

**OFFICIAL
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RECOMMENDING AS AN
ENVIRONMENTAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE THAT THE USE AND
APPLICATION OF COAL TAR SEALANTS BE AVOIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SEALING DRIVEWAYS, PARKING LOTS, AND OTHER PAVED AREAS LOCATED
WITHIN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Richland (hereinafter “Township” when referring to the municipality and “Richland Township when referring to the geographic area) recognizes that exposure to coal tar sealant may pose risk to human health (including cancer, cardiovascular disease and poor fetal development) and to the health and well-being of various aquatic and other animal life; and

WHEREAS, certain compositions of materials sold or provided to Richland Township residents and property owners for the purpose of sealing driveways, parking lots, and other paved areas contain coal tar derivatives as a major component, hereinafter such materials referred to as coal tar-based sealants; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Township Board of Supervisors wishes to promote environmental best management practices and believes it to be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to discourage the use of coal tar-based sealants in Richland Township and wishes to recommend that property owners obtain details from their contractors on the type of paving sealants proposed to be installed or already installed on their property so that the property owner is aware of the sealing material to be used or already used.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Richland Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. All residents are hereby advised that effective as of the date of this Resolution it shall be a recommendation of the Township not to use, apply, or cause others to apply coal tar-based sealants to driveways, parking lots and other paved areas in Richland Township.
2. The Richland Township Code Enforcement Officer or other management personnel of the Township will provide information to contractors and residents about the dangers of coal tar sealant.
3. The Township will not authorize the use of coal tar-based sealants on parking lots and driveways owned or operated by the Township and will prohibit the use of coal tar-based sealants in all bid specifications for public works. Coal tar-based sealants are currently not used on Township streets and will continue not to be used.

4. The Township will continue to study the issue of coal tar-based sealants and consider whether an ordinance is necessary to further protect the public health, welfare, and safety in accordance with the Township Code and consistent with federal and state law.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Richland Township Board of Supervisors, on the 19th day of May, 2021 at a regular meeting duly assembled.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Dean E. Bastianini
Township Manager

Raymond P. Kendrick
Chairman