

ORDINANCE NO. 452 OF 1996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BENTLEYVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING STANDARD GOVERNING FACILITIES AND OTHER DWELLINGS AND CONDITIONS DESIGNATED TO NEW DWELLINGS AS SAFE, SANITARY AND FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION; FIXING CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OWNERS, OPERATORS AND OCCUPANTS OF DWELLINGS, DWELLING UNITS, ROOMING HOUSES AND ROOMING UNITS; AUTHORIZING THE INSPECTION OF DWELLINGS AND THE VACATING OR REMOVAL OF DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL, REPAIR OR DEMOLITION OF ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE, WHICH IS OR THREATENS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, DANGEROUS TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE OR MORALS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREFORE, it is now deemed necessary for the promotion of the health, cleanliness, comfort and safety of the citizens of the Borough of Bentleyville.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon it, the Borough Council of Bentleyville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN the following:

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH OF BENTLEYVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME AS FOLLOWS:

PART I - GENERAL

Section 1 - Title: This Ordinance shall be known as the Existing Structures Ordinance of Bentleyville Borough, hereinafter referred to as the existing structures ordinance of this "Ordinance".

Section 2 - Scope: This Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare in all existing structures, residential and nonresidential, and on all existing premises as hereinafter provided, by:

1. Establishing minimum maintenance standards for all structures and premises for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space heating and sanitation; for safety from fire; for space, use and location; and for all safe and sanitary maintenance of all structures and premises now in existence;
2. Establishing minimum requirements for all existing buildings and structures for means of egress, fire protection systems and other equipment and devices necessary for life safety from fire;