

## **FOREWORD**

### **History**

This comprises the codification of the Ordinances of the Township of Smithfield. The Township of Smithfield was originally settled in 1776 and in 1886 was incorporated as a Township from parts of Walker and Juniata Township.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Smithfield was prepared by Penns Valley Publishers, a division of Fry Communications, Inc., and adopted by the Township of Smithfield Board of Supervisors on June 14, 1999, by Ordinance Number 1999-1.

### **Organization**

The Code contains four parts which are one the valid current ordinances of the Township contained in Chapters 1 through 27, two the Appendix, which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or “one time” nature, three the Key to the disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by the Township, and four the Index, which is an alphabetical arrangement of subjects.

In the Code each Chapter is separated by a divider tab, and specific ordinances can be located by subject on the contents page at the beginning of each Chapter. The Index may also be used to search for a subject when one is looking for general information on a particular subject, or if it is not known in which Chapter the subject might be found. The Appendix consists of several general categories containing a chronological listing of short subject descriptions along with a reference to the original ordinance and its date of enactment, if known.

The Key to disposition indicates what action has been taken by the Township Board of Supervisors with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either been one specifically repealed, two superseded by another ordinance, three is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or four is located in the Appendix. Annual tax rate and budget ordinances are located only in the Key. The Key is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of the Township, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.