

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
RESOLUTION 2019-8-1**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE
OF MUNICIPALITIES' PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO
AMEND THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted a Uniform Construction Code (“UCC”) with the purpose to provide for uniform construction standards to insure healthy, safe, and sanitary construction but also less expensive construction for the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) has been granted authority to amend or alter provisions of the UCC to insure the intent and purposes of the UCC continue to be fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, municipal construction officials act as the enforcing agency tasked with administering and enforcing all provisions of UCC for construction within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, permits and inspections form the foundation for the safe building environment; and

WHEREAS, the DCA made amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.4, 2.7, 2.14, & 2.17A, commonly referred to as the “Minor Work” and “Ordinary Maintenance” provisions of the UCC that took effect on March 5, 2018, which undermine the UCC’s intent and purpose; and

WHEREAS, unless these amendments are retracted or further remedial amendments are made to the UCC, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State will be jeopardized and residents could see overall construction expenses increase if work is not properly performed; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities along with New Jersey’s six professional code official associations has filed a petition for rulemaking with the DCA requesting necessary and appropriate amendments be made to ensure the intent and purpose of the UCC is reinforced and preserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chesterfield Township supports the rulemaking petition submitted by the League and the six professional code official associations and requests that the DCA work to expeditiously adopt the measures offered by the petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on August 29, 2019 at which a quorum was present.

Rachel Fryc, RMC

Deputy Township Clerk