

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

ORDINANCE NO. 11-19-15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUMP PUMP AND MECHANICAL WATER
DISCHARGE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, water discharged from sump pumps onto sidewalks, roads, and impermeable surfaces, particularly in winter when it can freeze, creates a hazard to pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to ensure the proper management of discharge and flow from sump pumps, to provide for enforcement, and thereby to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a new Chapter 132 entitled “Sump Pump Discharge,” which reads as follows:

§ 132-1 Sump Pump Discharge

- A. There shall be no sump pump discharges or mechanical discharge of any stormwater directly onto any Township street or sidewalk, into the sanitary sewer, or directly into any public drywell.
- B. The sump pump or mechanical discharge of any stormwater shall be discharged into any of the following:
 - (1) An established watercourse;
 - (2) A natural drainage course, only where an established watercourse is not available; or
 - (3) A yard, only if such yard is capable of absorbing the discharge without creating stagnant water pools; or
 - (4) A drywell or gravel infiltration trench located on the property owner’s property.

§ 132-2 Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ESTABLISHED WATERCOURSE

A man-made condition of the land constructed for the purpose of receiving and transporting surface water runoff. Concave depressions or slopes forming street gutters along curbs shall be considered “established watercourses.”

NATURAL WATERCOURSE

A natural condition of the land which serves as a runoff for surface waters.

§ 132-3 Timing

Any occupant, owner or tenant who currently releases sump pump or mechanical water discharge onto public streets or sidewalks shall become compliant with this Ordinance by July 1, 2020.

§ 132-4 Applicability

This chapter is applicable to all sump pump mechanical water discharging, whether by a private person or public entity and whether discharged from private or public property.

§ 132-5 Enforcement

Enforcement of this provision shall begin on July 1, 2020. This chapter shall be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer. All properties shall be inspected at the time of sale to ensure compliance with this Chapter.

§ 132-6 Violations and Penalties

Any owner, occupant or tenant violating any provision of this article shall be liable for the penalties established in Chapter 1, § 1-15 of this Code, entitled “General penalty; continuing violations,” except that no person found to have violated a provision of this article shall be subject to imprisonment for such violation.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or Code provisions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any Court of competent jurisdiction that any such portion of this Ordinance is un-Constitutional, void or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on November 12, 2019. It will be further considered for final passage,

after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held in the meeting room of Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, in the Township of Cranbury on November 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office.

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Municipal Clerk