

**Chapter 118****FIRE PREVENTION**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Wales 7-24-2001 by Ord. No. 709.<sup>1</sup> Amendments noted where applicable.]**

## GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department — See Ch. 21.

Alarm systems — See Ch. 85.

Brush, grass and weeds — See Ch. 96.

Building construction — See Ch. 99.

Emergencies and hazardous accidents — See Ch. 114.

Weapons and explosives — See Ch. 202.

**§ 118-1. Adoption of standards.**

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Borough of North Wales, Pennsylvania, being marked and designated as the "International Fire Code," including Appendix Chapters B, C, **D**, E, **F**, G, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Code of the Borough of North Wales for regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Borough of North Wales and providing for the issuance of permits for

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: This ordinance also repealed former Ch. 118, Fire Prevention, adopted 2-12-1991 by Ord. No. 633, as amended.

hazardous uses or operations; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fire Code, 2000 Edition, published by the International Code Council, on file in the office of the Borough of North Wales are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter.

**§ 118-2. Modification of standards.**

The following information shall be include in and as part of the text of the aforesaid Fire Code:

- A. In Section 101.1, the words "Borough of North Wales" shall be inserted where the words "Name of jurisdiction" appear.
- B. Section 109.3, Violation penalties, shall be revised to read as follows: "Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Code or failing to comply with any order issued pursuant to any section thereof shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine hereby established at not more than \$1,000 and costs of prosecution and, in default of payment of such fines and costs, to imprisonment for not more than 30 days, as provided by the appropriate court for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- C. In Section 111.4, Failure to comply, "\$500" shall be inserted where the first word "amount" appears in the last line and "\$1,000" where the second word "amount" appears in the last line.
- D. Section 105.3, Conditions of a permit, shall be changed to read "A permit shall constitute permission to maintain, store or handle materials or to conduct processes which produce conditions which are hazardous to life or to property or to install equipment used in connection with such activities in accordance with the provisions of this Code. Such permission shall not be construed as

authority to violate, cancel or set aside any of the provisions of this Code. Said permit shall remain in effect until revoked or for such period of time as specified on the permit, but in no instance longer than one year from the issuance of such permit. Permits are not transferable, and any change in use, operation or tenancy shall require a new permit."

- E. In Section 202, General definitions, the following item shall be added to the list of general definitions: "YARD WASTE. Consists of leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings and similar materials, grass clippings, weeds, brush, tree limbs, Christmas trees and other nonfood organic materials."
- F. Section 307.1, General, shall be changed to read: "Burning of rubbish shall be prohibited. Burning of yard waste shall be prohibited except in approved incinerators and subject to any air pollution laws as adopted by the Commonwealth. The burning of leaves and leaf waste as defined by the Commonwealth's Department of Environmental Protection shall be prohibited. Bonfires may be permitted only under the conditions set forth in various subsections of the Code and at times set forth by the Fire Marshal's permit. The Borough Fire Marshall shall have jurisdiction of enforcement and issuance of permits hereunder and shall act in compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection statutes and regulations regarding the burning of leaves and leaf waste. The North Penn Volunteer Fire Company is permitted to kindle controlled fires at times deemed appropriate by its officers for the purpose of training members in fire-fighting/rescue practices. **[Amended 8-27-2002 by Ord. No. 719]**

**§ 118-3. Limits for storage of certain materials.**

The jurisdictions specified in Sections 3204.3.1.1., 3404.2.9.5.2., 3406.2.4.4 and 3804.2 are set forth and limited to those areas where storage of the specified materials are

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permitted by the North Wales Borough Zoning Ordinance and any other Borough Code regulations.

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