

Ordinance No. 2019-02

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP'S ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR
EMERGENCY ACCESS ON RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has the authority to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the township by establishing ordinances to promote and provide for emergency services within the township;

WHEREAS, Franklin Township has been made of aware that rights-of-way which would and should otherwise be accessible to emergency services vehicles are being blocked, barricaded, and otherwise inhibited from travel by parked, stored, or otherwise immobile vehicles,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township Supervisors of the Township of Franklin, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

ARTICLE I IN GENERAL

Section 1. Definitions.

RIGHT-OF-WAY - Any road, street, alley, or highway located within the township, including private roadways which are used to access the property of more than one resident, which can be traversed by an emergency services vehicle.

EMERGENCY SERVICES - all first responders including but not limited to fire departments, emergency medical services providers, and law enforcement officials.

ARTICLE II PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

Section 1. Prohibited Acts.

It is declared to be unlawful for any person or entity to obstruct any right-of-

way within the township in any manner which would prohibit any emergency service vehicle from traversing said right-of-way.

Section 2. Violations/penalties.

Any person or entity who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall be guilty of a summary violation and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of no more than \$1,000, plus all court costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Township in the enforcement of this chapter. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Further, in the event an obstruction remains for greater than 48 hours, the township may have the obstruction removed at the owner's expense.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 16 day of July, 2019.

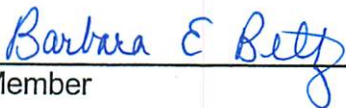
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS



Chairman




Vice-Chairman



Member

ATTEST:



Secretary