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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS
DAVID J. PERRI, P.E., *Commissioner*

June 3, 2020

Dear Contractor:

These are unprecedented times for the City of Philadelphia, and I thank you for your continued investment in the City's future. Simultaneous crises have made our jobs more challenging; and as a result, we ask that you pay specific and on-going attention to the security of your jobsites. Tools, equipment, and materials in the wrong hands can be used to endanger both the public and first responders. The five primary principles to follow are:

1. Ensure that your site has a secure perimeter and if fencing panels are used that the individual sections are chained together.
2. Chain down dumpsters and ensure that combustible debris is removed on a regular basis.
3. Do not store bricks, block, piping or any loose materials in the public right-of-way and keep all loose materials behind your secure perimeter.
4. Secure scaffolding and sidewalk shelter platforms so that they cannot be easily disassembled.
5. Secure all tools and equipment to prevent theft.

In addition, Philadelphia Fire Code Chapter 3304 requires a fire watch for all wood frame construction when the height of construction exceeds 40-ft. above curb elevation. This fire watch shall, at a minimum, consist of a security guard on-site after normal work hours who maintains a surveillance log, prevents unauthorized entry, and can summon the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

An ounce of prevention can go a long way to ensure that we are all kept safe and secure. I thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David J. Perri".

David J. Perri,
Commissioner – Licenses and Inspections