ORDINANCE NO. 235 OF 2004

OF

THE BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
VENANGO COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK, VENANGO COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT AND REGULATIONS TO THE ACT PROMULGATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Sugarcreek (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality") and to conform to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act and regulations to the Act promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Construction Act requires the enactment of an appropriate ordinance by municipalities electing to administer and enforce the building code provisions of the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

1. The Municipality hereby elects to administer and enforce the provisions of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, Act 45 of 1999, 35 P.S. ss7210.101-7210.1103, as amended from time to time, and its regulations.

2. The Uniform Construction Code, contained in 34 Pa. Code, Chapters 401-405, as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the municipal building code of the Municipality.

3. Administration and enforcement of the Code within the Municipality shall be undertaken in any of the following ways as determined by the governing body of the Municipality from time to time by resolution:

    a. By the designation of an employee of the Municipality to serve as the municipal code official to act on behalf of the Municipality;

    b. By the retention of one or more construction code officials or third-party agencies to act on behalf of the Municipality;

    c. By agreement with one or more other municipalities for the joint administration and enforcement of this Act through an inter-municipal agreement;

    d. By entering into a contract with another municipality for the administration and enforcement of this Act on behalf of this Municipality;

    e. By entering into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for plan review, inspections and enforcement of structures other than one-family or two-family dwelling units and utility and miscellaneous use structures.

4. A Board of Appeals shall be established by resolution of the governing body of this Municipality in conformity with the requirements of the relevant provisions of the Code, as amended from time to time, and for the purposes set forth therein. If at any time enforcement and administration is undertaken jointly with one or more other municipalities, said Board of Appeals shall be established by joint action of the participating municipalities.

5. a. All building code ordinances or portions of ordinance which were adopted by this Municipality on or before July 1, 1999, and which equal or exceed the requirements of the Code shall continue in full force and effect until such time as such provisions fail to equal or exceed the minimum requirements of the Code, as amended from time to time.

   b. All building code ordinances or portions of ordinances which are in effect as of the effective date of this ordinance and whose requirements are less than the minimum requirements of the Code are hereby amended to conform with the comparable provisions of the Code.

   c. All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of this Municipality not governed by the Code shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Fees assessable by the Municipality for the administration and enforcement undertaken pursuant to this ordinance and the Code shall be established by the governing body by resolution from time to time.

7. This ordinance shall be effective May 1, 2004 after the date of passage of this ordinance.

8. If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 7th day of April 2004 by the Borough of Sugarcreek in public session duly assembled.