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Section 101. Disorderly Conduct.

(a) To wilfully make or cause to be made, or being the owner of any premises or having control thereof, to permit within or on said premises, any loud, boisterous or unseemly noise or disturbances, or to be guilty of vagrancy, or to engage in fighting or to incite others to fight, assault or quarrel, or to incite to riot, or to engage in any other unlawful act tending to imperil the personal security of any person or persons within the Township of Tilden.

(b) To publicly use profane, blasphemous or indecent language, to commit open lewdness or any act of public indecency, make any indecent exposure of the person, to be found in a state of intoxication or drunkenness, to be gathered in disorderly assemblies on the streets or in drinking places.

(c) To cause any unnecessary sounding of sirens, bells, whistles or other warning devices and disturbing noises by motor vehicle, including but not limited to the squealing of tires, backfiring, blowing of horn or horns and racing of a motor to the annoyance of the residents nearby or within or near to any alley, street, bridge, public passageway or public place whereby the public peace is broken or disturbed or the public is annoyed or offended.

(Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 1)

Section 102. Carrying Concealed Weapons. To carry such items as any firearm, bomb, explosive substance, slingshot, handy-billy, dirk-knife, razor or cutting instrument, the blade of which can be exposed in an automatic way by switch push-button, spring mechanism, or otherwise unless authorized by law. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 2)

Section 103. Loafing and Loitering. To loaf, loiter or stand upon any of the sidewalks, in front or in places of business or other public highways or public places, so as to wilfully and unnecessarily interfere or obstruct the free and full passage of owners, residents, travelers, or other persons. (Ordinance No. 17, November 2, 1970, Section 3)

Section 104. Sounding of False Alarms. To raise or cause to be raised any false alarm for fire or police by ringing of fire-bells or the giving of any other common or recognized alarm. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 4)

Section 105. Obstructing Officers in the Performance of Duty. To knowingly, wilfully or forcibly obstruct, resist, publicly insult, harass, heckle or oppose any officer or other person duly authorized while serving or attempting to serve or execute any legal

process or order, or in making a lawful arrest. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 5)

Section 106. Malicious Damage to Property.

(a) To wilfully or wantonly destroy, deface or damage in any way, any public or private property within the Township of Tilden.

(b) To deface, disfigure or write upon or in any manner cause to be placed on any house, fence, wall, building, structure, automobile or other auto vehicle, or any part thereof, any marks, lines, figures, letters or caricatures of any kind without the permission of the owner thereof.

(Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 6)

Section 107. Obstructing Public Ways. To obstruct or block any public street, road, highway, alley, sidewalk or private or public driveway with any type of object or obstruction in such a manner as to restrict the flow of traffic or prevent Municipal employees or agents from effectively clearing the road surface of snow and ice. This section shall not be construed so as to prohibit obstruction of such public ways for the purpose of immediate loading or unloading, provided authorization has been obtained from the Chief of Police or proper authority to obstruct such public ways. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 7)

Section 108. Public Safety. To imperil or endanger the personal safety or security of any person or persons within the Township of Tilden. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 8)

Section 109. Penalties for Violation. Any Person, partnership, corporation or other entity who or which has violated or permitted the violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a District Justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be sentenced to pay a fine of at least One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00), not more than One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) and costs of prosecution and/or to undergo imprisonment to the extent permitted by law for the punishment of summary offenses. The Township Solicitor may assume charge of the prosecution without the consent of the District Attorney as required under Pa. R.C.P. No. 83(c) (relating to trial in summary cases). Each day that violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 9; as amended by Ordinance No. 113, March 4, 1997, Section 3)

Section 110. Severability. The provisions of this Chapter shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Chapter. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this Chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provision not been included herein. (Ordinance No. 27, November 2, 1970, Section 10)

