

## **Chapter 180**

### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

#### **GENERAL REFERENCES**

**Construction codes — See Ch. 105.**

**Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 210.**

**Health and sanitation — See Ch. 135.**



## ARTICLE I

**Adoption of Standards****[Adopted 2-16-2006 by Ord. No. 1136]****§ 180-1. Property Maintenance Code adopted. [Amended 3-5-2015 by Ord. No. 1198]**

A certain document, at least one copy of which is on file in the Borough Office of the Borough of Northampton, being marked and designated as the "International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 edition," as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Borough of Northampton, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the assurance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the Borough Office of the Borough of Northampton are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if full set forth at length herein, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in § 180-2 of this article.

**§ 180-2. Amendments to code. [Amended 8-17-2006 by Ord. No. 1142; 3-5-2015 by Ord. No. 1198]**

The following sections of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 edition, are hereby revised as follows:

- A. Section 101.1. Insert: "Borough of Northampton."
- B. Section 103.5. Amend by replacing the phrase, "the following schedule," with the phrase, "a schedule to be established by the Borough Council of Northampton by resolution and amended by the Borough Council of Northampton by resolution from time to time."
- C. Section 106.4 is amended to read as follows: "Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by the state or local laws. The violator shall be fined \$500 for each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served and shall be deemed a separate offense."
- D. Section 602.3. Insert: September 30 to April 15.
- E. Section 602.4. Insert: September 30 to April 15.

**§ 180-3. Violations and penalties. [Amended 3-5-2015 by Ord. No. 1198]**

Any violation of the provisions of this article or of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 edition, as amended, shall be punishable by a fine of \$500. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

**§ 180-4. Effect on court proceedings.**

Nothing in this article or in the Property Maintenance code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in § 180-2 or this article; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this article.

## ARTICLE II

**Exterior Storage of Personal Property  
[Adopted 4-2-2009 by Ord. No. 1166]****§ 180-5. Short title.**

This article may commonly be referred to as the Borough of Northampton "Prohibition of Exterior Storage of Personal Property."

**§ 180-6. Prohibited activities.**

No owner, possessor or responsible agent of real property shall accumulate, permit or store items such as furniture designed or manufactured primarily for indoor use, durable goods (refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.), small appliances, carpets, tires, vehicle parts, automotive products or municipal waste, hazardous waste, residual waste or construction or demolition debris on the exterior of the property if it is a threat to the physical appearance, safety or public health of the Borough or if its presence constitutes a public nuisance.

**§ 180-7. Violations and penalties.**

Any person or entity who violates this article shall be charged with a summary offense and upon conviction thereof before the appropriate Magisterial District Judge, shall be sentenced to pay the costs plus a fine levied as follows: \$100 against a person or entity violating this article, with each day of continued violation constituting a separate offense, to a maximum fine not to exceed \$1,000.

**§ 180-8. Other remedies.**

Nothing herein contained shall inhibit or impair the Borough from enforcing its rights in law or equity.