

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Ordinance 2020-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 56, BUILDINGS, NUMBERING OF, BY REQUIRING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SIGNS.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, AND IT IS ENACTED AND ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 56-4, Building numbers; duty to affix shall be amended by deleting the language which is stricken and adding the understored language as follows:

- A. It shall be the duty of each and every ~~the owner trustee, lessee agent, agent, occupant and possessor of each and every house, building, or other structure located in Lehigh Township, of every lot fronting on any of the streets of the Township~~ to affix the number assigned by the Township to a house or building constructed, or built, or placed on said lot. The number shall be permanently posted as set forth herein. All persons required to number existing houses, buildings, or other structures shall contact Lehigh Township and secure an assigned building number.

SECTION 2. Section 56-5 shall be deleted in its entirety and now read as follows:

**56-5, Reflective Emergency Response Sign Required**

**Every property within the Township of Lehigh, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, that has a residential dwelling unit, commercial structure or any other structure thereon, shall place a reflective emergency response number sign in a conspicuous place on said property. The number of any given property is available to the occupant or property owner upon request to the Township Secretary. The size and material specifications of such sign and placement on the property shall conform to the following requirements:**

- A. **All residential structures shall have signs with 3" or 4" high white reflective numbers with a green reflective background, visible both during the day and at night, placed on a 4" – 6" X 18" rectangular sign, which is to be displayed either vertically or horizontally. The sign shall be placed on the same side of the public street or state highway as the dwelling unit located thereon, and at a location clearly visible from the public street or state highway when approaching the property from either direction on the street or highway, at a distance no greater than 6' from the berm of the public road.**

- B. **All nonresidential structures containing single or multiple retail, commercial or other units shall have signs stenciled or otherwise attached to each entrance door of each such unit, which signs shall consist of 3” or 4” high white reflective numbers with a green reflective background, visible both during the day and at night, placed (or stenciled) on a 4”- 6” X 18” inch rectangular sign, which is to be displayed either vertically or horizontally.**
  
- C. **Compliance Deadline. All existing residential and nonresidential structures must comply with this section by June 30, 2021. All newly constructed residential and nonresidential structures not yet occupied as of the effective date of this section amendment will not be eligible for receipt of a certificate of occupancy until compliance with this section has occurred. All residential and nonresidential structures with signs with 3” or 4” white reflective numbers with a green reflective background, visible both during the day and at night, placed (or stenciled) on a rectangular sign, which is displayed either vertically or horizontally as of the effective date of this section, shall be exempted from the size requirement of a 4” – 6” x 18”.**
  
- D. **Waiver. The provisions of this Ordinance regarding size and material specifications of each sign and placement on the property may be waived and modified, upon cause shown, by the Board of Supervisors in consultation with the Lehigh Township Police Chief. Any waiver and/or modification of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be executed by the Bord of Supervisors and filed in the respective property file with Lehigh Township.**

SECTION 3. A new section reading as follows shall be added to this Chapter.

**56-6 Manner of Posting.**

**All house numbers erected in accordance with this chapter shall be placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property, in a permanent and durable manner. House numbers shall be observable from the street at any time of the year, which means they shall not be occluded by plant growth or snow.**

SECTION 4. The following sections shall be renumbered as indicated:

- A. ~~56-6~~ **56-7** Notice of violation.
  
- B. ~~56-7~~ **56-8** Violations and penalties, shall be amended by deleting the language which is stricken and adding the understored language as follows”

In the event that any owner, owners or occupants shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated herein, penalties for violation of this chapter shall be enforced as summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal

Procedure, pursuant to the mandate of Act 172 of 1996 (53 P.S. § 66601). Any person who shall violate any ordinance listed and described above shall be subject, upon being found guilty thereof before a District Justice in a summary criminal proceeding commenced by this Township, to pay a fine not to exceed ~~\$1,000~~ **\$100 per violation** and ~~to undergo imprisonment in the Northampton County Prison for a term not to exceed 90 days for each violation (Lehigh Township Codified Ordinances Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article H).~~

SECTION 5. Severability. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealer. All Ordinances or part of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby and the same repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP

Attest:

By: Cynthia L. Miller  
Cynthia L. Miller, Chairperson

Alice A. Rehrig  
Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary