



**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2425-21

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PURSUANT TO SECTION 505 OF THE CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER AND THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CODE EXTENDING THE TOWNSHIP TAX FILING AND PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR TOWNSHIP BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus COVID-19 (“COVID-19”) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf issued the first Proclamation of Disaster Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which emergency was most recently extended for 90 days (unless sooner extended or rescinded) by proclamation on February 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the United States Internal Revenue Service has extended the Federal tax filing date for 2020 returns from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021 to assist taxpayers in navigating the unusual circumstances relating to the continuing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township Business Privilege Tax (“BPT”) filers need to include a copy of their federal returns in the Cheltenham BPT filing.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham (“Board”) hereby **ORDAINS** and **ENACTS** as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 505 of the Cheltenham Township Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code, in order to meet a public health emergency, the Board hereby adopts this Emergency Ordinance and declares a continuing health emergency within the Township regarding the COVID-19 health emergency as set forth in detail above.
2. In order to assist Township BPT taxpayers, the filing and payment deadlines for Township Business Privilege Taxes are extended from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. All penalties and interest shall apply after the deadlines as extended herein.

3. The Board strongly encourages the public to conform their conduct to the advisories and directives of the Governor, the County of Montgomery and the County Office of Public Health.
4. This Emergency Ordinance shall be advertised as soon as possible after the date of enactment.

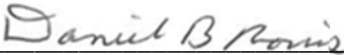
DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, in lawful session duly assembled, this 7th day of **April, 2021**.

ATTEST:



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager and Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: 
Daniel B. Norris, President