

removed thereinto; to provide penalties for the violation of such regulations. Any building *and housing* erected, reconstructed or removed contrary to the provisions of any ordinance passed for any of the purposes herein specified, is declared to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

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Validation.

Section 2. Any housing ordinance heretofore enacted by a township of the first class which provides for the purposes authorized by this act is hereby validated.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 204

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," authorizing the regulation of housing and housing sanitation and the adoption of ordinances pertaining thereto; and the appointment of housing inspectors; and validating certain housing ordinances heretofore adopted.

The First Class Township Code.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Clause XVIII., section 1502, act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended.

Section 1. Clause XVIII. of section 1502, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended to read:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

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XVIII. Building *and Housing* Regulations.—To prohibit or regulate the erection of wooden buildings *and housing* in certain parts of the township and make regulations for the construction of new buildings *and housing* and the alteration and repair of old ones, and to require that before the work begins municipal approval of the plans and specifications therefor be secured; to classify buildings *and housing* or parts of buildings *and housing* according to the use to be made of them; to specify the mode of construction of such different classes of buildings *and housing*; and to require that before any use or

occupancy be changed from any classification to a different classification, as to which more stringent regulations are prescribed under the provisions of any ordinance relating thereto, municipal approval of the plans and specifications therefor be secured.

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Section 2. Clause XIX. of section 1502 of the act, amended June 28, 1957 (P. L. 439), is amended to read:

Clause XIX.,  
section 1502 of  
act, amended  
June 28, 1957,  
P. L. 439, fur-  
ther amended.

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

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XIX. Building *and Housing* Sanitation Regulations.—In addition to other remedies provided by law, and in order to promote the public health, safety, morals, and the general welfare, to enact and enforce suitable ordinances to govern and regulate the construction, alteration, repairs, occupation, maintenance, sanitation, lighting, ventilation, water supply, toilet facilities, drainage, use, and inspection of all buildings *and housing*, or parts of buildings *and housing*, constructed, erected, altered, designed or used, in whole or in part, for human habitation or occupancy, and of the sanitation and inspection of land appurtenant thereto. In case any building, *housing* or structure is constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, *housing* or land is used, in violation of any ordinance enacted under authority conferred hereby, the board of township commissioners, in addition to penalties provided by ordinances enacted hereunder, may institute appropriate actions or proceedings, at law or in equity, to prevent and restrain such lawful construction, reconstruction, alteration, repairs, conversion, maintenance, or use, and to restrain, correct, or abate such violation and to prevent the occupancy of said building, *housing* or structure. The ordinances enacted pursuant to this clause shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of any statute governing the same matter, but all regulations prescribed by such ordinances, which are additional or supplementary to the statute law and not inconsistent therewith, or enacted for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the statute law, shall be valid and binding. Such ordinances may adopt any standard building code *and any standard housing code*, published and printed in book form, covering any or all of the above items, without incorporating such building code *and such housing code* in the ordinance; or any township may enact such building code *and such housing code* as its ordinance authorized under the provisions of this clause.

In either event, such building code *and such housing code* shall not be published or advertised in full, as provided by this section in the case of the adoption of ordinances: Provided, That notice of the adoption of such standard building code *and such housing code* as the building ordinance *and the housing ordinance* of the township, together with a brief summary thereof setting forth the principal provisions of said ordinance in such reasonable detail as will give adequate notice of its contents pursuant to a uniform form which shall be prepared or approved by the Department of Labor and Industry, and a reference to the place or places, within the township, where copies of the building code *and the housing code* adopted are deposited and may be examined, shall be published in the manner provided by this section for the publication of ordinances. Not less than three such copies shall be made available to public inspection and use, during business hours, for a period of not less than three months after the adoption of such building code *and such housing code*.

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Clause XX., section 1502 of act, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended.

Section 3. Clause XX. of section 1502 of the act, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended to read:

Section 1502. The corporate power of a township of the first class shall be vested in the board of township commissioners. The board shall have power—

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XX. Building *and Housing* Inspectors.—To provide for the inspection of the construction and repair of buildings *and housing*, including the appointment of one or more building inspectors *and housing inspectors*; to prescribe limits wherein none but buildings *and housing* of noncombustible material and fireproof roofs shall be erected or substantially reconstructed or removed thereinto; to provide penalties for the violation of such regulations. Any building *and housing* erected, reconstructed, or removed, contrary to the provisions of any ordinance passed for any of the purposes herein specified, is declared to be a public nuisance and abatable as such.

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Validation.

Section 4. Any housing ordinance heretofore enacted by a township of the first class which provides for the purposes authorized by this act is hereby validated.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON