

## **ARTICLE 20 - EXCEPTIONS : ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

Essential services shall be permitted as authorized and regulated by law, it being the intention hereof to exempt such essential services from the application of this Ordinance. The term essential services shall be construed to include the erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities or municipal departments of underground, surface, or overhead gas, electrical, steam, fuel or water transmission or distribution system, collection, communication, supply or disposal systems, including towers, poles, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm and police cat boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, and similar equipment in connection herewith, but not including buildings which are necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by such utilities or municipal departments for the general health, safety or welfare. Essential services and the provision of same shall conform to all applicable laws, regulations, and standards in effect at any time of service delivery.