space and Access Requirements	27, §6
14, 1, 14-107	Water Supply and Distribution System	27, §7
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15, 2, 15-201	Maximum Speed Limits Established on Certain Streets	71; 2-1992, §1; 1/3/1994A, §A; 11/1/1994, §A; 12/-/1999A, §1
15, 2, 15-202	Maximum Speed Limits Established on Certain Bridges and Elevated Structures	71
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15, 2, 15-213	Stop Intersections Established	71; 3-1992, §1; 4-1992, §1; 1/3/1994A, §B; 11/1/1994, §B; 2000-9, §§1-3; 200-27, §1
15, 2, 15-214	Yield Intersections Established	71
15, 2, 15-215	Penalties	71
15, 3, 15-301	Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets and Bridges	71
15, 3, 15-302	Restrictions on Size of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Bridges	71

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
15, 3, 15-303	Restrictions as to Weight and Size of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Bridges	71
15, 3, 15-304	Truck Traffic Restricted on Certain Streets	71; 12/5/1995, §A, 4/2/1996

C. Repeals

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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**Section 6. Adoption of Standard Codes by Reference.**

As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted by reference as standard codes summarized by short title:

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
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**Section 7. Land Use Amendments.**

The Township of Oxford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as is more fully shown in the complete text of Chapters 22 and 27 thereof which is attached hereto and made part hereof by reference hereto as if fully set out at length herein, with deletions shown by strike-through and additions shown by underline, all of which is briefly summarized hereinafter.

A. New Provisions.

The following provisions are new provisions which are being added to the Code, are underlined throughout the text, and are summarized as follows:

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<u>22, 3, 22-304(D)</u>	<u>Fire Protection Standards</u>

B. Revised Provisions. The following provisions of the Code are revised, the text of which indicates deletions by strike-through and additions by underline, and are summarized as follows:

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
22, 3, 22-301	Pre-application Procedures	36, §301
22, 3, 22-303	Preliminary Plan Procedures	36, §303; 71
22, 3, 22-304	Preliminary Plan Requirements	36, §304; 71

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
22, 3, 22-305	Final Plan Procedures	36, §305; 54; 71
22, 3, 22-306	Final Plan Requirements	36, §306; 54; 71
22, 3, 22-308	Additions to Existing Lots	36, §308
22, 4, 22-402	General Site Standards	36, §402
22, 4, 22-407	Lots	36, §407; 61; 8/7/1990, §1; 5/6/1997, §2; 10/19/1999, §2; 2001-15, §2, 2001-19, §1
22, 5, 22-505	Sewer and Water Supply Systems	36, §505
22, 5, 22-507	Storm Drainage	36, §507; 10/19/1999, §3
22, 5, 22-508	Erosion and Sedimentation	36, §508
22, 6, 22-605	Fee Schedule	36, §605

- C. Repealed Provisions. The following provisions of the Code are repealed, the text of which indicates deletions by strike-through, and are as follows:

<b>Chapter, Part, Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ordinance No.</b>
None		

### **Section 8. Procedural Changes.**

The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Township of Oxford ordinances:

- A. Grammatical and spelling errors have been corrected where necessary;
- B. Minor changes have been made to correct obsolete terms and usages;
- C. The penalty provisions have been revised where necessary to comply with the Pennsylvania Township Code, Vehicle Code, Municipalities Planning Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act.

### **Section 9. Amending the Code of Ordinances.**

The procedure for amending the Code of Ordinances shall include the citation of the Chapter, Part, Section and subsection to be amended, revised, repealed or added as follows:

- A. Amendment or Revision – "Chapter \_\_\_\_, Part \_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_, Sub-section \_\_\_\_ is hereby amended [revised] to read as follows . . ."
- B. Additions – "Chapter \_\_\_\_, Part \_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_\_, is hereby amended by the addition of the following . . ."

- C. Repeal – "Chapter \_\_\_\_, Part \_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_\_ is hereby repealed in its entirety."

**Section 10. Responsibility for Code of Ordinances.**

It shall be the responsibility of the Township of Oxford Secretary to maintain an up-to-date certified copy of the Code of Ordinances. This copy shall be the official copy of the Township of Oxford Code of Ordinances and shall be available for public inspection.

**Section 11. Penalties.**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to change, alter or tamper with the Code of Ordinances in any manner which will intentionally misrepresent the laws of the Township of Oxford. Whosoever shall violate this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600 and costs or, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days.

**Section 12. Severability of Parts of Codification.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Supervisors that the Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this codification are severable. If any Section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this codification.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of  
October, 2003

Township of Oxford

By: /s/ Donald Poist  
Township Manager

ATTEST:

/s/ Beverly A. Shriver  
Secretary