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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ODORS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PARKING GARAGE ON HENRY AVE.**

The following is an update regarding odors in the vicinity of the parking garage located on Henry Ave., adjacent to the former hospital site.

- Solvent/paint like odors have been reported in the area surrounding the former Hospital parking garage on Henry Avenue. On Wednesday, October 21, Princeton Health and Engineering Departments responded to the area and identified odors consistent with the descriptions provided by the nearby residents.
- The odors have been identified as originating from the parking garage which is currently being resurfaced with a polyurethane waterproofing material.
- As of today, the application of the material on the parking garage surface has been completed. Any future odors observed in the area should be reported immediately to the Princeton Health Department. See contact information below.
- Air pollution is defined as “the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of one or more air contaminants in such quantities and duration as are, or tend to be, injurious to human health, welfare, animal or plant life, or property, or would unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.” Odor is an air contaminant and therefore may be considered air pollution if it is present in a way that unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or property.
- The Princeton Health Department has the ability to halt operations creating noxious odors, specifically when they leave one site and affect another. The Mercer County Division of Public Health (MCDPH) has been working alongside municipal officials, and are currently investigating this matter because they are responsible for enforcing New Jersey odor and air pollution regulations. MCDPH has the ability to assess penalties for violations.

- Odor complaints observed in the vicinity of the parking garage can be directed to the Princeton Health Department during working hours (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) by calling (609) 497-7610. After hours complaints should be directed to the non-emergency Princeton Police Department phone number at (609) 921-2100. Odor investigations require the presence of the complainant at their home at the time of investigation by the enforcement official.
- The Materials Safety Data Sheet for both the primer and top coat polyurethanes are posted on the Municipality of Princeton website homepage.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Health Department at (609) 497-7608 or at [jgrosser@princetonnj.gov](mailto:jgrosser@princetonnj.gov)