

Chapter 99**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION****§ 99-1. Adoption of standards.****§ 99-2. Modification of standards.****§ 99-3. Repealer.****§ 99-4. Effect on pending proceedings.**

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Wales 7-24-2001 by Ord. No. 707. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire prevention — See Ch. 118.

Flood damage prevention — See Ch. 122.

Mechanical standards — See Ch. 140.

Plumbing — See Ch. 157.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 159.

Sewers and sewage disposal — See Ch. 171.

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 181.

Subdivision and land development — See Ch. 184.

Zoning — See Ch. 208.

§ 99-1. 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 Building Code," including Appendix Chapters (C, D, E, F, G, H and I,) as published by the International Code Council, Inc., be and is hereby adopted as the Building Code of the Borough of North Wales, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; for control of building and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Building Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully

set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 99-2 of this chapter.

§ 99-2. Modification of standards.

The following Building Code sections are hereby revised as follows:

- A. In Section 101.1, the words "Borough of North Wales" shall be inserted where the words "Name of Jurisdiction" appear.
- B. Section 112.3, Qualifications, is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- C. Section 113.4 shall be revised to read as follows:

113.4 Violations and penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Code Official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

- D. Section 114.3 shall be revised to read as follows:

114.3 Unlawful continuance. Any person who shall continue any work in or about the structure after having been served with a stop-work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to the penalties set forth in Section 113.4 of this Code.

- E. In Subsection 2 of Section 302.3.3 Separated uses, the words "one-half-inch gypsum" shall be revised to read "five-eighth-inch fire-rated gypsum board."

- F. Section 311.2, Moderate-hazard storage, Group S-1, shall be amended to add the following: "An automatic fire-suppression system shall be provided throughout Use Group S-2, provided that said use group exceeds 12,000 square feet in area."
- G. Section 311.3, Low-hazard storage, Group S-2, shall be amended to add the following: "An automatic fire-suppression system shall be provided throughout Use Group S-2, provided that said use group exceeds 12,000 square feet in area."
- H. Section 705.3 shall be amended to add the following: "Use Groups R: All party walls and fire walls shall be constructed of a minimum eight inches concrete, concrete block, or equal. Said walls shall be continuous from the foundation to an area two feet eight inches above the adjoining roof surface or as modified."
- I. Section 705.7, Combustible framing in fire walls, shall be revised to read as follows: "There shall be no combustible framing allowed in any fire wall."
- J. In Subsection 1 of Section 903.2.1.1, the words "12,000 square feet" shall be revised to read "5,000 square feet."
- H. In Section 1612.3 the words "Borough of North Wales" shall be inserted where the words "name of jurisdiction" appear and the words "December 19, 1996" shall be inserted where the words "date of issuance" appear.
- I. Section 1805.1 shall be amended to add Section 1805.1.1, Minimum Thickness, to read as follows: "The minimum thickness of basement foundation walls shall be twelve-inch block or eight-inch poured concrete."
- J. Section 1805.2 shall be revised as follows: "The minimum depth of footings shall be 36 inches from finished grade."
- K. In Section 3409.2 the words "the year 2000" shall be inserted where the words "date to be inserted by the jurisdiction" appear.

§ 99-3. Repealer.

Ordinance Number 674 of the Borough of North Wales adopting the Building Construction Code and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

§ 99-4. Effect on pending proceedings.

Nothing in this chapter or in the Building Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in § 99-3 of this chapter; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this chapter.