

ORDINANCE 2025-07

ORDINANCE OF TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, SECTION 4-1, LICENSING OF PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS, SUBSECTION 4-1.24, LITTER, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, unsolicited materials can become the cause of rubbish strewn upon the streets and sidewalks of the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) resulting in not only a poor appearance but also in clogging stormwater inlets, and placing persons and property in danger of flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township desires to amend the Revised General Ordinances of the Township (the “**Township Code**”), Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.24, Litter, to prevent unsolicited distribution of print materials which cause the aforementioned dangers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township to adopt this Ordinance preventing the distribution of unsolicited print materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Township Code Chapter 4, General Licensing, Section 4-1, Licensing of Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers, subsection 4-1.24, Litter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 4-1.24. Litter.

a. No peddler, solicitor or canvasser shall cause any litter or distribute any printed material to houses in the Township by throwing or dropping such material on driveways, walks or lawns or distribute any printed material in a manner that is likely to cause it to become windblown.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver or deposit, or for any person, firm or corporation to cause the delivery or deposit of, any unsolicited for profit or commercial advertising circulars, newspapers and other like-printed material to or upon any private premises within the Township, except in accordance with the terms hereof. For the purposes of this section, “unsolicited” shall mean unsolicited advertising circulars, newspapers and other like-printed material which has not been ordered, subscribed to or requested by the recipient.

c. Such unsolicited for profit or commercial advertising circulars, newspapers and other like-printed material shall be placed at the primary entrance of the premises, on the ground or floor at the place where the premises receives its mail or within a three-foot radius of that point. The unsolicited for profit or commercial advertising circulars, newspapers and other like-printed material shall clearly state the contact person and telephone number to whom notice may be given, requesting that such delivery of the unsolicited advertising circulars, newspapers and other like-printed material be ceased or canceled.

d. There shall be no intentional delivery of any such unsolicited printed material to the premises after the owner or tenant of such premises has notified the contact person, referred to in subsection C hereof, that such delivery shall cease or be suspended for a stated period of time. For the purposes of condominiums or other common properties, notification must come from the individual unit owner or tenant.

e. Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this Section 4-1.24 shall be subject to a fine as follows:

1. First offense: \$100.
2. Second offense: \$200.
3. Any subsequent offense: \$300.

Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Introduced: February 25, 2025


TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted: March 25, 2025

Attest:

BY: _____


Michael Choi, Mayor


Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk