

SALFORD TOWNSHIP

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ENACTED: 11/5/14

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NOW, THEREFOREE, it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by the Salford Township Board of Supervisors that the Township's Code is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Township's Tree Removal Ordinance.

The Township's Code is amended to include Ordinance 166, entitled "Salford Township's Tree Removal Ordinance" providing for the following:

1. **Short Title.** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "Salford Township's Tree Removal Ordinance".
2. **Legislative Intent.** In an effort to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare, the Board has determined that it is necessary to enact an ordinance requiring Township residents to cut or remove trees located on their property, if the condition of the trees, through disease or otherwise, unreasonably affects or interferes with the health, safety, and welfare of the public or the right of the public to the unobstructed use of public roads or property. Accordingly, this Ordinance is enacted in accord with the Second Class Township's Section 2907 entitled "Removal of Diseased or Dangerous Trees".

3. Regulations.

- A. Authority. The Township's Road Master, or such other Township agent, as approved by the Board, shall be authorized to determine if the condition of trees within the Township, through disease or otherwise, unreasonably affects or interferes with the health, safety, and welfare of the public or the right of the public to the unobstructed use of the public roads or property.
- B. Written Notice. If such a determination is made, the Township's Road Master, or such other Township agent, as approved by the Board, shall, at a minimum, notify the property owner in writing by certified mail return receipt requested, expressly directing the cutting or removal of the tree or trees at issue within 30-days ("Written Notice").
- C. Township Action. If after such Written Notice, the property owner fails to do the required action within 30-days, the Township may enter the premises and do the required action.
- D. Property Owner Payment or Lien for Township Costs. All costs associated with the Township's cutting or removal of the tree or trees at issue shall be charged to the property owner ("costs"). If the property owner fails to pay the required costs within 30-days after invoicing, the costs shall be a lien against the property owner's property and shall be collected in the same manner as other municipal liens.

SECTION 2. Amendment/Modification.

The Board does hereby reserve the right, from time to time, to adopt amendments or modifications to this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Repeal and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the ordinances of the Township that are unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 4. **Severability.**

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 5. **Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 5th day of November 2014, by the Salford Township Board of Supervisors.

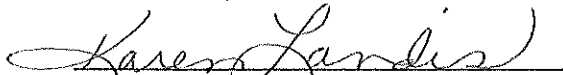
**SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



JAMES STYER, *Chairperson*

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Attested by:



KAREN LANDIS, *Secretary*