

ORDINANCE NO. 247

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO AMEND THE SOUTHWESTERN BERKS COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2009, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS OF PIPELINE USES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE AND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1516, 1527 AND 1529 OF THE SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of South Heidelberg, Berks County, Pennsylvania that the Southwestern Berks County Zoning Ordinance of 2009, as amended (the "Ordinance") is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Article VI, Section 611 of the Southwestern Berks County Zoning Ordinance is incorporated as follows:

Section 611. Transmission Pipelines and Surface Uses Associated with Transmission Pipelines.

A. Purposes and Scope.

The purpose of this section shall be to:

- (1) Accommodate the need for surface land uses affiliated with transmission pipelines consistent with the desire to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Townships and Borough.
- (2) Minimize aesthetic, nuisance and visual impacts of surface land uses affiliated with transmission pipelines through proper design, siting and vegetative screening.
- (3) Ensure the location of surface land uses affiliated with transmission pipelines in compliance with applicable industry standards and requirements, among them the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act.
- (4) Preserve the rural, suburban and urban character of neighborhoods adjacent to surface land uses affiliated with transmission pipelines.
- (5) Help prevent and minimize unnecessary risk to the public health, safety and welfare due to transmission pipelines and their associated surface land uses.

