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**SOUTH SHENANGO TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1985 - L**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, PARTNERSHIPS, BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, OR RELOCATION OF ANY BUILDING OR STRUCTURE, SETTING FORTH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FLOODING, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BUILDING PERMITS; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSONS WHO FAIL OR REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Be It Enacted and Ordained, by the Board of Supervisors of South Shenango Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.00. Statement of Intent.

The intent of this Ordinance is to:

- A. Promote the general health, welfare and safety of the community;
- B. Encourage the utilization of appropriate construction practices to minimize flood damage in the future;
- C. To minimize danger to public health by protecting water supply and natural drainage.

Section 1.01 Applicability.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, business or corporation to undertake or cause to be undertaken, the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, alteration or relocation of any building or structure unless an approved building permit has been obtained from the Municipal Building Permit Officer.

B. A building permit shall not be required for minor repairs to existing buildings or structures, provided that no structural changes or modifications are involved and providing the cost of such minor repairs is less than \$2,500.00 and/or involves less than 100 square feet of floor area.

Section 1.02. Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.

This Ordinance supercedes any other conflicting provisions which may be in effect in identified floodplain areas. However, any other ordinance provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that those provisions are more restrictive.

Section 1.03. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this 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 1.04. Municipal Liability.

The grant of a permit or approval of a subdivision plan in the identified flood-prone area(s) shall not constitute a representation, guarantee, or warranty of any kind by the municipality or by any official or employee thereof of the practicability or safety of the proposed use, and shall create no liability upon the municipality, its officials or employees. This Ordinance does not imply that areas outside any identified flood-prone area, or that land uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damage.

This Ordinance shall not create liability on the part of the Township or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this Ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.00. Building Permits Required.

Building permits shall be required before any proposed construction or development is undertaken within the Township.

Section 2.01. Issuance of Building Permit.

A. The Building Official shall issue a building permit only after it has been determined that the proposed work to be undertaken will be in conformance with the requirements of this and all other applicable codes and ordinances.

B. No building permit shall be issued until all other required permits have been obtained from any other office or agency.

Section 2.02. Application Procedures.

A. Application for such a building permit shall be made, in writing, to the Building Official on forms supplied by the Township. Such application shall contain at least the following:

- 1.) Name and address of applicant.
- 2.) Name and address of owner of land on which proposed construction is to occur.
- 3.) Name and address of contractor.
- 4.) Site location.
- 5.) Brief description of proposed work and estimated cost.
- 6.) A plan of the site showing the exact size and location of the proposed construction as well as any existing buildings or structures.

B. If any proposed construction or development is located within, or adjacent to, any identified flood-prone area, applicants for building permits shall also provide at least two copies of the following specific information:

- 1.) A plan which accurately delineates the area which is subject to flooding, the location of the proposed construction, the location of any other flood-prone development or structures, and the location of any existing or proposed stream improvements or protective works. Included shall be all plans for proposed subdivision and land development in order to assure that:
 - a) All such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;

- b) All utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems are located, elevated and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
 - c) Adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
- 2.) Such plan shall also include existing and proposed contours; information concerning one hundred (100) year flood elevations, and other applicable information such as uplift forces and other factors associated with the one hundred (100) year flood; size of structures, location and elevations of streets; water supply and sanitary sewage facilities; soil types, and flood-proofing measures.
 - 3.) All proposed lowest floor and basement elevations shall be shown in relation to mean sea level, based upon the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.
 - 4.) A document certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the proposed construction has been adequately designed against flood damage and that the plans for the development of the site adhere to the restrictions cited in Article IV of this Ordinance.

Such statement shall include a description of the type and extent of flood-proofing measures which have been incorporated into the design of the structure.

Section 2.03. Other Permit Issuance Requirements.

A. Prior to any proposed alteration or relocation of any stream or any watercourse, etc. within the municipality, a permit shall be obtained from the Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Dam Safety, Obstructions, and Storm Water Management, as specified in the Water Obstruction Act of 1913 as amended. Further, notification of the proposal shall be given to all affected adjacent municipalities. Copies of all such notifications shall be forwarded to both the Federal Insurance Administration and the Department of Community Affairs.

Under no circumstances shall any use, activity and/or development adversely affect the capacity of the channels or floodways of any watercourse, drainage ditch, or any other drainage facility or stream.

B. Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the Building Official shall review the application for permit to determine if all other necessary governmental permits such as those required by State and Federal laws have been obtained including

those required by Act 537, The Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, Section 404, 33 I.S.C. 1334. No permit shall be issued until this determination has been made.

Section 2.04. Review by County Conservation District.

A copy of all applications and plans for any proposed construction or development in any identified flood-prone area to be considered for approval shall be submitted by the Building Official to the County Conservation District for review and comment prior to the issuance of a building permit. The recommendations by the Conservation District shall be considered by the Building Official for possible incorporation into the proposed plan.

Section 2.05. Review of Application by Others.

A copy of all plans and applications for any proposed construction or development in any identified flood-prone area to be considered for approval may be submitted by the Building Official to any other appropriate agencies and/or individuals (e.g., planning commission, municipal engineer, etc.) for review and comment.

Section 2.06. Changes.

After the issuance of a building permit by the Building Official, no changes of any kind shall be made to the application, permit, or any of the plans, specifications or other documents submitted with the application without the written consent or approval of the Building Official.

Section 2.07. Placards.

In addition to the building permit, the Building Official shall issue a placard which shall be displayed on the premises during the time construction is in progress. This placard shall show the number of the building permit, the date of its issuance and be signed by the Building Official.

Section 2.08. Start of Construction.

Work on the proposed construction shall begin within six (6) months after the date of issuance of the building permit and shall be completed within twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or the permit shall expire unless a time extension is granted, in writing, by the Building Official. Construction shall be considered to have started with the first placement of permanent construction on the site, such as the pouring of slabs or footing or any work beyond the stage of excavation. For a structure without a basement or poured footings, the start of construction includes the first permanent framing or assembly of the structure or any part thereof on its pilings or foundation,

or the affixing of any prefabricated structure or mobile home to its permanent site. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, land clearing, grading, filling, excavation for basement, footings, piers, or foundations, erection of temporary forms, the installation of piling under proposed subsurface footings, or the installation of sewer, gas and water pipes, or electrical or other service lines from the street.

Section 2.09. Inspection and Revocation.

During the construction period, the Building Official or other authorized official may inspect the premises to determine that the work is progressing in compliance with the information provided on the permit application and with all applicable Township laws and ordinances. The Building Official shall revoke the building permit and report any violations to the Board of Supervisors for whatever action it considers necessary.

Section 2.10. Fees.

Application for a building permit pursuant to this Ordinance shall be accompanied by a fee, payable to the Township, in the amount of \$2.00. This charge shall be in addition to any other fees or charges required for the issuance of building permits or other permits in other Ordinances of the Township, whether currently in force or hereafter adopted.

Section 2.11. Enforcement.

A. Notices. Whenever the Building Official or other authorized municipal representative determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, or of any regulations adopted pursuant thereto, such authority shall give notice of such alleged violation as hereinafter provided. Such notice shall (a) be in writing; (b) include a statement of the reasons for its issuance; (c) allow a reasonable time for the performance of any act it requires; (d) be served upon the property owner or his agent as the case may require; provided, however, that such notice or order shall be deemed to have been properly served upon such owner or agent when a copy thereof has been served with such notice by any other method authorized or required by the laws of this State; (e) contain an outline of remedial action which, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, or any part hereof, and with the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. In cases where the alleged violation creates an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare, the Building Official may forthwith abate the problem without prior notice to the violator.

