

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2024

**AMENDING CHAPTER 160 ENTITLED
“PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF EXISTING VEGETATION”
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TO MAKE THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH STATE
REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, as part of the MS4 Tier A permit stormwater requirements, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires municipalities to adopt an ordinance in conformance with its model ordinance regulating the removal and replacement of trees on all privately-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has reviewed the Township’s ordinance and has found same to be in substantial conformance with its “model ordinance” with one exception; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development has recommended that Chapter 160, Section 11 be amended as recommended by the NJDEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 160 entitled “Preservation and Restoration of Existing Vegetation” be amended, as follows:

Section 1. Section 160-11 Exemptions shall be amended to delete Paragraph B and replace same as follows:

~~B. — Lots containing single family or two family dwellings and vacant lots zoned for same, where the lot area is less than twice the required minimum lot areas for the zoning in which the lot is located.~~

B. Residents who remove less than four (4) trees per acre that have a DBH of 36” or less within a five-year period. The number of trees is a rolling count across a five-year period.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after passage.

Section 6. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 13-2024.

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 13-2024 which was introduced and adopted on first reading on May 13, 2024 and heard on second reading and was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting of the Township Council held on June 10, 2024.

<u>VOTE:</u>	
GILLESPIE	YES
LAW	ABSENT
KEATING	YES
MAMMARELLA	YES
ZIPIN	YES

Patricia L. Hunt, RMC
Township Clerk