

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST HEMPFIELD  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST  
HEMPFIELD, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EAST HEMPFIELD TO ADD ARTICLE III  
ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICIAL**

**BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Hempfield, County of Lancaster, Chapter 20 of the East Hempfield Township Code of Ordinances is amended to add the following Article designating the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Fire Official:

**Article III. Chief Fire Official**

**§ 20-12. Duties and Responsibilities.**

- A. The Chief Fire Official shall be the chief officer of the fire departments for East Hempfield Township and the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission. The Chief Fire Official shall report to the East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors through the Township Manager.
- B. The Chief Fire Official shall determine and identify the response territory within the Township for each fire department.
- C. The Chief Fire Official shall monitor and respond to alarms and fires to meet the needs of the fire companies. The Chief Fire Official has authority to assume command of any incident, if deemed appropriate or if conditions warrant. In the absence of the Chief Fire Official, a fire company officer within the district in which the incident has occurred will assume command.
- D. The Chief Fire Official shall have the power and responsibility to enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations with respect to the investigation of cause, origin and circumstances of fires. The Chief Fire Official or a designee may investigate or assist in the investigation of all fires in the Township.
- E. The individual fire company officers shall retain their respective authority and duties within their departments. The Fire Chiefs and subordinate

officers shall continue to be responsible for the maintenance, efficiency and conduct of their respective companies. The Chief Fire Official shall have authority and oversight over all departments within the Township and any departments that may fall under the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission.

- F. The Chief Fire Official shall provide monthly and annual reports to the Board of Supervisors and the Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission regarding activities of the fire services and any information or statistics deemed necessary or appropriate to offer an appraisal of the fire services and any recommendations for change.
  
- G. The Chief Fire Official shall have the authority to declare a property in East Hempfield Township temporarily uninhabitable for safety reasons. The property shall be vacated and secured for safety reasons until the Building Code Official can assess the situation and make a final determination.

**THIS ORDINANCE** shall take effect and be enforced five (5) days after its enactment by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Hempfield as provided by law.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistant) Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice) Chairman

[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

I, Cindy A. Schweitzer, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a legally constituted meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Hempfield Township held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted in favor thereof.

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Cindy A. Schweitzer, Secretary