

**PALMER TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE 2021- 470**

AN ORDINANCE OF PALMER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING  
CHAPTER 160, ENTITLED "STREET AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION" BY ADDING CURB CUT  
REQUIREMENTS

**WHEREAS**, Act 1995-60 (H.B. 702), P.L. 350, § 1, approved Nov. 9, 1995, 53 P.S. § 66517, of the Second Class Township Code, permits the Board of Supervisors to enact and enforce ordinances to govern and regulate the construction, alteration, and repair of sidewalks, streets and curbs; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 180-14 of Palmer Township's ordinances, entitled "Curb Cuts" was referenced under Chapter 180, entitled Vehicles and Traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors have found that it would be in the best interests of the Township to move the language of Section 180-14 to Chapter 160 pertaining to street and sidewalk construction; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 2020-464 repealing and replacing, in its entirety, Chapter 180 entitled Vehicles and Traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2020, Section 180-14 was deleted from Chapter 180 in its entirety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors have found it necessary to amend Chapter 160 of its Ordinance by inserting the language of Section 180-14; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palmer Township's Board of Supervisors have found that amending Chapter 160 would provide easier reference to curb requirements; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Township of Palmer, by and through its Board of Supervisors, hereby enact and ordain the following:

1. Amendment to Chapter 160 of the Township of Palmer ordinances is amended by adding a new subsection "2.1", entitled "Curb Cuts," as follows:
  - A. It shall be the duty of all developers and all owners of property abutting a public street or highway within the Township of Palmer to construct concrete ramps, where feasible, and crosswalks when new installations of sidewalk and/or curb are made or when a replacement of an existing sidewalk and/or curb is made so as to make the transition from street to sidewalk easily accessible for handicapped persons in wheelchairs and for other persons who may have difficulty in making the required step up or down from curb level to street level.
  - B. All such ramps shall be constructed or installed in accordance with the designs and specifications therefor prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The cost for such installation shall be borne by the property owner or developer who owns or is developing the property upon which the ramps and/or sidewalks are being

constructed. Upon completion of said construction, said property owner and/or developer shall be required to keep the improvements in good repair.

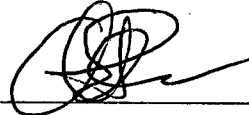
2. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after the adoption thereof.
3. Any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with the within ordinance are hereby repealed.

ATTEST:



Robert A. Williams,  
Secretary

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS



David Colver,  
Chairman

11/23/21