

ADOPTED MARCH 5, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO
ORDINANCE 2018-4

AMENDING CHAPTER 216
GOVERNING "PARKS"

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco ("Township Committee"), finds that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community shall be promoted by the revision and amendment of existing Chapter 216 governing "Parks" to clarify the decision making process with respect to trees within Township parks; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, after receiving significant feedback and input from the Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission, public, and professionals, desires to implement a program that will include both Commissions while curing an apparent discrepancy in the existing Code provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Delanco Township Code, at Chapter 216, governing "Parks" be hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 216-4. ~~Removal, destruction of trees and foliage~~ Trees.

- A. No trees, shrubbery or flowers or any portion thereof on or within the park shall be taken, damaged, destroyed or removed without lawful permission first had and obtained in writing from the Township Recreation Commission.
- B. The planting, removal, or relocation of trees within parks shall be determined by the Township Recreation Commission, with the advice of the Shade Tree Commission.
- C. Prior to expending funds on tree planting or removal, the Recreation Commission shall obtain approval from the Township Committee for the expenditure. Any comprehensive plan for tree planting or removal shall be presented by the Recreation Commission to the Township Committee for approval.

Section 2. Repealer, Severability, and Effective Date.

Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

Severability. 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 it's 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.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and approval in accordance with the law.