ORDINANCE 2026-13

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 3, POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 3-2, REMOVAL OF BRUSH, WEEDS AND DEBRIS, AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 11, BUILDING AND HOUSING, SECTION 11-8, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, WITH THE ADDITION OF SECTION 11-8.7, REMOVAL OF BRUSH, WEEDS AND DEBRIS

WHEREAS, the Township of Chatham (the "**Township**") desires to amend the Township Code, Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Section 3-2, Removal of Brush, Weeds and Debris, and relocating it to Chapter 11, Building and Housing, Section 11-8, Property Maintenance, new Section 11-8.7, Removal of Brush, Weeds and Debris and providing the Township Zoning Officer with the authority to implement the same.

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. Township Code Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Section 11-2, Removal of Brush, Weeds and Debris, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 3. Township Code Chapter 11, Building and Housing, Section 11-8, Property Maintenance, is hereby supplemented with new Section 11-8.7., Removal of Brush, Weeds and Debris, which shall read as follows:

§ 11-8.7 Removal of Brush, Weeds and Debris.

a. Whenever the Zoning Officer shall determine that it is necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety, general welfare or to eliminate a fire hazard, to remove from any property within the Township or destroy brush, weeds, including ragweed, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris, the Zoning Officer may serve upon the owner or tenant of such property a written notice to remove or destroy the material or materials enumerated in the notice within 10 days after the receipt of such notice.

b. In the event that the owner or tenant refuses or neglects to remove or destroy the material or materials enumerated in the notice within 10 days after receipt of the notice, then the Zoning Officer shall arrange for the removal or destruction. Upon completion of the removal or destruction the Zoning Officer shall certify the cost thereof to the Township Committee, which shall examine such certificate and, if found to be correct, shall cause the costs to be billed to the owner of the property involved as such owner appears from the latest Township tax records. Unless promptly paid the costs shall be charged against the subject property, and the amount so charged shall become a lien and tax upon the property and be added to and be part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied thereon and enforced and collected with interest by the same officers and in the same manner as other taxes.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, division, clause or provisions so adjudicated and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 5. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Introduced: November 10, 2026

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

Adopted:
Attest:

BY: _____
Jennifer Rowland, Mayor

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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk