

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ENTITLED “OPEN SPACE” OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hampton in the County of Sussex, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17-6, entitled “Fund for open space acquisition” of Chapter 17, entitled “Open Space”, of the Code of the Township of Hampton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, is hereby replaced with the following:

§ 17-6 Fund for Open Space Acquisition.

There is hereby established a reserve in the general capital fund which shall be known and designated as the "Reserve for Open Space Acquisition." A separate bank account shall be opened and maintained for this purpose. Funds from the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition may, as directed by the Township Committee, be utilized for any of the following purposes: (a) acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; (b) development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (c) maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes; (d) acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes; (e) historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects, and the acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects for historic preservation purposes; (f) Blue Acres projects; and (g) payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by a municipality for any of the purposes set forth in (a), (b), (d), (e) or (f) hereof. In the event that the Township Committee shall find it appropriate to apportion the cost of acquisition between open space and improvements, it may do so and charge the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition for the approximate value that it deems appropriate relative to open space and the township's capital account for the value that it determines shall be attributed to improvements.

SECTION 2. Section 17-7, entitled “Funding of the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition” of Chapter 17, entitled “Open Space”, of the Code of the Township of Hampton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, is hereby replaced with the following:

§ 17-7 Funding of the Reserve for Open Space Acquisition; interest.

The Reserve for Open Space Acquisition shall be funded through the dedication to the fund in an amount not to exceed \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation of each annual tax levy commencing with the year 1999. The amount to be funded shall be determined by resolution annually by the Township Committee. The reserve shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests. The funds accumulated within the reserve may be utilized for the acquisition of land or development rights in land; or as a down payment of the issuance of bonds for the same purpose at the discretion of the Township Committee; or for the payment of debt service of indebtedness issued or incurred by the township for any purpose contemplated by this chapter; or for such purpose or purposes as set forth in Section 17-6. Any and all interest accruing shall remain in the reserve and may be utilized for the above-described purposes.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held December 16, 2025 at the Hampton Township Municipal Building, Baleville, Sussex County, New Jersey.

Date: _____

Diana Juarez, RMC

Township Clerk

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP
NOTICE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the attached Ordinance #2025-19 was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hampton, Sussex County, New Jersey, held on the 25th day of November 2025 and passed on first reading, and that such Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at the regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the 16th day of December 2025 at the Municipal Building, One Rumsey Way, in the Township of Hampton, at 7:00 p.m., and remotely via Zoom if available, or remote only at the discretion of the Administrator or Mayor, at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. To attend the meeting remotely use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4919500389>, or to attend the meeting by phone, dial 929-205-6099 (Meeting ID: 491 950 0389).

Diana Juarez, RMC

Township Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance #2025-19 was adopted at Final Reading at the regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hampton, County of Sussex held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the Hampton Township Municipal Building, Baleville, N.J.

Diana Juarez, RMC

Township Clerk