

**ORDINANCE O:12-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,  
ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has recommended certain amendments to Chapter 31 of the Code of the Township of Monroe and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to amend this specific section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended to include the amendments herein.

**SECTION I.** Chapter 31, entitled “Environmental Commissions” is hereby amended as follows:

§ 31-3 Powers and duties.

The Environmental Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Conduct research into the use and possible use of open land areas.
- B. Coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes.
- C. Keep an index of all open areas publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands.
- D. Recommend to the Planning Board, from time to time, programs for inclusion in the Master Plan and programs for development and use of such areas.
- E. Acquire, subject to the approval of the Township Council, real and personal property, which property shall be utilized to maintain, improve, protect, limit to the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the municipality.
- F. Study and make recommendations concerning open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection and environmental appearance.
- G. Coordinate the establishment of a Community Garden in order to provide any residents a place to grow their food, flowers, and fruit in an organic and pesticide-free space with guidance from Gloucester County Certified Gardeners, Williamstown based organic Farmers, existing successful community gardens, residents, and established best practices. The Commission is authorized to receive checks payable to the Township. The Commission is further authorized to establish the appropriate fee at \$10 per lot, per year.**

**SECTION II.** All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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**SECTION III.** If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision in this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION IV.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as required by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

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**CNCL. PRES., GREGORY A. WOLFE**

**ATTEST:**

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**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC  
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022 at the Municipal Building, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC  
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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Cncl. Falcone</b>				
<b>Cncl. Fox</b>				
<b>Cncl. Garbowski</b>				
<b>Cncl. McKinney</b>				
<b>Cncl. O'Reilly</b>				
<b>Cncl. Valcourt</b>				
<b>Cncl. Pres. Wolfe</b>				
<b>Tally:</b>				

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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<b>Tally:</b>				

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**MAYOR RICHARD DiLUCIA**