

ORDINANCE 2007-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 95-2, AMEND AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS OF THE BOROUGH WHICH ARE PRONE TO FLOODING. TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, FLOODPLAIN PROVISION, SECTION 4.00 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, THE ADDITION OF SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES AND STORAGE TANKS, ARTICLE V, SPECIAL PERMITS AND VARIANCES, AND ARTICLE VI EXISTING STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, Hop Bottom Borough consists of .6 square miles and has no open areas available for development or construction.

WHEREAS, the following provisions are made to protect existing property and set forth regulations for repairs/re-construction to existing structures identified within the floodplain, special permitting and variance requirements, and prohibiting new development within the designated flood prone areas of the borough.

ARTICLE IV TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 4.00 General

- A. In the identified floodplain area, the development and/or use of any land shall be permitted provided that the development and/or use complies with the restrictions and requirements of this and all other applicable codes and ordinances in force in the municipality.
- B. Within any floodway area, no new construction or development shall be permitted that would cause any increase in the one hundred (100) year flood elevation.
- C. Within any AE Area/District, no new construction or development shall be allowed unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the elevation of the one hundred (100) year flood more than one (1) foot at any point.
- D. Within any identified floodplain area, no new construction or development shall be located within the area measured fifty (50) feet landward from the top-of-bank of any watercourse.
- E. Within any identified floodplain area, repairs to existing structures, including the placement of mobile homes on individual lots or in an existing mobile home park shall follow the elevation standards set forth herein.

Section 4.01 Uniform Construction Code Coordination

The Standards and Specifications contained 34 PA Code (Chapters 401-405), as amended and not limited to the following provisions shall apply to the above and other sections and sub-sections of this ordinance, to the extent that they are more restrictive and/or supplement the requirements of this ordinance.

International Building Code (IBC) 2006 or the latest edition thereof:
Secs. 801, 1202, 1403, 1603, 1605, 1612, 3402, and Appendix G.

Section 4.04 Special Requirements for Manufactured Homes

A. Within any identified floodplain area, all manufactured homes and any additions thereto shall be prohibited within the area measured fifty (50) feet landward from the top-of-bank of any watercourse.

B. Where permitted within any identified floodplain area, all manufactured homes, and any improvements thereto, either on an individual lot or located within and existing mobile home park shall be:

1. placed on a permanent foundation.
2. elevated so that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is one and one half (1 ½) feet or more above the elevation of the one hundred (100) year flood.
3. anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement.
4. Installation of manufactured homes shall be done in accordance with the manufacturers' installation instructions as provided by the manufacturer. Where the applicant cannot provide the above information, the requirements of Appendix G of the 2006 International Building Code or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Permanent Foundations for Manufactured Housing, 1984 Edition, draft or latest revision thereto shall apply and 34 PA Code Chapter 401-405.
5. Consideration shall be given to the installation requirements of the 2003 IBC (Appendix G, Sec. 501.1-3), or the most recent revisions thereto and 34 PA Code Chapter 401-405, as amended where appropriate and/or applicable to units where the manufacturers' standards for anchoring cannot be provided or were not established for the units(s) proposed installation.

Section 4.05 Special requirements for storage tanks.

1. Underground tanks: Underground tanks in the flood hazard areas shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement resulting from

hydrostatic loads, including effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood.

2. Above-ground tanks: Above ground tanks in the flood hazard areas shall be elevated to or above the design flood elevation or shall be anchored or otherwise designed and constructed to prevent floatation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood.
3. Tank inlets and vents: in flood hazard areas, tank inlets, fill openings, outlets and vents shall be:
 - a. At or above the design flood elevation or fitted with covers designed to prevent the inflow of floodwater or outflow of the contents of the tanks during conditions of the design flood.
 - b. Anchored to prevent lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic or hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during the conditions of the design flood.

