

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-004

AN ORDINANCE OF HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 140, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 202, TERMINOLOGY TO DELETE VARIOUS FLOODPLAIN RELATED DEFINITIONS, REVISE THE DEFINITION OF FLOODPLAIN, AND ADD A DEFINITION FOR SOILS ON FLOODPLAIN.

Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors upon review by the Bucks County Planning Commission and Hilltown Township Planning Commission hereby enacts and ordains the following Ordinance:

ARTICLE I **Section 140-6, Definitions** is revised to delete the definition for Alluvial Soils (Floodplain Soils), Floodplain (General Floodplain), Floodplain Soils, Flood-proofing, Floodway, Floodway Fringe and Identified Floodplain Area and add the definition of Floodplain as follows:

FLOODPLAIN - Any areas of Hilltown Township, classified as special flood hazard areas (SFHAs) in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) dated March 16, 2015 and issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the most recent revision thereof, including all digital data developed as part of the Flood Insurance Study and,

For areas abutting streams and watercourses where the one hundred year floodplain (one percent [1%] annual chance flood) has not been delineated by the Flood Insurance Study, the applicant shall submit a floodplain identification study. The study prepared by a registered professional engineer expert in the preparation of hydrologic and hydraulic studies shall be used to delineate the one hundred year floodplain. The floodplain study shall be subject to the review and approval of the Township. All areas inundated by the one-hundred year flood shall be included in the Floodplain Area.

ARTICLE II **Section 140-6, Definitions** is revised to add the definition of **Soils on Floodplain** to read as follows:

Soils on Floodplain – Areas subject to periodic flooding listed in the Official Soil Survey provided by the US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Web Soil Survey (<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>), as soils having a flood frequency other than none.

ARTICLE III Repealer. This Ordinance hereby repeals any provision inconsistent with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance now in effect or of other Ordinances, to the extent of such inconsistency. All other provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of Hilltown Township, not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE IIII Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be

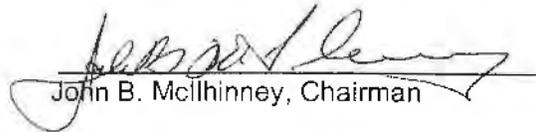
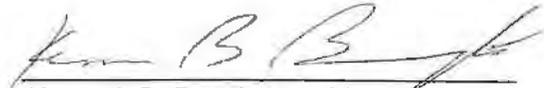
invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance at a regular meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors on this 26 day of January, 2015. This Ordinance shall take effect on March 16, 2015.

Attest:


Richard C. Schnaedfer, Township Manager

**Hilltown Township
Board of Supervisors**


John B. McIlhinney, Chairman
Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice Chairman
James C. Groff, Member