

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 664**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HATFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 112, “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM”, §112-6.C TO  
MODIFY THE ADOPTED 2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE STANDARDS  
FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hatfield provides regulations regarding construction in the Township through, in part, adopting the 2006 International Building Code subject to certain modifications and exceptions;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township has proposed certain changes to Section 112-6.C of the Hatfield Township Code, addressing modifications to the 2006 International Building Code standards adopted by the Township, to provide for automatic sprinkler systems to be installed and maintained in all buildings with an occupancy load of 100 or more;

**WHEREAS**, the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendment;

**WHEREAS**, the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised public hearing, has determined that the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Township will be served by this amendment of the Hatfield Township Code;

**AND NOW**, the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township hereby enacts and ordains, and it is hereby **ENACTED AND ORDAINED** as follows:

**SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENT.** Section 112-6.C of the Hatfield Township Code is hereby deleted and replaced with the following language:

C. Chapter **9** – Fire Protection Systems (Automatic Sprinkler Systems)  
Amend this chapter to include the following:

**903.2 Where required.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be installed and maintained in full operating condition, as specified by this code, in the locations indicated in this section, with the following modifications:

**903.2.1 Use Group A.** In all buildings or structures with an occupancy load of 100 or more.

**903.2.2 Use Groups H, I, R-1, R-2.** In all buildings or structures or portions thereof.

**903.2.3 Use Groups B, E, F, M, S, U.** In all buildings or structures or portions thereof when more than 5,000 square feet in area or 35 or more feet in height.

**903.2.4 All use groups.** In any portion of a structure below a residential occupancy. Exception: R-3 and R-4 occupancies.

**903.2.5 All use groups.** In any below-grade area of 500 square feet or more. Exception: R-3 and R-4 occupancies, where the area limit shall be 2,000 square feet.

**903.2.6 Painting rooms.** In spray-painting rooms or shops where painting, brushing, dipping or mixing is regularly conducted using flammable materials.

**903.2.7 Trash rooms and chutes.** In rooms or areas used for incineration, trash and laundry collection and similar uses; and at alternate floor levels and at the top of all chutes used in conjunction with these rooms or areas.

**903.2.8 Furnace rooms.** In furnace rooms, boiler rooms and rooms for similar uses. Exception: one- and two-family dwellings.

## **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

## **SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS.**

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days following its legal enactment

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**Attest:**

**Board of Commissioners of  
Hatfield Township:**

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**Aaron Bibro,  
Township Manager/Secretary**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Thomas C. Zipfel,  
President**