ARTICLE V ACTIVITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL PERMITS

Section 5.00 General

In accordance with the administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Community and Economic Development to implement the Pennsylvania Flood Plain Management Act, the following activities shall be prohibited within any identified floodplain area unless a Special Permit has been issued by the Borough:

A. The commencement of any of the following activities; or the construction, enlargement, or expansion of any structure used, or intended to be used, for any of the following activities:

1. hospitals
2. nursing homes
3. jails or prisons

B. The commencement of, or any construction of, a new manufactured home park or manufactured home subdivision, or substantial additions/improvements to an existing manufactured home park or manufactured home subdivision.

C. The commencement of construction/repair of an existing structure where substantial damage occurred due to man-made disasters, such as fire or accidents.

Section 5.01 Application Requirements for Special Permits

Applicants for Special Permits shall provide five copies of the following items:

A. A written request including a completed Building Permit Application Form.

B. A small scale map showing the vicinity in which the proposed site is located.

C. A plan of the entire site, clearly and legibly drawn at a scale of one (1) inch being equal to one hundred (100) feet or less, showing the following:

1. north arrow, scale and date;
2. topography based upon the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, showing existing and proposed contours at intervals of two (2) feet;
3. all property and lot lines including dimensions, and the size of the site expressed in acres or square feet;
4. the location of all existing streets, drives, other accessways, and parking areas, with information concerning widths, pavement types and construction, and elevations;
5. the location of any existing bodies of water or watercourses, buildings, structures and other public or private facilities, including railroad tracks and facilities, and any other natural and man made features affecting, or affected by the proposed activity or development;
6. the location of the floodplain boundary line, information and spot elevations concerning the one hundred (100) year flood elevations, and information concerning the flow of water including direction and velocities;
7. the location of all proposed buildings, structures, utilities, and any other improvements; and
8. any other information which the municipality considers necessary for adequate review of the application.

D. Plans of all proposed buildings, structures and other improvements, clearly and legibly drawn at suitable scale showing the following:

1. sufficiently detailed architectural or engineering drawings, including floor plans, sections, and exterior building elevations, as appropriate;
2. for any proposed building, the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) and, as required, the elevation of any other floor;
3. complete information concerning flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces, and other factors associated with the one hundred (100) year flood;
4. detailed information concerning any proposed floodproofing measures;

9. an evacuation plan which fully explains the manner in which the site will be safely evacuated before or during the course of a one hundred (100) year flood.

Section 5.02 Application Review Procedures

Upon receipt of an application for a Special Permit by the Borough the following procedures shall apply in addition to those of Article II:

A. Within three (3) working days following receipt of the application, a complete copy of the application and all accompanying documentation shall be forwarded to the County Planning Commission by registered or certified mail for its review and recommendations. Copies of the application shall also be forwarded to the Borough Planning Commission and Borough Engineer for review and comment.

B. If an application is received that is incomplete, the Borough shall notify the applicant in writing, stating in what respect the application is deficient.

C. If the Borough decides to disapprove an application, it shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the reasons for the disapproval.

D. If Borough approves an application, it shall file written notification, together with the application and all pertinent information, with the Department of Community and Economic Development, by registered or certified mail, within five (5) working days after the date of approval.

E. Before issuing the Special Permit, the Borough shall allow the Department of Community and Economic Development thirty (30) days, after receipt of the notification by the Department, to review the application and decision made the Borough

F. If the Borough does not receive any communication from the Department of Community and Economic Development during the thirty (30) day review period, it may issue a Special Permit to the applicant.

G. If the Department of Community and Economic Development should decide to disapprove an application, it shall notify the Borough and the applicant, in writing, of the reasons for the disapproval, and the Borough shall not issue the Special Permit.

Section 5.03 Special Technical Requirements

A. In addition to the requirements of Article IV of this Ordinance, the following minimum requirements shall also apply to any proposed development requiring a Special Permit. If there is any conflict between any of the following requirements and those in Article IV of this Ordinance or in any other code, ordinance, or regulation, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

B. No application for a Special Permit shall be approved unless it can be determined that the structure or activity will be located, constructed and maintained in a manner which will:

1. Fully protect the health and safety of the general public and any occupants of the structure. At a minimum, all new structures shall be designed, located, and constructed so that:

a. the structure will survive inundation by waters of the one hundred (100) year flood without any lateral movement or damage to either the structure itself, or to any of its equipment or contents below the one hundred (100) year flood elevation.

b. the lowest floor (including basement) elevation will be at least one and one half (1 1/2) feet above the one hundred (100) year flood elevation.

c. the occupants of the structure can remain inside for an indefinite period of time and be safely evacuated at any time during the one hundred (100) year flood.

2. Prevent any significant possibility of pollution, increased flood levels or flows, or debris endangering life and property.

All hydrologic and hydraulic analyses shall be undertaken only by professional engineers or others of demonstrated qualifications, who shall certify that the technical methods used correctly reflect currently accepted technical concepts. Studies, analyses, computations, etc. shall be submitted in sufficient detail to allow a thorough technical review by the Borough and the Department of Community and Economic Development.

ARTICLE VI EXISTING STRUCTURES IN IDENTIFIED FLOODPLAIN AREAS

Section 6.00 Existing Structures

The provisions of this Ordinance do not require any changes or improvements to be made to lawfully existing structures. However, when an improvement is made to any existing structure, the provisions of Section 6.01 shall apply.

Section 6.01 Improvements

The following provisions shall apply whenever any improvement is made to an existing structure located within any identified floodplain area:

A. No expansion or enlargement of an existing structure shall be allowed within any floodway area that would cause any increase in the elevation of the one hundred (100) year flood.

B. No expansion or enlargement of an existing structure shall be allowed within any AE area that would, together with all other existing and anticipated development, increase the one hundred (100) year flood elevation more than one (1) foot at any point.

C. Any modification, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement, of any kind to an existing structure, to an extent or amount of fifty (50) percent or more of its market value, shall constitute a substantial improvement and shall be undertaken only in full compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

The above activity shall also address the requirements of the 34 PA Code Chapters 401-405, as amended and the 2003 IBC (Sec. 3402.1 and 1612.4) and the 2003 IRC (Sec. R323.1.4).

D. Any modification, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement of any kind to an existing structure, to an extent or amount of less than fifty (50) percent of its market value, shall be elevated and/or floodproofed to the greatest extent possible.

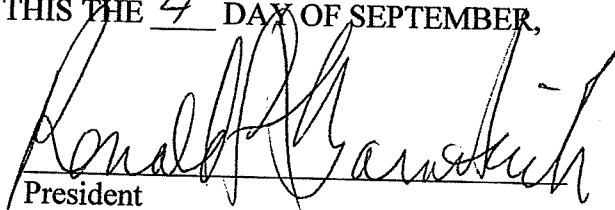
E. Any modification, alteration, reconstruction, or improvement of any kind that meets the definition of "repetitive loss" shall be undertaken only in full compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

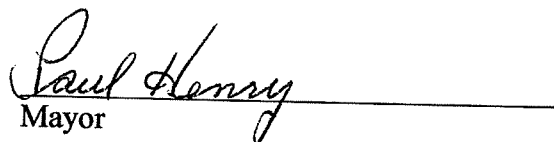
F. The requirements of 34 PA Code Chapter 401-405, as amended and or the latest revision thereof and the 2006 IBC (Secs. 101.3, 3403.1 and Appendix G) or the latest revision thereof shall also be utilized in conjunction with the provisions of this section.

THIS ORDINANCE SUPERSEDES ANY OTHER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS WHICH MAY BE IN EFFECT IN IDENTIFIED FLOOD AREAS.

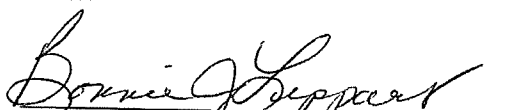
BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH OF HOP BOTTOM, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.


President


Mayor

Attest:


Bonnie Lippart, Secretary