

WEST MEAD TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - ____

AN ORDINANCE OF WEST MEAD TOWNSHIP TO AMEND THE
EXISTING STRUCTURES CODE OF WEST MEAD TOWNSHIP TO
ESTABLISH PROCEURES FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONS
REQUIRING IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION TO PROTECT PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 1989-5, West Mead Township adopted the 1987 BOCA National Existing Structures Code to establish regulations for the maintenance of structures in the township to provide for the protection of the health and safety of citizens of the township and the public; and

WHEREAS, the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors desires to amend the ordinance to allow for immediate actions to address dangers which, left unattended, pose a serious risk of harm to the public or neighboring properties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and it is enacted and ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. Section ES 106.9, entitled "Emergency Orders" of Section 3 of West Mead Township Ordinance No. 1989-5, the West Mead Township Existing Structures Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ES 106.9 Emergency Orders

- a. Whenever the code officer determines that there is an immediate danger and threat to human life, health and safety, whether of occupants of a structure or of the public by reason of an unsafe structure or one unfit for human occupancy, he shall issue an emergency order reciting the existence of the emergency, and requiring the vacating of the building or structure, and requiring such other action as may be immediately necessary to secure the safety of occupants and the public.
- b. Such an order shall be effective immediately and shall require immediate compliance. The order shall be posted on the premises or property where it can be readily observed, as well as served as promptly as possible on the owners, occupants and other persons in possession or control as may be found.

- c. The owner, occupant, or other persons in possession or control, upon request promptly made, shall be granted a hearing by the Code Appeals Board as quickly as possible.
- d. When the Code Official has determined that there is an immediate danger of collapse or failure of a building or structure or any part thereof, or of fire or of other health hazard which poses a serious risk of harm to the public, or to emergency response personnel, or to nearby properties or persons, after consultation with emergency response personnel, police, Township Supervisors, the owner of the property (if available), and other professionals as may be deemed appropriate, e.g. engineers, the Code Officer may cause the necessary work to be done to render such building or structure or part thereof, or the site, temporarily safe, and employ the necessary labor and materials to perform the required, work as expeditiously as possible.
- e. The Township may take action against the owner of the premises where the unsafe building or structure is or was located for the recovery of such costs and may secure a municipal lien for the recovery thereof.

SECTION 2. Remainder of Zoning Ordinance Unchanged. All other provisions of the West Mead Township Ordinance No. 1989-5, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect except as modified by these amendments.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. Should any section, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by appropriate authority to be unlawful or unconstitutional, all other terms, conditions, provisions and parts hereof, and of any Code of which this Ordinance may be or may be considered to be part, shall continue in full force and effect as if the provision declared to be unlawful or unconstitutional had been omitted as of the date of final enactment hereof.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law by the Board of Supervisors of West Mead Township this _____ day of _____, 2025.

WEST MEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

By: _____
Supervisor

By: _____
Supervisor

ATTEST:

Secretary

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