

\*\*\*ADOPTED OCTOBER 4, 2021\*\*\*

TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO  
ORDINANCE 2021-18

AMENDING CHAPTER 135 GOVERNING  
"BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS"

WHEREAS, the Township of Delanco has existing provisions governing "Brush, Grass and Weeds" under Chapter 135 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the review of the existing provisions by the Township's newly appointed Zoning Officer, the Township Administration recommends, and the Township Committee has determined to amend existing provisions to clarify same, particularly as to specifying uncut grass height.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.**

The Chapter 135 of the Code of the Township of Delanco is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 135-1. Prohibited acts.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner or owners, occupant or occupants, tenant or tenants of any lot or tract of land situate within the Township of Delanco to permit or maintain on any such lot or tract of land any brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash and debris, injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare, or where the same shall tend to create a fire hazard. It shall be unlawful for any property owner to permit any grass, weeds, bushes or other vegetation to become overgrown. Grass and weeds shall be kept trimmed to a height of six inches or less at all times.

Ornamental style grasses used as landscaping or in gardens shall be excluded from this section except where said ornamental style grasses interfere with required roadway sight triangles and roadway intersection line of sight.

**§ 135-5. Fines and costs.**

**A.** The imposition and collection of a fine or jail sentence imposed pursuant to this chapter shall not bar the Township from proceeding under the provisions of § 135-3 of this chapter and charging the costs thereof against the offending land and premises.

**B.** The costs so charged shall be calculated on the basis of actual expense incurred by the Township.

**C.** The costs shall be added to and become part of the taxes next assessed and levied against such lands, which shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same municipal officers that collect municipal taxes.

**Section 2. Repealer.** Any Ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon proper passage in accordance with the law.