

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION RELIEF ACT ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST MAHANAY AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1 – TITLE

This chapter shall be known and maybe cited as the “Township of West Mahanoy
Illegal Immigration Relief Act Ordinance.”

SECTION 2 – FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The People of the Township of West Mahanoy find and declare:

A. That illegal immigration leads to higher crime rates, contributes to
overcrowded classrooms and failing schools, subjects our hospitals to fiscal hardship and
legal residents to substandard quality of care, and destroys our neighborhoods and
diminishes our overall quality of life.

B. That the Township of West Mahanoy is empowered and mandated by the
People of West Mahanoy Township to abate the nuisance of illegal immigration by
aggressively prohibiting and punishing the acts, policies, people and businesses that aid
and abet illegal aliens.

SECTION 3 – DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following
meanings:

“Township” means the Township of West Mahanoy

“Contract employer” means any person who obtains the services of one or more
individuals through a day labor agency.

“Vehicle” means a vehicle as defined in Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as the same now
reads or may hereafter be amended.

SECTION 4 – BUSINESS PERMITS, CONTRACTS OR GRANTS

Any for-profit entity, including acts committed by its parent company or subsidiaries, that aids and abets illegal aliens or illegal immigration shall be denied approval of a business permit, the renewal of a business permit, township contracts or grants for a period not less than five (5) years from its last offense.

A. Aiding and abetting shall include, but not be limited to, the hiring or attempted hiring of illegal aliens, renting or leasing to illegal aliens, or funding or aiding in the establishment of a day laborer center that does not verify legal work status.

B. Any act that aids and abets illegal aliens within the United States, not just within the Township limits, will constitute a violation.

SECTION 5 – RENTING TO ILLEGAL ALIENS

A. Illegal aliens are prohibited from leasing or renting property. Any property owner or renter/tenant/lessee in control of property, who knowingly allows an illegal alien to use, rent or lease their property shall be in violation of this section.

B. Any person or entity that violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars.

SECTION 6 – ENGLISH ONLY

A. The Township of West Mahanoy declares that English is the official language of the Township.

B. Unless explicitly mandated by the federal government, the state of Pennsylvania or the Township of West Mahanoy, all official township business, forms, documents, signage, telecommunication or electronic communication devices will be conducted or written in or utilize English only.

SECTION 7 - SEVERABILITY

If any part of provision of this Chapter is in conflict or inconsistent with applicable provisions of federal or state statutes, or is otherwise held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such part of provision shall be suspended and superseded by such applicable laws or regulations, and the remainder of the Chapter shall not be affected thereby.

ORDAINED By the Supervisors this 15 day of August, 2006.

James M. Lawrence
Chairperson

Regenie J. Hurty
Supervisor

Paul Mauldin
Supervisor

Michael S. Peltak
Township Secretary