*****ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2007*****

TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO AMENDING CHAPTER 222 OF THE DELANCO TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON VACANT LANDS

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the property maintenance code and determined that further clarification is necessary to identify prohibited activities on vacant lands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 222 of the Delanco Township Code be and is hereby amended to supplement the code with the following new provisions:

§ 222-6 (Definitions) is amended to add the following:

VACANT LAND – land that is undeveloped, unused or unimproved by a physical structure approved by Delanco Township and issued a certificate of occupancy. Vacant land shall also included land that is not covered by nonstructural impervious surfaces.

§ 222-8 (Maintenance standards) is amended to add the following new provision: (new paragraph) On vacant land, no storage of manmade or natural materials, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, shall be permitted without an approved site plan. By way of example, and not by way of limitations, said materials shall include stockpiles of dirt, debris, mulch, stone, gravel, rock, asphalt, concrete, and other building, construction or landscape material.

(new paragraph) No vehicles or equipment, commercial or otherwise, shall be permitted to be parked or stored on vacant lands when not associated with construction of a physical improvement accompanied by construction permit. Said prohibition shall not include agricultural equipment specifically used for farming on said premises.

Section Two. <u>Repealer</u>. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

Section Three. <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

Section Four. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.