

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

ORDINANCE # 05-21-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR STORAGE OF DEICING MATERIAL AND AMENDING SECTION 150-10 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the removal of snow and ice from roadways is essential to both public safety and to the local economy and in order to protect the public safety, during winter storm events, the use of pavement deicing chemicals is a widely accepted means of keeping roadways passable; and

WHEREAS, pavement deicing is typically accomplished through the use of road salts which can be corrosive to vehicles, roadway surfaces, and bridges and has been found to have adverse effects on the ground water and environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of ground water quality and ecosystems in such areas can be difficult and costly, if not impossible to rehabilitate, once the events of contamination occur; and

WHEREAS, negative environmental impacts may occur when salt is not properly stored, and there is precipitation from storm events causing salt-laden runoff resulting in the disbursement of chloride and sodium ions, causing a negative impact on the adjacent environment and water resources; and

WHEREAS, negative environmental impacts are more likely to occur when deicing material is stored outside;

WHEREAS, the Township currently permits deicing material to be stored outside under certain circumstances, however, to protect the Township's groundwater and environmentally sensitive areas, the Township Committee desires to prohibit outdoor storage of deicing material in all zones of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, as follows:

Section 1. Section 150-10 of the Cranbury Township Code shall be amended as follows (deletions are struck through and additions are underlined):

§ 150-10. Used prohibited in all districts.

All uses not expressly permitted in this article are prohibited, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Carnivals and similar open air commercial amusements, except those in place for one week or less for which a permit has been issued by the Township Committee.

B. Airports, heliports and helistops.

C. Quarrying or mining of soil, soil aggregate, rock or minerals.

D. Trucking terminals and truck stops.

E. Junk yards.

F. The dumping of garbage, trash, waste or scrap material of any kind, except clean fill by permit from the construction official.

G. Outdoor storage of deicing material.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication and filing with the Middlesex County Planning Board, and as otherwise provided for by law.

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 May 24, 2021. 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 July 12, 2021 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 to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

DEBRA A. RUBIN, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK