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**CERTIFICATION**

**TOWNSHIP OF GERMAN**

**Office of the Secretary-Treasurer**

I, **Daniel C. Shimshock**, Township Secretary-Treasurer of the Township of German, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the chapters contained in this volume are based upon the original legislation of a general and permanent nature of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of German, and that said legislation, as revised and codified, renumbered as to sections and rearranged into chapters, constitutes the Code of the Township of German, County of Fayette, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as adopted by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors on February 12, 2008.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Township of German, County of Fayette, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 12th day of February, at the municipal offices of the Township of German.

s/**DANIEL C. SHIMSHOCK**



Township Secretary-Treasurer

## **PREFACE**

The Township of German has, over the years, passed through a process of legislative change common to many American communities. While only a few simple laws were necessary at the time of the establishment of the Township, subsequent growth of the community, together with the complexity of modern life, has created the need for new and more detailed legislation for the proper function and government of the Township. The recording of local law is an aspect of municipal history, and as the community develops and changes, review and revision of old laws and consideration of new laws, in the light of current trends, must keep pace. The orderly collection of these records is an important step in this ever-continuing process. Legislation must be more than mere chronological enactments reposing in the pages of old records. It must be available and logically arranged for convenient use and must be kept up-to-date. It was with thoughts such as these in mind that the Board of Supervisors ordered the following codification of the Township's legislation.

### **Contents of Code**

The various chapters of the Code contain all currently effective legislation of a general and permanent nature enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Township of German, including revisions or amendments to existing legislation deemed necessary by the Board of Supervisors in the course of the codification.

### **Organization of Code**

The Code includes Township legislation both of an administrative nature, namely, that dealing with the administration of government, that establishing or regulating municipal departments and that affecting officers and employees of the municipal government and its departments, and also of a regulatory nature, which generally impose penalties for violation of their provisions.

### **Histories**

At the end of the Scheme (list of section titles) in each chapter is located the legislative history for that chapter. This History indicates the specific legislative source from which the chapter was derived, including the enactment number (e.g., ordinance number, local law number, bylaw number, resolution number, etc.), if pertinent, and the date of adoption. In the case of chapters containing parts or articles derived from more than one item of legislation, the source of each part or article is indicated in the text, under its title. Amendments to individual sections or subsections are indicated by histories where appropriate in the text.

### **Legislative Enactments**

Certain forms of local legislation are not of a nature suitable for inclusion in the Code but are of such significance that a summary of their provisions are useful. The Legislative Enactments list

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### **Acknowledgment**

The assistance of the Township officials is gratefully acknowledged by the editor. The codification of the legislation of the Township of German reflects an appreciation of the needs of a progressive and expanding community. As in many other municipalities, officials are faced with fundamental changes involving nearly every facet of community life. Problems increase in number and complexity and range in importance from everyday details to crucial areas of civic planning. It is the profound conviction of General Code that this publication will contribute significantly to the efficient administration of local government. As Samuel Johnson observed, "The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public."

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**Tools for Finding Information** – In addition to the municipality’s legislation, this publication contains tools to help locate information: table of contents, index, chapter outlines (schemes), and a disposition list.

**Chapters** – Chapters are generally discrete pieces of legislation, but can also be made up of several individual pieces on a related topic. In that case, the individual pieces are arranged into articles or parts within the chapter. The article or part titles can be found in the chapter scheme or by subject in the index. If you are familiar with a former number or title, look for it chronologically in the disposition list.

**Reserved Chapters** – In the numbering of chapters, space has been provided for the convenient insertion, alphabetically, of later enactments. Help in selecting an appropriate number for a new chapter is available from the editor. See also the “Instructions for Amending the Code” in the Preface.

**Section Numbering** – A chapter-related section-numbering system is employed. Each section of every item of legislation is assigned a number, which indicates both the number of the chapter in which the item of legislation is located and the location of the section within that chapter. Thus, the fourth section of Chapter 6 is § 6-4.

**Scheme** – The scheme is the list of section titles that precedes the text of each chapter. These titles are carefully written so that, taken together, they may be considered as a summary of the content of the chapter. Taken separately, each describes the content of a particular section. For ease and precision of reference, the scheme titles are repeated as section headings in the text.

**Page Numbers** – A unique page-numbering system has been used in which each chapter forms an autonomous unit. The first page of each chapter is the number of that chapter followed by a colon and the numeral “1.” Thus, Chapter 6 begins on page 6:1. By the use of this system, it is possible to add or to change pages in any chapter, or add new chapters, without affecting the sequence of subsequent pages.

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