

ORDINANCE NO. 99-3

**EAST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**

**AN ORDINANCE OF EAST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP  
REGULATING THE CARE AND USE OF SIDEWALKS  
WITHIN EAST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of East Bethlehem Township have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of East Bethlehem Township to regulate the use and care of sidewalks located in East Bethlehem Township and thereby ensuring the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of East Bethlehem Township.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

“Person” - The word “person” as used in this Ordinance shall mean and include any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation. In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

“Sidewalk” - The word “sidewalk” as used in this Ordinance shall be taken to intend and mean the entire space between the property line and its adjacent curb line on either side of any street or avenue.

**SECTION 2. SIDEWALKS TO BE KEPT CLEAN AND ABUTTING GRASS PLOTS TO BE KEPT TRIMMED**

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property abutting upon any sidewalk in East Bethlehem Township is hereby required to keep such abutting sidewalk at all times clean and in good order, free from soil, clay, stone, gravel and any other substance whatsoever which might interfere with the free, convenient and safe use thereof, and at all times to keep the grass, weeds and other vegetation on the space between the curb and property line, in front, rear and along the sides thereof trimmed and to at all times cut or mow the grass, weeds and other vegetation on their respective lots, so that neither grass nor weeds shall rise above the approximate height of six inches (6") and every such owner, occupant or tenant, shall remove said cuttings or mowings and all accumulation of rubbish or other debris from said premises.

Provided: The owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this Ordinance where such property is occupied by such owner, or is a property having more than one tenantable unit, or is unoccupied or vacant, and the tenant or

occupant thereof shall be responsible therefore where such property is occupied by such tenant or occupant only.

**SECTION 3. SNOW AND ICE TO BE REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS**

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property abutting upon any street or public alley in East Bethlehem Township is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks abutting upon such property all snow and ice thereon fallen or formed, within twelve (12) hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or to be formed.

Provided: Snow or ice that has ceased to fall or to be formed after six o'clock of any evening may be removed at any time before ten o'clock of the next morning.

Provided further: The owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this Ordinance where such property is occupied by such owner, or is unoccupied or vacant or is a multiple-business or multiple-dwelling property, occupied by more than one tenant or occupant; the occupant or tenant shall be responsible therefore where such property is occupied by such occupant or tenant only.

**SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR TOWNSHIP TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND COLLECT COST AND ADDITIONAL AMOUNT**

In any case where the owner, occupant or tenant, as aforesaid, shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance within the time limit prescribed therein, the authorities of the Township may proceed immediately to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalk of such delinquent, and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from such owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. SNOW AND ICE NOT TO BE DUMPED ON STREETS OR SIDEWALKS**

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or remove snow or ice from any private property or structure on to the sidewalks or streets of the Township.

**SECTION 6. SIDEWALKS TO BE KEPT SAFE AND UNOBSTRUCTED DURING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

Every contractor, engaged in the construction, alteration or repair of any building on or near the line of any street or public alley, or, in case there be no contractor, then the owner of any such building, shall be required to keep the sidewalk adjoining such building at all times safe and unobstructed for public travel.

**SECTION 7. PENALTIES**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) ; and/or imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days. Every day that a violation of this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 8. REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. The following Ordinances or part thereof are specifically repealed.

**SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY**

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Commissioners that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage or as otherwise provided by law.

EAST BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

DATE: March 9, 1999

  
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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

**REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS Act 57 of May 15, 1998 permits local public procurement units to participate in those contracts for supplies, services, or construction entered into by the Department of General Services (DGS) that are made available to local public procurement units. A "local public procurement unit" is defined as: any political subdivision, public authority, educational, health, or other institution; and to the extent provided by law, any other entity, including a council of governments or an area government; nonprofit fire, rescue, or ambulance company; and any nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that East Bethlehem Township, (name of Local Public Procurement Unit) hereby requests authorization to participate in DGS's contracts for the procurement of supplies, services or construction, subject to the following conditions:

1. That East Bethlehem Township (name of Local Public Procurement Unit), agrees to be bound by such contract terms and conditions DGS may prescribe.
2. That East Bethlehem Township (name of Local Public Procurement Unit) agrees to be responsible for payment directly to the contractor under each contract for those supplies, services or construction ordered by the local public procurement unit.

Enacted into a Resolution this 15 day of July, 1999.

ATTEST:  
(Seal)

East Bethlehem Township  
Local Public Procurement Unit

Washington  
County

Christine Demanait  
Secretary

Steve Kelly  
Signature

William [unclear]  
Signature

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Signature

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**MAIL ORIGINAL RESOLUTION TO:**

Department of General Services  
Cooperative Purchasing Program  
Attn: Susan Hobart  
415 North Office Building  
Harrisburg PA 17125