

**BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-4

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND REQUIRING
PROOF OF INSURANCE AND LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS OPERATING
WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND ESTABLISHING FEES THEREFORE.**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

The following provisions shall be added to the "Building Construction" section of the Northumberland Borough Code as Section 23-6 thereof:

- a) All business entities or individuals performing services as building contractors, remodelers, excavators or erectors, shall have a valid license issued by the Code Office which will have proof of insurance as a requirement. The insurance policy maintained by the applicant for the license shall provide for a minimum of \$300,000.00 payable for each claim or occurrence under the policy.
- b) The license shall be effective until January 1st of the year following the year of issuance of the license, and it shall be renewed on an annual basis each January. The license shall become null and void if the insurance policy expires during the one-year term.
- c) The cost of license shall be an annual fee set by resolution.
- d) The license must be presented at the time of requesting a building permit. Further, the Code Office reserves the right to request a visual inspection of the license at the time of an inspection of the building site. Individuals performing services at their own home shall be exempted from the licensing requirement. If a proposed project has estimated costs of less than \$100,000.00 then the license, along with a minimum insurance policy of \$300,000.00, shall be sufficient to meet the insurance requirements for a building permit. Any project with a cost in excess of \$100,000.00 shall require a review of the insurance requirements on a case-by-case basis by the Code Officer to determine the required amount of insurance beyond the minimum insurance policy amount of \$300,000.00.
- e) The falsification of a license or the failure to have a valid license shall result in the imposition of a fine which shall be set by resolution and not exceed the maximum limit required by law. Violations shall be considered ongoing from the date of notification of a violation, and a violator will be fined for each day that the violation remains unresolved after notification thereof. A stop-work order will be issued to each contractor and/or owner with respect to any ongoing project until such time as the required license is obtained.

Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, it shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intention of the Council Members of the Borough of Northumberland, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this _____ day of _____, 2006 by the Borough Council in the lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Secretary

President, Borough Council

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Mayor