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The Mayor and Township Committee at its Work Session Meeting of October 14, 2020, after considering the CDC Guidelines for Halloween and other celebrations of September 21, 2020, as well as the New Jersey Department of Health Halloween 2020 Celebration Guidance of October 5, 2020, and after consultation with the Township OEM, has approved of the following rules and guidance for residents of the Township governing Halloween activities in the Township on October 31, 2020:

- All Township sponsored or organized Halloween events are cancelled.
- House to House trick or treating permitted between 4PM and 8PM on October 31, 2020. We ask that all residents be considerate and observe these time limitations.
- Homes which do wish to participate should have their outside lights on; homes which do not wish to participate should have their outside lights off. Before sundown, non-participating homes may leave signs on their property, or front doors, which indicates that they do not wish to participate. We ask that all residents respect and be considerate and respectful of those who do not wish to participate. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, it is completely rational for certain residents not to wish to participate in Halloween. If a resident is diagnosed with COVID-19, or is under quarantine, they should not participate.
- All trick-or-treating children over 2 years of age and parents and residents should wear masks and practice social distancing as best as practicable. As noted in the relevant NJ Department of Health Guidance, costume masks are not a substitute for disposable or cloth facemasks.
- We recommend that all trick-or-treating remain outside to the extent possible, and that residents do not allow strangers into their homes. As also noted in the NJ Department of Health Guidance, we request that residents do not allow individual trick-or-treaters to peruse through a communal bowl for treats. The best practice would be for the resident to place individual commercially packaged treats in the trick-or-treaters' trick-or-treat bags or leave them out separately for pick-up by individual trick-or-treaters, and for the residents to either wear gloves, or, if not, to sanitize their hands regularly. Trick-or-treaters likewise should consider sanitizing their hands regularly during their outing.
- We remind all residents that private parties and celebrations are subject to the indoor and outdoor restrictions set forth in prior guidance by the NJ Department of Health and the Executive Orders of the Governor.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen