

TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

ORDINANCE 2018-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 56, SECTION 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ENTITLED "BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS" TO AMEND THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT REGARDING FOR ROUTINELY NONCOMPLIANT PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Florence is responsible for promulgating regulations to protect the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Florence recognizes that continuous noncompliance of Chapter 56 of the Township Code of the Township of Florence leads to the creation a blighted effect on residential neighborhoods throughout the community and provide refuge for vermin and insects that may negatively impact the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township of Florence; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Florence has determined that in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of residents and property owners it is necessary to amend the existing provisions of the Township Code to permit for a more efficient process of abating violations of Chapter 56, particularly when recurring violations at the same property location continue to appear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Florence in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 56 of the Township Code be and is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I: AMENDED SECTIONS. Chapter 56, Section 2, Subsection of this Code, entitled "Brush, Grass and Weeds" is amended as follows"

1. §56-2 shall remain in its entirety and shall further be supplement to read as follows:

If, after inspection by the Chief of Police, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Construction Code Official or the

Health Officer of the Township of Florence or their designees, it is determined that any such condition of land is hazardous to life, health or general welfare or may tend to extend a conflagration, the owner, tenant or agent thereof shall, within ten (10) days after being notified by the Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, Construction Code Official or Health Officer or their designees who made the inspection, remove such brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris or similar substance.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if it shall appear to the Chief of Police, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Construction Code Official or the Health Officer of the Township of Florence or their designees, that a second or subsequent violation of this Chapter has occurred within a six-month period as to the same property, the notice requirements of this Chapter shall not be applicable unless during the six-month period either the legal title to or possession of the property shall have changed. In such instance involving an alleged second or subsequent violation of this Chapter, the Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, the Construction Code Official or the Health Officer of the Township of Florence or their designees, may issue a notice demanding immediate abatement of the condition and/or issue a summons for the violation of this Chapter without any further notice.

ARTICLE TWO. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

1. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
2. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

PAUL OSTRANDER
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NANCY L. ERLSTON, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
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Take Notice that the Ordinance identified above which amends Chapter 56 entitled "Brush, Grass and Weeds" of the Township Code of the Township of Florence and supplements the qualifications for the position of Police Chaplain for the Florence Township Police Department, has been adopted on first reading by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, held on August 1, 2018. It will be considered for final passage after public hearing to be held on September 5, 2018, at 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The Ordinance will take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Copies of the full ordinance are on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Florence in the Municipal Complex. Copies may be obtained free of charge on request and a copy is posted on the municipal bulletin board in the Municipal Complex at 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Nancy L. Erlston RMC
Township Clerk