

BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN – NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Ordinance 14-2026** - Ordinance of the Borough of Eatontown Entitled **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 307 “REMOVAL OF TREES”, SECTION 307-8 “TREE FUND” TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSES FOR THE TREE FUND MAY BE UTILITZED”** was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, NJ held Wednesday, May 27, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Municipal Building, 47 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ 07724 on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:30pm or as soon thereafter. Copies are available to the general public who request such copies at the office of the Borough Clerk and at the Borough website, www.eatontownnj.com under Public Notices. By Order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown. Trina Lindsey, RMC, Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 14-2026

BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 307 “REMOVAL OF TREES”, SECTION 307-8 “TREE FUND” TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSES FOR THE TREE FUND MAY BE UTILITZED

WHEREAS, the Borough Council established a tree fund to cause trees to be planted throughout the Borough for the beautification of Eatontown and for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS the purposes for which the funds may be used from the tree fund are overly restrictive and the Borough wants to ensure the funds may be utilized for all associated purposes with the planting of trees so as to better the environment for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to expand the purposes for which the tree fund may be utilized to implement the policy of tree beautification throughout the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that its Chapter 307 Removal of Trees”, Section 307-8 Tree Fund is hereby amended as follows:

[additions are bolded and underscored and deletions are marked through strike-out]

Section 307-8 Tree Fund

The Borough of Eatontown Tree Fund shall maintain funds with which to **purchase, plant, and** replace trees **and maintain** trees on public, residential, and commercial properties throughout the Borough. **The funds may also be used to purchase equipment to maintain trees, to create and install identification markers for trees in public areas, and for educational outreach related to trees and the environment.**

A. The Shade Tree Commission and Department of Public Works shall have the authority to implement the purposes of this Section as set forth above which includes but is not limited to cause trees to be purchased, planted, maintained, and replaced using funds held in the Tree Fund in addition to the additional purposes set forth herein.

SECTION 2. REPEALER

The remainder of all other sections and subsections of the aforementioned ordinances not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.