

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 69-2023

GRASS, BRUSH, WEEDS AND DEBRIS

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for an owner of tenant of lands lying within the limits of the Township of Greenwich to allow, suffer or permit on such lands any accumulation of brush, weeds or obnoxious growth in excess of 10 inches in height; and

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for an owner of tenant of lands lying within the Township of Greenwich to allow, suffer or permit an accumulation of garbage, trash, trees, stumps, roots, fallen or dead trees located within the yard areas in such a manner as to constitute a fire hazard or so as to constitute a hazard to health and public safety;

WHEREAS, in any such case, the owner of the owner and tenant shall cause such brush, weeds, fallen, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots or other obnoxious growth to be removed and destroyed; and

WHEREAS, no owner, owners, tenant or tenants of any building, dwelling or lands lying in the Township of Greenwich shall cause or allow any grass, brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth garbage, trash or debris to be removed from the property of said owner, owners, tenant or tenants and be deposited upon any Township, County of State right-of-way or easement or upon neighboring property; and

WHEREAS, all such grass, brush, weed, etc., shall be collected and either removed from the premises or containerized in proper containers for removal and any person, firm or entity who shall violate this section shall be fined; and

WHEREAS, whenever brush, weeds, including ragweed, fallen, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash and debris shall be been allowed, suffered or permitted to accumulate on lands lying within the limits of the Township of Greenwich contrary to the provisions of this chapter, the Township Committee or other Township official designated for this purpose by the Township Committee shall cause 10 days' written notice to remove or destroy the same to be given to the owner of tenant of any such lands; and

WHEREAS, written notice as aforesaid shall be given both to the owner and tenant of the land, if known and may be served personally or left with a member of the house over the age of 14 years or may be sent by certified mail to the last known post office address of such owner or tenant; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the name and post office address of the owner are not known, then such written notice as aforesaid shall be sent by certified mail addressed to the person or persons whose names appear as owner on the last tax duplicate with the mailing address shown thereon; and

WHEREAS, in the event that any owner of tenant shall refuse or neglect to remove or destroy said accumulation within the time limited by such notice, then the Township Committee may authorize and direct that the same be removed or destroyed by or under the direction of the Township Official designated by the Township Committee for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, in the event that such owner of tenant shall refuse or neglect to remove or destroy any such accumulations as hereinbefore set forth and it shall be necessary for the Township Committee to cause the same to be removed or destroyed, the officer responsible therefore shall certify the cost thereof to the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, upon such certification to the Township Committee of the cost of removal or destruction as hereinbefore set forth, the Township Committee shall examine such certification and, if found correct, the cost as shown thereon shall, by resolution of the Township Committee, be charged against said lands; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of said resolution by the Township Committee, a certified copy thereof shall be filed with the Collector of Taxes, and the amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon such lands and shall be added to and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes; and

WHEREAS, any person violating any of the provisions hereof shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty, either by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or by a fine not exceeding \$500, or both, in the discretion of the court and each and every day any violation continues after notice to remove or destroy any accumulation as provided herein shall be considered a separate offence, punishable by a like fine or penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey that this ordinance take effect upon adoption.

WILLIAM REINHART, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA GARRISON, CLERK

INTRODUCED: OCTOBER 17, 2023

ADOPTED:

