

**ORDINANCE 2024-16**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A DEED OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION EASEMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 67, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham (the “**Township**”) is the owner of property identified as Block 67, Lot 1 on the Official Tax Maps of the Township and commonly known as the Mount Vernon School (the “**Property**”), which is used and occupied by the Historical Society of the Township of Chatham (the “**Society**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Property possesses historic, aesthetic, or cultural significance to the Township and the people of the County of Morris and is listed individually and/or as part of a historic district that is listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Society receiving grants from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund (2022 and 2023 Exterior Restoration grants) (the “**Grant**”), the Township is required to execute a deed of historic preservation easement, which assures the preservation of the Property, to prevent any use of the Property that is not historically appropriate or that is detrimental to or will significantly impair or interfere with the historic features and to assure that public benefit continues after the expenditure of the Grant (the “**Deed**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined to authorize the Deed in accordance with the requirements of the Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of 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 hereby authorizes the Deed. The Mayor and Business Administrator of the Township (each, an “**Authorized Officer**” and together, the “**Authorized Officers**”) are hereby authorized and directed to take, or cause to be taken, all actions necessary to further the purpose of this Ordinance, including but not limited to the execution, by the Mayor, of the Deed and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest such execution and to deliver same to the other party thereto.

Section 3. All actions previously taken by the Authorized Officers, or by any employee, contractor or consultant employed by or engaged by the Township, in connection with the Grant are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 4. If any part(s) of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such part(s) shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Introduced: June 25, 2024

Adopted:

Attest:

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacey Ewald, Mayor

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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk