

ORDINANCE # 0001 of 2000

Ordinance Permitting Recreational Type Vehicles to Remain on their Sites Located in the 100 Year Flood Plain of Exeter Township Provided that Certain Criteria are Strictly Followed

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Exeter, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, has determined that recreational type vehicles may remain on their sites in the 100 year flood plain contained in the Township of Exeter, Luzerne County, provided that strict adherence to the criteria of this Ordinance be observed.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the authority of the Supervisors of the Township of Exeter, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

1. **Recreational Type Vehicles**

Definition: This term includes, but is not limited to, campers, travel trailers, park trailers, mobile homes and other similar wheeled vehicles designated to be transported over public highways.

A building permit is hereby required for all recreational type vehicles to be placed on a site in the 100 year flood plain area of Exeter Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

A permit fee will be charged by the municipality in the amount of \$25.00. Permits shall be issued on an annual basis, and are acquired by application to the Building Permit Officer.

2. **Applications.**

Applications for permits for vehicles to remain on their sites shall be made to the Building Permit Officer of Exeter Township and will contain emergency management information. Owners or operators must provide sufficient

documentation to the Township explaining plans for removing the vehicles, in a timely fashion, in the event of potential flooding, including flood warning predictions, personal and other data necessary in executing the evacuation should one be declared.

Within the 100 year flood plain area, a recreational vehicle to be placed on a site must satisfy the technical requirements of this ordinance. Said technical requirements provided as follows:

- (a) The vehicle is currently licensed for highway use and such license is renewed annually.
- (b) The vehicle remains on its wheels or internal jacking system and is attached to its site by quick disconnect type utilities such as those currently used in campgrounds and trailer parks or by security devices. Such vehicles will not be permanently anchored to footers. Support method for the vehicle must be one that will permit a reasonably quick removal of the vehicle in an emergency and must be approved by the Building Permit Officer.
- (c) Emergency data must be provided concerning emergency removal plans, including the names of responsible persons to be contacted who will effect removal from sites.
- (d) Vehicle owners will provide certification once each year at the time of permit renewal, that the vehicle is highly ready. This must be evidenced by inspection certificates or other means acceptable by the Building Permit Officer.
- (e) The Building Permit Officer will report annually to the Board of Supervisors, at the times of permit renewing, as to the highway travel readiness of every vehicle so permitted.
- (f) Appurtenant structures or permanent editions, such as Florida rooms, which would obstruct the removal of the unit from its site are not permitted.
- (g) Any action to remove wheels, or otherwise restrict the mobility of the unit except for temporary maintenance or repairs, is prohibited.
- (h) Vehicle owners shall insure that any and all tents, tarps, etc. shall be removed and/or dismantled when their site is unoccupied.
- (i) Vehicle owners shall insure that their flood plain sites are not used as storage facilities and that upon removal of their vehicles from the flood plain site, said site shall be cleared of garbage and debris and restored to its preoccupied status.

(j) Vehicle owners shall insure that any and all outdoor lighting are disconnected and removed prior to their vacating the flood plain site.

(k) Each vehicle and/or flood plain site shall maintain appropriate sewage containment such as port-a-johns, etc., and each vehicle owner shall provide proof of appropriate sewage disposal to the sewer enforcement officer upon request thereby.

(l) Vehicle owners shall continue to abide by any and all local ordinances and resolutions as residents of the Township of Exeter.

3. **Severability.**

Should any section, or part of the section of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not effect the validity of the remaining sections or parts thereof of this ordinance.

4. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect within thirty (30) days of a approval by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of Exeter Township, Luzerne County.

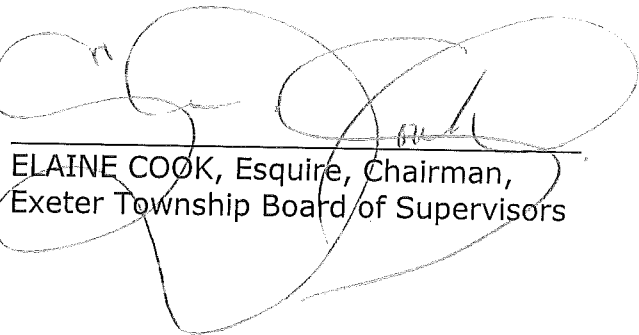
5. **Enforcement.**

Any individual or individuals who are in violation of this Ordinance, upon conviction before the appropriate judicial officer, shall pay a fine in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 per violation. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit enforcement of this Ordinance on a cumulative or continual basis based upon multiple violations.

Attest:

Mary Francis Martin
Secretary July 3, 2000

By:


ELAINE COOK, Esquire, Chairman,
Exeter Township Board of Supervisors