

**ORDINANCE O:41-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE REPEALING CHAPTER 285, GARBAGE AND REFUSE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 175, LAND MANAGEMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has recommended certain amendments to Chapter 285 and Chapter 175 of the Code of the Township of Monroe and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to amend these specific sections; and

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

**SECTION I.** Chapter 285, entitled “Garbage and Refuse” is repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION II:** Chapter 175, Land Management, Article XIII, Design, Performance, and Evaluation Standards, Section 175-137, Soil removal and redistribution is hereby amended to include the following:

**§175-137.1 Solid Waste Storage**

- A.** **For all uses, except single family detached and two-family homes, facilities shall be provided to store solid wastes, including recyclable materials. If stored outdoors, these facilities must consist of metal receptacles enclosed within a screened refuse area.**
- B.** **Such facilities shall have sufficient capacity to store solid waste and recyclables generated within a one-week period. Sufficient information shall be supplied to support the number of facilities provided and the receptacle sizing. As a minimum, an area eight feet by eight feet (inside dimensions) to store recyclables shall be provided in addition to an area eight feet by eight feet (inside dimensions) to store refuse.**
- C.** **All trash containers to serve uses noted within this section shall be watertight containers that can be covered to prevent access to the refuse by rodents, birds, animals or insects.**
- D.** **The screened refuse area shall not be located within any front yard area, accessory setback area, or buffer area.**
- E.** **A minimum five-foot-wide landscaping area should be provided along three sides of the enclosure.**
- F.** **The screened refuse area shall not be located so as to interfere with traffic circulation or the parking of vehicles.**
- G.** **If located within or adjacent to a parking area or access drive, the enclosed refuse area shall be separated from such parking area or access drive by concrete curbing.**

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- H.** The refuse storage area shall be constructed on a six-inch-thick reinforced concrete pad.
- I.** The refuse storage area shall be constructed in an area that is easily accessible for large sanitation vehicles with enough room for them to turn around after unloading.
- J.** The refuse storage area shall be enclosed on three sides by a solid uniform fence or wall, which compliments the building facade, not less than five feet nor more than eight feet in height. The fence shall not be made of wood. The area created by the fencing and wall shall be kept free of debris, and no accumulation of garbage and refuse shall be permitted outside of the container.
- K.** A gate not less than five feet in height shall cover the fourth side of the enclosed refuse area.
- L.** All enclosures shall be protected from damage during collection activities by incorporating the following:
- 1.** The placement of bollards or other structures within the rear of the enclosure to stop the receptacle from damaging the rear wall of the enclosure when being replaced after emptying. Bollards shall also be placed at the inside front corners.
  - 2.** The fence posts supporting the front gates shall be placed beyond the side walls of the enclosure to allow the gates to be opened and designed to protect the gates and posts from damage caused by collection vehicles.
  - 3.** Any other method approved and/or recommended by the reviewing board.
- M.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a penalty of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 for each violation. Every twenty-four-hour period of said violation, after notice thereof from the Monroe Township Zoning Officer or its authorized representative, shall be deemed to be a separate offense and punishable as aforesaid by said fine.

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

**SECTION IV.** 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.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

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**CNCL. PRES. CHELSEA VALCOURT**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 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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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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

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

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The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE**