

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126 (LAND USE), ARTICLE XXX (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 126-241 (“STREET DESIGN STANDARDS”), SUBSECTION H (“NAMES”) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SO AS TO CLARIFY STREET NAMING PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to amend Section 126-241(h) of the municipal code of the Township of Bridgewater to clarify the procedure for the naming of new streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 126, Articles XXX, Section 126-241(h), is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 126-241(h) (Names) is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

Names. Streets shall not have a name which will duplicate or so nearly duplicate as to be confused with the names of existing streets. The continuation of an existing street shall have the same name. **Notwithstanding Paragraph (2) hereof,** all street names shall be approved by the Planning Board.

(1) The Historical Commission shall prepare and from time to time update a list of names having historical significance in Bridgewater, and such list shall be presented to the Planning Department.

(2) The Planning Department shall keep and make available the list of historic names. Any applicant proposing to name a street shall use the names on the Bridgewater historic names list. The ~~Planning Board~~ **Township Council** shall be authorized **by resolution** to waive the strict application of this requirement upon a showing of special circumstances.

(3) Any time the Township shall name a street, every effort shall be made to choose a name from the Bridgewater historic names list.

SECTION II. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION III. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Township Council and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b).

Adopted: June 8, 2023
Effective: June 30, 2023