

ORDINANCE 2013-17

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT ASKING THE VOTERS OF HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO PERMIT THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO EXPAND THE USES AND PURPOSES OF THE “OPEN SPACE FUND” FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to propose a ballot question for the 2013 General Election; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 1995, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 et seq., the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough adopted a Resolution authorizing a nonbinding Open Space Ballot Measure; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 1995, the voters of the Township of Hillsborough approved the nonbinding Open Space Ballot Measure; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1998, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough adopted Ordinance No. 98-43 providing that “[t]he applicable tax rate to be applied for the Open Space Trust Fund shall be \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed value”; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2011, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough adopted Ordinance 2011-11, decreasing the Open Space Tax from four cents (\$0.04) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value to two point eight cents (\$0.028) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assess value, and amending Section 77-2 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough to decrease the Open Space Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough would like the residents and citizens of the Township to have the opportunity to modify and expand the uses and purpose of the Open Space Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the following question be placed on the November 5, 2013 General Election Ballot regarding the expansion and modification of the Open Space Trust Fund:

“SHALL THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH MODIFY AND EXPAND THE USES AND PURPOSES OF

THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TO ALLOW FOR NOT MORE THAN 20% OF THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND TAX COLLECTED IN ANY ONE YEAR TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND, OR IMPROVEMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE LOCATED ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE OPEN SPACE AND PARK INVENTORY FOR RECREATION, CONSERVATION AND GENERAL OPEN SPACE PURPOSES?"

ATTEST:

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Pamela Borek,
Township Clerk

Frank DelCore
Mayor

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