B. Hearings. Any person affected by any notice which has been issued in connection with the enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance, or of any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Board of Supervisors, provided that such person shall file with the Township Secretary a written petition requesting such hearing and setting forth a brief statement of the grounds therefore within ten (10) days after the notice was served. The filing of the request for a hearing shall operate as a stay of the notice and the suspension, but work in progress shall cease pending final determination. Upon receipt of such petition, the Township Secretary shall set a time and place for such hearing and shall

give the petitioner written notice thereof. At such hearing, the petitioner shall be given an opportunity to be heard and to show why such notice shall be modified or withdrawn. The hearing shall be commenced not later than ten (10) days after the day on which the petition was filed; provided that upon application of the petitioner, the Township Secretary may postpone the date of the hearing for a reasonable time beyond such ten (10) day period when, in his judgment, the petitioner has submitted good and sufficient reasons for such postponement.

C. Findings and Order. After such hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall make findings as to compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and regulations issued thereunder and shall issue an order, in writing, sustaining, modifying or withdrawing the notice which shall be served as provided in Subsection A of this Section.

D. Record of Hearing. The proceedings at such a hearing, including the findings and decision of the Board of Supervisors, together with a copy of every notice and order related thereto, shall be entered as a matter of public record in the Township.

E. Penalties. Any person who fails to comply with any or all of the requirements or provisions of this Ordinance or who fails or refuses to comply with any notice, order or direction of the Building Official or any other authorized employee of the municipality shall be guilty of an offense and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine to the Township of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), plus costs of prosecution. In default of such payment, such person shall be imprisoned in county prison for a period not to exceed ten (10) days. Each day during which any violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the above penalties, all other actions are hereby reserved, including an action in equity for the proper enforcement of this Ordinance. The imposition of a fine or penalty for any violation of, or noncompliance with, this Ordinance shall not excuse the violation or noncompliance or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations and noncompliances within a reasonable time. Any structure or building construction, reconstructed, enlarged, altered, or relocated, in noncompliance with this Ordinance may be declared by the Board of Supervisors to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

Section 2.12. Appeals.

A. Any person aggrieved by an action or decision of the Building Official, or by any of the requirements of this Ordinance, may appeal to the Board of Supervisors. Such appeal must be filed, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the decision or action of the Building Official. Upon receipt of such appeal, the Board of Supervisors shall set a time and place, within not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days for the purpose of hearing the appeal. Notice of the time and place of the hearing of the appeal shall be given to all parties at which time they may appear and be heard.

B. Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Supervisors, may seek relief therefrom in any court of competent jurisdiction, as provided by the laws of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE III. DESIGNATION OF FLOOD-PRONE AREA(S)

Section 3.00 Identification.

The "Flood-Prone Area(s)" shall be any area(s) of South Shenango Township which are identified as being flood-prone on the Flood Hazard Boundary Map as issued by the Federal Insurance Administration dated May 21, 1976.

Section 3.01. Determination of the Regulatory Flood Elevation.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the regulatory flood elevation, i.e., the one hundred (100) year flood elevation, shall be used. To determine the one hundred year flood elevation, the elevation at a given point on the boundary of the identified flood prone area(s) which is nearest the construction site in question will be used. In helping to make this necessary elevation determination, other sources of data where available shall be used such as:

- A. Corps of Engineers - Flood Plain Information Report.
- B. U.S.D.A., Soil Conservation Service - County Soil Surveys (Alluvial Soils).
- C. Known Highwater Marks from Past Floods.
- E. Other Sources.

In lieu of the above, the municipality may require the applicant to determine the elevation with hydrologic and hydraulic engineering techniques. 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 Township.

Section 3.02. Changes in Designation of Area(s).

The delineation of any of the identified flood-prone area(s) may be revised by the Board of Supervisors where natural or man-made changes have occurred and/or more detailed studies conducted or undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, River Basin Commission or other qualified agency or individual documents of notification for such changes. However, prior to any such change, approval must be obtained from the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA).

Section 3.03. Boundary Disputes.

Should a dispute concerning any district boundary arise, an initial determination shall be made by the Township Planning Commission and any party aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the Board of Supervisors. The burden of proof shall be on the appellant.

ARTICLE IV. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Section 4.00. General.

A. (1) In the identified Flood-Prone Area(s), the development and/or use of any land shall be permitted provided that the development and/or use adheres to the restrictions and requirements of all other applicable codes and ordinances in force in the municipality unless otherwise stated in A(2) of this Article.

(2) It has been determined that the following activities and development present a special hazard to the health and safety of the general public, or may result in significant pollution, increased flood levels or flows, or debris endangering life and property if such activities and development are located, either entirely or partially, within an identified flood-prone area:

- (a) hospital (public or private);
- (b) nursing home (public or private);
- (c) jails or prisons;
- (d) new mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions, and substantial improvements thereto;
- (e) facilities necessary for emergency response, such as fire, ambulance, and police stations, civil defense preparedness buildings and facilities, evacuation and emergency medical centers;
- (f) the production, storage or use of hazardous materials and substances including but not limited to acetone, ammonia, benzene, calcium carbide, carbon disulfide, celluloid, chlorine, hydrochloric acid, hydrocyanic acid, magnesium, nitric acid, oxides of nitrogen, petroleum products (gasoline, fuel oil and so forth), phosphorous, potassium, sodium, sulphur and sulphur products, pesticides and radioactive substances;
- (g) solid waste processing or disposal facilities.
- (h) any activity requiring the maintenance of a supply of more than 550 gallons, or other comparable volume of the materials or substances listed in Subsection 4.00A(2)(f).

(3) Because of the special hazards presented by the above list of activities and development, they shall be prohibited from locating within any identified flood-prone area, and no permit shall issue to any new or substantially improved structure involving said activities and development in a flood-prone area.

B. Within any identified flood-prone area(s), the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of any new or improved residential structures shall be at or above the regulatory flood elevation.

C. Within any identified flood-prone area(s), the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of nonresidential structures shall be at or above the regulatory flood elevation or be flood-proofed up to that height.

Any structure, or part thereof, which will not be completely or adequately elevated, shall be flood-proofed in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Additional information may be obtained from the publication entitled "Flood-proofing Regulations" (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, June, 1972).

Section 4.01. Design and Construction Standards.

The following minimum standards shall apply for all construction and development proposed to be undertaken within any identified flood-prone area:

A. Drainage Facilities. Storm drainage facilities shall be designed to convey the flow of surface waters without damage to persons or property. The system shall insure drainage at all points along streets and provide positive drainage away from buildings. The system shall also be designed to prevent the discharge of excess runoff onto adjacent property. The system should also be designed away from the building.

B. Sanitary Sewer Facilities. All new or replacement sanitary sewer facilities, and private package sewage treatment plants (including all pumping stations and collector systems) shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into the flood waters. In addition, they should be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and impairment.

C. Water Facilities. All new or replacement water facilities shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system, and be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damages.

D. Street. The finished elevation of proposed new streets shall be no more than one (1) foot below the regulatory flood elevation.

E. Utilities. All utilities such as gas lines, electrical and telephone systems being placed in flood-prone areas should be located, elevated (where possible) and constructed to minimize the change or impairment during a flood.

F. Fill. If fill is used, it shall:

1. Extend laterally at least fifteen (15) feet beyond the building line from all points;
2. Consist of soil or small rock materials only (excluding sanitary landfill material);

3. Be compacted to provide the necessary permeability and resistance to erosion, scouring or settling;
4. Be no steeper than one (1) vertical to two (2) horizontal, unless substantiated data, justifying steeper slopes are submitted to, and approved by the Township Building Official;
5. Be used to the extent to which it does not adversely affect adjacent properties.

G. Placement of Buildings and Structures. All buildings and structures shall be designed, located and constructed so as to offer the minimum obstruction to the flow of water and shall be designed to have a minimum effect upon the flow and height of flood waters.

H. Anchoring.

1. All buildings and structures shall be firmly anchored in accordance with accepted engineering practices to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement.
2. All air ducts, large pipes and storage tanks and other similar objects or components located at or below the regulatory flood elevation shall be firmly anchored or affixed to prevent flotation.

I. Floors, Walls and Ceilings. Where located at or below the regulatory flood elevation:

1. Wood flooring shall be installed to accommodate a lateral expansion of the flooring, perpendicular to the flooring grain without incurring structural damage to the building.
2. Plywood shall be of a "marine" or "water-resistant" variety.
3. Walls and ceilings at or below the regulatory flood elevation shall be designed and constructed of materials that are water-resistant and will withstand inundation.
4. Windows, doors and other components at or below the regulatory flood elevation shall be made of metal or other water-resistant material.

J. Electrical Systems and Components.

1. Electric water heaters, furnaces, air conditioning and ventilating systems, and other electrical equipment or apparatus shall not be located below the regulatory flood elevation and other electrical equipment or apparatus shall be permitted only at elevations above the regulatory flood elevation.
2. Electrical distribution panels shall be at least three (3) feet above the level of the One Hundred (100) Year Flood Elevation.
3. Separate electrical circuits shall serve lower levels and shall be dropped from above.

K. Plumbing.

1. Water heaters, furnaces and other mechanical equipment or apparatus shall not be located below the regulatory flood elevation.
2. On-site sewage disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding. At a minimum, all systems shall meet the requirements of Act 537, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, as amended.
3. Water supply systems and sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to prevent the infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharges from the system into flood waters.
4. All gas and oil supply systems shall be designed to prevent the infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharge from the system into flood waters. Additional provisions shall be made for the drainage of these systems in the event that flood water infiltration occurs.

L. Paints and Adhesives. When used at or below regulatory flood elevation:

1. Paints or other finishes shall be of a "marine" or "water-resistant" quality.
2. Adhesives shall be of a "marine" or "water-resistant" quality.

M. Storage. No materials that are buoyant, flammable, explosive or, in times of flooding, could be injurious to human, animal or plant life, shall be stored below the regulatory flood elevation.

Section 4.02. Special Requirements for Mobile Homes.

A. All mobile homes and any additions thereto shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement by providing over-the-top and frame ties to ground anchors in accordance with the following:

1. Over-the-top ties shall be provided at each of the four (4) corners of the mobile home with two (2) additional ties per side at intermediate locations for units fifty (50) feet or more in length, and one (1) additional tie per side for units less than fifty (50) feet in length.
2. Frame ties shall be provided at each corner of the mobile home, with five (5) additional ties per side at intermediate locations for units fifty (50) feet or more in length, and four (4) additional ties per side for units less than fifty (50) feet in length.
3. All components of the anchoring system shall be capable of carrying a force of four thousand eight hundred (4,800) pounds.

B. All mobile homes and any additions thereto shall also be elevated in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The stands or lots shall be elevated on compacted fill, or on pilings so that the lowest floor of the mobile home will be at or above the regulatory flood elevation.
2. Adequate surface drainage is provided.
3. Adequate access for a hauler is provided.
4. Where pilings are used for elevation, the lots shall be large enough to permit steps; piling foundations shall be placed in stable soil no more than ten (10) feet apart; reinforcement shall be provided for pilings that will extend for six (6) feet or more above the ground level.

C. An evacuation plan which includes alternate vehicular access and escape routes shall be filed with the appropriate Township officials for mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions.

ARTICLE V. EXISTING STRUCTURES IN IDENTIFIED FLOOD-PRONE AREAS

Structures existing in any identified flood-prone area prior to the enactment of this Ordinance, but which are not in compliance with these provisions, may continue to remain, provided that 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.

ARTICLE VI. VARIANCES

If compliance with the elevation or flood-proofing requirements of this Ordinance would result in an exceptional hardship for a prospective builder, developer or landowner, the Township may, upon request, grant relief from the strict application of the requirement.

Requests for variances shall be considered by the Township in accordance with the procedures contained in Section 2.12 and the following procedures:

1. If granted, a variance shall involve only the least modification necessary to provide relief.
2. In granting any variance, the Township will attach whatever reasonable conditions and safeguards it considers necessary in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to achieve the objectives of this Ordinance.
3. Whenever a variance is granted, the Township shall notify the applicant in writing that:
 - a.) The granting of the variance may result in increased premium rates for flood insurance.
 - b.) Such variances may increase the risks to life and property.
4. In reviewing any request for a variance, the Township shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:

- a.) That there is good and sufficient cause.
 - b.) That failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant.
 - c) That the granting of the variance would not result in an unacceptable or prohibited increase in flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on, or victimization of the public, or conflict with any other applicable local or state ordinances or regulations.
5. A complete record of all variance requests and related actions shall be maintained by the Township. In addition, a report of all variances granted during the year shall be included in the annual report to the Federal Insurance Administration.

Notwithstanding any of the above, however, all structures shall be designed and constructed so as to have the capability of resisting the one hundred (100) year flood. No variance shall be granted for those activities prohibited in Section 4.00A(2).

ARTICLE VII. DEFINITIONS

Section 7.00 General.

Unless specifically defined below, words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give this Ordinance its most reasonable application.

Section 7.01 Specific Definitions.

A. Accessory Use or Structure. A use or structure on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal use or structure.

B. Building. A combination of materials to form a permanent structure, having walls and a roof. Included shall be all mobile homes and trailers to be used for human habitation.

C. Construction. The construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, extension, expansion, alteration or relocation of a building or structure, including the placement of mobile homes.

D. Development. Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, building or other structure, the subdivision of land, the placement of mobile homes, streets and other paving, utilities, filling, grading, excavation, mining, dredging or drilling operations.

E. Flood. A temporary inundation of normally dry land areas.

F. Floodproofing. Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

G. Flood-Prone Area. A relatively flat or low land area which is subject to partial or complete inundation from an adjoining or nearby stream, river or watercourse; and/or any area subject to the unusual and rapid accumulation of surface waters from any source.

H. Minor Repair. The replacement of existing work with equivalent materials for the purpose of its routine maintenance and upkeep; but not including any addition, change or modification in construction, exit facilities or permanent fixtures or equipment.

I. Mobile Home. Mobile Home means a transportable, single family dwelling intended for permanent occupancy, office or place of assembly, contained in one or more sections, built on a permanent chassis, which arrives at a site complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, and constructed so that it may be used with or without a permanent foundation. The term does not include recreational vehicles or travel trailers.

J. Mobile Home Park. A parcel of land under single ownership which has been planned and improved for the placement of two or more mobile homes for nontransient use.

K. Obstruction. Any wall, dam, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile abutment, projection, excavation, channel, rectification, culvert, building, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure or matter in, along, across or projecting into any channel, watercourse or flood-prone area, which may impede, retard or change the direction of the flow of water either in itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water or is placed where the flow of water might carry the same downstream to the damage of life and property.

L. One Hundred Year Flood. A flood that, on the average, is likely to occur once every one hundred (100) years (i.e., that has a one (1) percent chance of occurring each year, although the flood may occur in any year).

M. Person. Any person, persons, partnership, business or corporation.

N. Regulatory Flood Elevation. The one hundred (100) year flood elevation.

O. Structure. Anything constructed or erected on the ground or attached to the ground, including but not limited to, buildings, sheds, mobile homes and other similar items.

P. Subdivision. The division or redivision of a lot, tract or parcel of land by any means into two or more lots, tracts, parcels, or other division of land, including changes in existing lot lines for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of lease, transfer of ownership or building, or lot development; provided, however, that the division of land for agricultural purposes into parcels of more than ten (10) acres not involving any new street or easement of access, shall be exempted.

Q. Substantial Improvement. Any repair, reconstruction or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure either (a) before the improvement or repair is started, or (b) of the structure has been damaged, and is being restored, before the damage occurred.

ARTICLE VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

Ordained and Enacted into law by the Board of Supervisors of South Shenango Township this 11 day of FEBRUARY, A.D., 1985.

**SOUTH SHENANGO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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