

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDING SECTION 121
(ENFORCEMENT) OF CHAPTER 148 (LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO DELEGATE
ENFORCEMENT POWER TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS***

Ordinance #22-2024

WHEREAS, the Township has recently hired a part-time zoning and property maintenance inspector pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-183; and

WHEREAS, the current enforcement provision in the Township's Land Development Ordinance found in Chapter 148 of the Township's municipal code delegates enforcement responsibilities to the Construction Official and the Zoning Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to increase the number of individuals who may enforce penalties incurred by the violation of provisions of Chapter 148 to this new zoning and property maintenance inspector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of Readington Township as follows:

Section I

Section 148(a) of Chapter 121 of the municipal code of the Township of Readington is hereby amended as follows (struck through portions are to be removed; bolded and underlined portions are to be added):

A. The Construction Official and the Zoning Officer.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Construction Official, ~~and~~ the Zoning Officer, **or their designee** ~~of the Township~~ to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, add to, move or structurally alter, in whole or in part, any building or structure unless a construction permit is obtained from the Construction Official and no structure or lot shall be used in violation of this chapter.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Zoning Officer to inspect the structures and land in the Township and order the owner in writing to remedy any condition found to exist in violation of the provision(s) of this chapter. For purposes of this inspection, the Zoning Officer shall have the right to enter under due process of law. Said order shall be effective immediately at the time of service.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Construction Official, ~~and~~ the Zoning Officer, **or their designee** to administer and enforce the provision of this chapter. The Township Engineer shall be available to assist the Construction Official and Zoning Officer with respect to the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of subdivision and site plan approvals.

- (4) Upon notice being served of any use existing in violation of any provision(s) of this chapter, the certificate of occupancy for such shall thereupon, without further notice, be null and void and a new certificate of occupancy shall be required for any further use of the structure.

Section II

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled ***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDING SECTION 121 (ENFORCEMENT) OF CHAPTER 148 (LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO DELEGATE ENFORCEMENT POWER TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS*** which was introduced at the meeting of Readington Township Committee on July 1, 2024 and adopted at the meeting of the Readington Township Committee on August 5, 2024.

Karin Parker, RMC
Municipal Clerk