

## FOREWORD

The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Mechanicsburg has been prepared by Penns Valley Publishers and was adopted by the Borough Council on April 19, 1983 by Ordinance number 925.

The first ordinance was enacted on June 1, 1828, and by May 6, 1856, 37 numbered and three unnumbered ordinances had been enacted. On April 29, 1858, ordinance numbering reverted back to number "two" (omitting "one"), and remained consecutive to the present time. In the preparation of this codification, the ordinances and resolutions not previously repealed were carefully analyzed and compared with State law, court decisions and any later ordinances and resolutions on the same subject, and were further considered in the light of modern needs and conditions in the Borough.

As a result, the codifiers prepared recommendations which were discussed with and reviewed by Borough officials. It was decided that a total of 37 ordinances would be repealed as a part of this codification. The previous codification of October 1967 is hereby superseded and Ordinances 778 through 925 have been incorporated into this codification.

The code contains four parts which are (1) the valid current ordinances of the Borough of Mechanicsburg contained in chapters 1 through 27, (2) the appendix which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or "one time" nature, (3) the key to the disposition of each ordinance ever enacted by the Borough, and (4) 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 codifiers and the Borough Council with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a chapter of the code book, or (4) is located in the appendix.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 Borough, and to the location within the code of each ordinance by number.