

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 226

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF FIRE MARSHALL AND SETTING FORTH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED THERETO:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Enacted and Ordained by the Township of Ohio, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follow:

1. This Article shall be known and titled as the "Fire Prevention Ordinance of the Township of Ohio."

2. The Board of Supervisors of Ohio Township hereby adopt in its entirety, with the exception of the sections herein set forth, the standards, rules and regulations in the Building Officials and Code Administrators basic Fire Prevention Code and also subsequent provisions and amendments thereto. A complete set of said Code and copies shall be on file at the Ohio Township Municipal Offices at all times hereafter.

3. The Fire Marshall and any and all Deputy Fire Marshalls shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Ohio Township for a one year term, said term to run concurrently with the regular reorganization meeting of the Township of Ohio as set forth in the Second Class Township Code. Such appointments shall be made with the recommendation of the fire chief and the consent of the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Ohio Township.

4. The minimum requirements for said office and the duties assigned thereto are as follows:

a. The Fire Marshall and his or her Deputies must have at least five (5) years active service as members of a fire department and shall have adequate training and schooling in the area of fire prevention.

b. Insofar as possible, the Fire Marshall or his or her Deputies appointed by the Township of Ohio must attend every fire. At that time, they shall aid in protecting the property from damage and pillage, being authorized to call upon any peace officer for assistance. They must also attempt to find the cause of the fire, the amount of loss, the names of all owners and amounts and insurance carried. They shall keep a record, open to the public, of all fires in the Township and of all their investigations of fires and make an annual report to the Board of Supervisors of Ohio Township of their activities as Fire Marshall. The Fire Marshall shall report any fire that causes structural damage to any structure within the Township of Ohio to the Building Inspector within 24 hours after said fire. They shall have the right to inspect any building in the Township of Ohio and order the owner or tenant to make repairs, alterations, or removals, or to take any other necessary steps to eliminate fire hazards. Before making said inspection, the Fire Marshall or his Deputy shall, upon receiving a written request from the owner or tenant, or upon probable cause, give written notice to any building owner or tenant of his or her intention to inspect said building at least 72 hours from the time of the receipt of the written notice by the owner or

the tenant from the Fire Marshall or his or her Deputies. The removal of any fire hazard by order of the Fire Marshall or his Deputy shall be at the expense of the property owner. Nothing herein shall prevent the Fire Marshall or his or her deputies from conducting annual inspections, with notice, of commercial and/or residential properties within the Township.

c. The Fire Marshall or his or her deputies shall not have the power or authority to direct, take charge, dispatch equipment and manpower, or issue orders at the scene of any emergency, fire or disaster, in the Township of Ohio. These duties shall be performed by the Fire Chief or his designated agents.

d. The Fire Marshall or his or her Deputy shall prescribe and issue all forms necessary for the administration of this Article and may adopt and enforce regulations relating to any matter pertaining to the administration of this Article subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Ohio on this 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF OHIO:

John R. Sullivan Jr

BY:

George Sullivan
Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors