TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 399

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AS THE FIRE CODE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA IN ORDER TO ENSURE FIRE SAFETY IN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND FURTHER THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana previously enacted Ordinance No. 320, which adopted the standards of the 1993 BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, as the Fire Code of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to update the standards and regulations governing fire safety in the Township to ensure fire safety in buildings and structures and further the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana has proposed adopting the International Fire Code ("IFC"), as published by the International Code Council, as the Fire Code of the Township because it will ensure fire safety in buildings and structures and promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana believes that this Ordinance will establish clear and specific fire safety requirements in order to encourage compliance with the Township's Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the 2024 edition of the IFC, as published by the International Code Council, as the Fire Code of the Township of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Indiana, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Section 1.

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Ordinance No. 320 is hereby repealed in its entirety. This repeal shall not be construed to affect any proceeding or suit pending in any court or any rights acquired, or liability incurred or any causes of action acquired or existing, under Ordinance No. 320.

Section 2.

Adoption of Fire Code.

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Township Manager of the Township of Indiana, being marked and designated as the "International Fire Code," 2024 edition, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Township of Indiana for regulating and governing fire safety in the Township; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Township Manager are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Part, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 3.

Section 3.

Amendments to Fire Code.

The following sections of the Fire Code are hereby revised:

A. *Section 101.1*. Insert: Township of Indiana.

B. *Section 103.1.* Insert: Indiana Township Code Enforcement Department.

Section 4. Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm, corporation or other business entity who or which shall violate any provision of the Fire Code shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than $300 and not more than $1,000, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Township in the enforcement proceedings, as well as any other penalties which may be authorized by law for a summary offense. Each day that a violation exists under this Ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties as set forth in this section.

Section 5. Severability.

If a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision of this Ordinance to any circumstance to be illegal or unconstitutional, the other provisions of this Ordinance and the application of such provisions to other circumstances shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of said inconsistency.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

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ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Township Manager

TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

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Mayor, Board of Supervisors

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