

ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clayton, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that Chapter 74, Property Maintenance, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 74-3, Definitions, the words Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer, are hereby amended to read as follows:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The officer or officers employed by the Borough of Clayton as defined in Chapter 6 Code Enforcement officer.

ZONING OFFICER

The officer employed by the Borough of Clayton to enforce the zoning laws of the Borough of Clayton.

Section 2. Chapter 74-5, Exterior standards, sub-section K, is hereby amended to read as follows:

K. Lawns shall be cut, and bushes, shrubs and hedges shall be trimmed regularly during the growing season so as to avoid an unsightly appearance. It shall be unlawful for any individual or person owning property or a corporation owning property in the Borough of Clayton to allow grass and weeds to grow over a height of eight inches. A notice will be sent to the property owner in violation giving them five days to comply. If the violation persists, then the Public Works Department will be directed to mow and/or clean up the property, and the Borough will place a municipal lien against the property for the cost to do same. The cost will be based on the actual hourly rate (including hourly fringe benefit rate) of the employee performing the mowing and/or clean up plus a 20% administrative fee to cover the cost of any equipment used by the employee. The rates shall be certified annually by the CFO.

Section 3. Chapter 74-9, Litter; sanitary facilities and methods; abandoned refrigerators, subsection B, is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Adequate sanitary facilities and methods shall be used for the collection, storage, handling and disposal of garbage and reuse in accordance with the provisions of applicable codes. Each owner of any building from which garbage, rubbish, mixed refuse, ashes or other wastes are collected shall provide refuse containers sufficient in number to hold all collectible wastes which may accumulate. Containers must be rodent and insect proof and watertight and must be kept covered at all times. Such containers must not be kept in a front yard or exterior side yard.

Section 4. Chapter 74-12, Inspection and enforcement, subsections A and subsection C, are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make inspections to determine compliance with this article. Inspections shall be made between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and every operator or owner shall cooperate with the Code Enforcement Officer in providing access to the premises. Whenever the Code Enforcement Officer determines that there will be a violation of the provisions of this article, except where otherwise noted, they shall cause a written notice to be served upon the owner or operator, which shall include:

- (1) An enumeration of conditions which violate the provisions of this article.
- (2) An enumeration of the remedial action required to meet the standards of this article.
- (3) A statement of a definite number of days from the date of the notice in which the owner or operator must commence and complete such remedial action.
- (4) A statement of the penalties for noncompliance, as set forth herein.

C Upon failure to comply with said notice, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a violation returnable in the Borough Municipal Court.

Section 5. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 6. 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 7. Effective Date:

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

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON

ATTEST:


Christine Newcomb, Borough Clerk



Thomas Bianco, Mayor

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

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TAKE NOTE that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on May 9, 2024 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council at the Municipal Building, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, New Jersey, at a meeting beginning 6:30 p.m. on June 13, 2024, at which time and place, or any time and place to which such meeting be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Christine Newcomb
Borough Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

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The foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton on June 13, 2024.

Christine Newcomb
Borough Clerk