

TOWNSHIP OF HEMPFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HEMPFIELD
ISSUING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE CLOSURE OF
EXISTING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DEEMED NON-LIFE
SUSTAINING BY THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER OF MARCH 19TH**

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, the Governor of Pennsylvania issued an Executive Order on March 19th 2020, requiring the closure of all business deemed non-life sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the Governor thereafter amend such Order on March 20 and March 21st in an attempt to clarify the Order and so as to provide for changes to the list of non-life sustaining businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governor further amend the list to provide exceptions within the list as well as a process of requesting an exemption if such business was listed as non-life sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the process of requesting exemptions was not specific as to when the applicants may be notified of such exemption; and

WHEREAS, the last amended version of the list of non-life sustaining businesses includes the construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, many permitted construction sites currently exist throughout Hempfield Township, and

WHEREAS, the third party administrator of the Uniformed Construction Code (UCC) for Hempfield Township was required to close as a result of the Governor's Order and is unable inspect the closure of construction sites for public safety; and

WHEREAS, the immediately shuttering of all construction sites without sufficient time to secure jobsites and complete partial projects is not in the best interest of public safety and/or fails to protect against unnecessary property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors are authorized to adopt rules and regulations that seek to protect the health and welfare of Hempfield Township and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hempfield, that the following should be considered as additional guidance for constructions operations within Hempfield Township in light of the Governor’s Order of March 19th,2020:

1. Additional time is provided in the interest of public safety and protection against unnecessary property damage.
2. Construction sites must be made safe and secure by March 30th at 5pm.
3. Contractors are directed to take proper measures to protect adjacent properties, remove or fasten items that are or could become loose, secure sites against trespass, incomplete work necessary to protect and ensure the structural integrity of buildings under construction.
4. Routine maintenance and repair of existing buildings is exempt from the Order and may continue.
5. Emergency systems repair and replacement are also exempt and may continue.

Examples include roof repair, plumbing leaks, hot water replacement and fire safety systems repair.

6. Any construction operation and/or site shall utilize the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Center for Disease Control to protect workers and the public.

RESOLVED this 23rd day of MARCH, 2020.