

ORDINANCE NO. 80
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE NAMING OF A STREET BY ANY NAME WHICH IS THE SAME OR DECEPTIVELY SIMILAR TO ANY EXISTING STREET AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania desire to avoid confusion as to Washington Township road and street names among the motoring public, visitors to Washington Township and to the residents of Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Supervisors desires to avoid potential confusion among emergency personnel and possible errors of location of the scene of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania deems it in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Washington Township to regulate the naming of streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the authority of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. Before naming any street, public or private, within Washington Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, the

property owner or person designating the name by which said public or private street is to be known shall first contact the Township Secretary and the postmaster of the postal service zip code area wherein lies the site of the proposed road and the property owner or person designating the proposed public or private street name shall obtain a certificate or letter from the Township Secretary and postmaster indicating that there are no existing public or private streets or roads within Washington Township or within the postal service zip code area bearing the same or a deceptively similar name as the proposed name of the new public or private street.

SECTION 2. In the event that the proposed new street site lies within a subdivision which must be presented to the Washington Township Planning Commission or Washington Township Board of Supervisors for approval, the aforementioned letter or certification shall be submitted as part of the required documentation to the Washington Township Planning Commission for review.

SECTION 3. In the event that the proposed new street site does not lie within a subdivision requiring submission to the Washington Township Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors for approval, the property owner or person designating the new public

or private street name shall retain as part of his permanent records the letters or certifications obtained in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. In the event that any property owner or person has designated a name for a new private or public street which is the same as or deceptively similar to any existing street within the Township of Washington or within the postal service zip code area wherein the site of the newly named street lies, the Washington Township Board of Supervisors shall have the power and authority, by resolution, to rename said street and to so notify the property owners abutting said street and the postmaster of the postal service zip code area as to the designation of the new street name.

SECTION 5. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before a District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred and no/100 (\$600.00) Dollars and, in default of payment thereof, undergo imprisonment in the Westmoreland County Detention Center for a period of thirty (30) days.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the authority of the Board of
Supervisors of Washington Township, Westmoreland County,
Pennsylvania this 8th day of February, 1990

Burl L. Shaugenbaugh
Chairman

Herbert J. Coulter
Vice Chairman

ABSENT
Member

ATTEST:

Audrey R. Saffner
Secretary