

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
York County, Pennsylvania**

Resolution No. 2020-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGETTSBURY SUPPORTING THE
IMMEDIATE MOVING OF YORK COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, INCLUDING
SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP, TO THE GREEN
PHASE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PHASED
REOPENING PLAN**

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Rachel Levine, MD, issued an Order outlining the safety measures to be taken by employees and customers of businesses which are open either as a "life-sustaining business" or via a waiver; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Order provides common-sense measures which the Secretary of Health has determined provide a safe environment for employees and customers to conduct business; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf ordered all "non-life-sustaining businesses" to close; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf issued a "Stay at Home Order" for York County, including Springettsbury Township; and

WHEREAS, many residents of York County and Springettsbury Township have been laid off and/or furloughed resulting in decreased or eliminated incomes to support their families; and

WHEREAS, many businesses in York County and Springettsbury Township have been substantially impacted by the Governor's Stay at Home Order and will have a difficult time recovering and remaining in business as this business closure continues; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in York County, including Springettsbury Township, are seeing, and will continue to see, Earned Income Tax revenues decrease; and

WHEREAS, the continued decline of municipal Earned Income Tax revenue may result in an increase in 2021 real estate property taxes for our taxpayers to allow much needed municipal services to continue; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf has established a "Phased Reopening Plan" which provides thresholds for the reopening of businesses and other activities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2020, York County was moved from the “Red Phase” to the “Yellow Phase” under the Governor’s “Phased Reopening Plan.”

WHEREAS, neither the Secretary of Health nor the Governor have established metrics to go from the Yellow Phase to the Green Phase of the Governor’s “Phased Reopening Plan,” placing residents and businesses in limbo as to when returning to normal activities will occur; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of York County and Springettsbury Township cannot afford to have its economy closed for an indefinite period of time without substantial negative consequences; and

WHEREAS, according to the data available for this area, the average resident of York County and Springettsbury Township has a very low chance of contracting the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Springettsbury Township understands that our most vulnerable residents must be protected, but also understands that the remainder of our businesses and residents must be given the opportunity to move on with their lives and be given the opportunity to financially survive this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Springettsbury Township, York County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supports the immediate moving of York County and Springettsbury Township to the “Green Phase” of the Governor’s "Phased Reopening Plan"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Springettsbury Township encourages residents to continue to safely support our local businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Springettsbury Township applauds those businesses that are strictly following the evolving safety guidelines as issued by National, State, and local authorities to create a safe environment for their customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors supports the continued efforts of our State and local leaders to institute safety precautions to protect employees and customers of businesses which choose to reopen.

ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Springettsbury Township this 28th day of May, 2020.

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS