

# Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Christiana

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**Officials**  
**of the**  
**Borough of Christiana**  
County of  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor - Gerald Woods

Borough Council

|                |   |                    |
|----------------|---|--------------------|
| President      | - | Robin D. Coffroth  |
| Vice President | - | Kirk H. Nields     |
|                | - | Glenn J. Kendig    |
|                | - | Jeff Peterson, Jr. |
|                | - | Virginia Blair     |
|                | - | Michele A. Maser   |
|                | - | Robert D. Hirst    |

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

|               |   |                                     |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Manager       | - | LaVerne D. Rettew                   |
| Secretary     | - | LaVerne D. Rettew                   |
| Treasurer     | - | LaVerne D. Rettew                   |
| Solicitor     | - | Appel & Yost, L.L.P.                |
| Engineer      | - | Becker Engineering, LLC             |
| Tax Collector | - | Lancaster County Treasurer's Office |



## FOREWORD

### *History*

This comprises the codification of the ordinances of the Borough of Christiana. The town of Christiana was originally settled in 1775 and incorporated as a Borough in 1894.

The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Christiana was prepared by Keystate Publishers, Inc., and adopted by the Borough of Christiana Borough Council on June 5, 2007 by Ordinance Number 205.

### *Organization*

The Code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of the Borough of Christiana contained in Chapters 1 through 27, (2) the Appendix, which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or "one time" nature, (3) the Table to the disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by the Borough of Christiana, and (4) the Index, which is an alphabetical arrangement of subjects.

In the Code each Chapter is separated by a divider tab, and specific ordinances can be located by subject on the contents page at the beginning of each Chapter. The Index may also be used to search for a subject when one is looking for general information on a particular subject, or if it is not known in which Chapter the subject might be found. The Appendix consists of several general categories containing a chronological listing of short subject descriptions along with a reference to the original ordinance and its date of enactment, if known.

The Table to disposition indicates what action has been taken by the Borough of Christiana Borough Council with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or (4) is located in the Appendix. Annual tax rate and budget ordinances are located only in the Table. The Table is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of the Borough of Christiana, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.





ORDINANCE NO. 205

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CHRISTIANA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; CONSOLIDATING, REVISING, AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES; ENACTING CERTAIN NEW PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE CODE AND FOR THE CITATION OF THE CODE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE; SAVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FROM REPEAL; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

The Borough of Christiana hereby ordains:

**Section 1. Adoption.** The "Code of Ordinances, Borough of Christiana," as prepared and published for the said Borough of Christiana, is hereby adopted as a consolidation, codification and revision of the ordinances of the Borough of Christiana. Chapters 1 through 27 thereof contain the text of the body of all general administrative and regulatory ordinances of the Borough of Christiana organized as follows:

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Table to the Disposition of All Ordinances  
 Table to the Disposition of Significant Resolutions

The Appendix of the volume lists, by subject matter, in chronological order, the titles (or an abstract of title) of enactments of special nature or of historical interest, for the complete text of which the official records of the Borough of Christiana shall be authoritative.

**Section 2. Citation and Effective Date.** The codification referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be known and cited officially as the "Borough of Christiana Code of Ordinances," and all future ordinances shall make reference thereto. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication of notice of final enactment as required by law.

**Section 3. Saving Clause.** The provisions of the Borough of Christiana Code of Ordinances, so far as they are the same as those ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the adoption of said Code, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as a new enactment. The provisions of the Borough of Christiana Code of Ordinances shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of the prior ordinances or regulations.

**Section 4. Consolidation and Revision.** As a necessary part of codification, the following provisions are hereby consolidated and revised as indicated:

A. *Consolidations.*

| Section            | Subject                    | Ordinance No., Section |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 15, Entire Chapter | Motor Vehicles and Traffic | 170, 172, 193, 202     |

B. *Revisions.*

| Section | Subject    | Ordinance No., Section |
|---------|------------|------------------------|
|         | [Reserved] |                        |

**Section 5. New Enactments, Amendments and Repeals.** As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted, amended and repealed as summarized by short title:

A. *New Enactments.*

| <b>Section</b>    | <b>Subject</b>   |
|-------------------|--|
| §§1-101 - 1-111   | Preliminary Provisions                                 |
| §§1-201 - 1-233   | Council Bylaws, Committee Structure and Rules of Order |
| §§1-401 - 1-403   | Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association             |
| §§6-301 - 6-304   | Restricting the Use of Firearms and Other Weapons      |
| §§7-101 - 7-103   | Sale and Use of Fireworks                              |
| §§13-101 - 13-108 | Transient Retail Merchants                             |

*B. Amendments.*

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Subject</b>  | <b>Ordinance No., Section</b> |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| §1-312         | Appointment of Full-time Police Officers                        | 157, §2                       |
| §1-313         | Appointment of Part-time and Special Police Officers            | 157, §3                       |
| §1-316         | Classification of and Ranking of Police Officers                | 157, §6                       |
| §2-101         | Definitions   | 185, §101                     |
| §2-102         | Unlawful to Allow Dogs, Cats and Household Pets to Run at Large | 185, §102                     |
| §2-109         | Penalties   | 185; §108                     |
| §2-204         | Penalties   | 185; §204                     |
| §2-306         | Penalties   | 185; §306                     |
| §5-107         | Administration and Enforcement                                  | 192, §7                       |
| §6-103         | Penalty   | 118, Art. III                 |
| §6-207         | Penalties   | 168, §VII                     |
| §7-206         | Penalties   | 101, §VI                      |
| §10-107        | Variances and Noise Control Board; Application and Fee          | 165, §7                       |
| §10-109        | Penalty   | 165, §10                      |
| §11-105        | Penalties   | 182, §6                       |
| §18-105        | Enforcement   | 143, Art. V, §§5.01 -5.02     |
| §18-201        | Sewage Collection and Treatment Charges                         | 146, §I                       |
| §18-202        | Regulation  | 146, §II                      |
| §18-205        | Penalty for Failure to Connect                                  | 146, §V                       |
| §18-206        | Other Sewage Facilities Forbidden                               | 146, §VI                      |

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Ordinance No., Section</b> |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| §20-114        | Penalty  | 164, §14                      |
| §20-201        | Definitions  | 138, §1                       |
| §20-204        | Regulations  | 139, §4                       |
| §20-206        | New or Expanded Private Dumps,<br>Transfer Stations and Landfills Prohibited | 139, §6                       |
| §20-208        | Penalties  | 139, §8                       |
| §20-212        | County/LCSWMA  | 139, §12                      |
| §21-116        | Penalties  | 191, §16                      |
| §21-204        | Penalties  | 180, §4                       |
| §26-105        | Enforcement, Violations and Penalties  | 174, Art. V, §§5.01, 5.02     |
| §26-205        | Penalty  | 133, Art. V                   |

C. *Repeals.*

| <b>Ord./Res.</b> | <b>Subject</b>  |
|------------------|---|
| <i>Ord. 1</i>    | Duties of Street Commissioner                                 |
| <i>Ord. 2</i>    | Duties of Street Regulations                                  |
| <i>Ord. 3</i>    | Pavements with the Borough                                    |
| <i>Ord. 8</i>    | Board of Health Department                                    |
| <i>Ord. 56</i>   | Telephone, Telegraph, and Electric Light Poles<br>License Tax |
| <i>Ord. 167</i>  | Loitering   |

**Section 6. Adoption of Standard Codes by Reference.** As a necessary part of codification, the following ordinances are hereby enacted by reference as standard codes summarized by short title:

| <b>Section</b> | <b>Short Title</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|
|                | [Reserved]         |

**Section 7. Land Use Amendments.** The Borough of Christiana Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as is more fully shown in the complete text of Chapter 27 thereof which is attached hereto and made part hereof by reference hereto as if fully set out at length herein, with deletions shown by ~~strike-through~~ and additions shown by underline, all of which is briefly summarized hereinafter.

A. *New Provisions.* The following provisions are new provisions which are being added to the Code, are underlined throughout the text, and are summarized as follows:

| Section | Subject    |
|---------|------------|
|         | [Reserved] |

B. *Revised Provisions.* The following provisions of the Code are revised, the text of which indicates deletions by ~~strike-through~~ and additions shown by underline, and are summarized as follows:

| Section | Subject | Ordinance No., Section |
|---------|---------|------------------------|
|         |         | [Reserved]             |

C. *Repealed Provisions.* The following provisions of the Code are repealed, the text of which indicates deletions by ~~strike-through~~, and are as follows:

| Section | Subject | Ordinance No., Section |
|---------|---------|------------------------|
|         |         | [Reserved]             |

**Section 8. Procedural Changes.** The following minor procedural changes have been made to existing Borough of Christiana ordinances:

- A. Grammatical and spelling errors have been corrected where necessary;
- B. Minor changes have been made to correct obsolete terms and usages;
- C. The penalty provisions have been revised where necessary to comply with the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Vehicle Code, Municipalities Planning Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act.

**Section 9. Amending the Code of Ordinances.** The procedure for amending the Code of Ordinances shall include the citation of the Chapter, Part, Section and subsection to be amended, revised, repealed or added as follows:

- A. Amendment or Revision - "Chapter \_\_\_, Part \_\_\_, Section \_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_ is hereby amended [revised] to read as follows..."
- B. Additions - "Chapter \_\_\_, Part \_\_\_, Section \_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_ is hereby amended by the addition of the following..."
- C. Repeal - "Chapter \_\_\_, Part \_\_\_, Section \_\_\_, Subsection \_\_\_ is hereby repealed in its entirety."

**Section 10. Responsibility for Code of Ordinances.** It shall be the responsibility of the Borough of Christiana Secretary to maintain an up-to-date certified copy of the Code of Ordinances. This copy shall be the official copy of the Borough of Christiana Code of Ordinances and shall be available for public inspection.

**Section 11. Penalties.** It shall be unlawful for anyone to change, alter or tamper with the Code of Ordinances in any manner which will intentionally misrepresent the laws of the Borough of Christiana. Whosoever shall violate this Section shall be guilty of an

offense under §4911, “Tampering with Public Records or Information,” of the Crimes Code, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4911, and shall be prosecuted under that Section of the law.

**Section 12. Severability of Parts of Codification.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Borough of Christiana that the Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this codification are severable. If any Section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Code is declared unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining Chapters, Parts, Sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this codification.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

ATTEST:

Borough of Christiana

/s/ LaVerne D. Rettew  
Secretary

/s/ Robin D. Coffroth  
President, Borough Council

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

/s/ Brain P. Fox  
Mayor

## Fee Schedule

| <b>Subject</b>               |          | <b>Fees</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| <b>NOISE CONTROL BOARD</b>   | \$10-107 |             |
| Application                  |          | \$35        |
| Escrow                       |          | \$200       |
| <b>STREET OPENING PERMIT</b> |          | \$75        |

*(Res. 2007-10, 6/6/2007)*



