

Ordinance #2023-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA ESTABLISHING LITTER CONTROL

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements to control littering in the Township of Alexandria, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Litter - any used or unconsumed substance or waste material which has been discarded, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar or can, or any top, cap or detachable tab of any bottle, jar or can, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing material or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, but does not include the waste of the primary processes of mining or other extraction processes, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
- b. Litter Receptacle – a container suitable for the depositing of litter.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

SECTION III. Prohibited acts and regulated activities:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, discard, or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain. It shall not be unlawful for a property owner to leave grass clippings or other lawn garden waste on his/her own private property provided that it is either for a temporary period of time until pick-up or it is the type of grass clippings or other lawn garden waste that will naturally degrade within a short period of time.
2. Whenever any litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat in violation of this ordinance, the operator or owner, or both, of the motor vehicle or boat shall also be deemed to have violated this ordinance.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police or the Zoning Officer of the Township of Alexandria.

SECTION V. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 per day/incident.

SECTION VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

Robert Mortara, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, Municipal Clerk

INTRODUCED: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

PUBLIC HEARING: _____

ADOPTION: _____

PUBLISHED: _____

