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DELANCO TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE 2006-11

**AMENDING CHAPTER 135 TO REGULATE
THE AMOUNT AND DIAMETER OF BRUSH, LIMBS,
AND STUMPS THAT CAN BE DEPOSITED CURBSIDE
BY RESIDENTS FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Delanco conducts a municipal service program for the collection of leaves, brush, limbs and stumps; and

WHEREAS, the program is intended to assist residents with general maintenance for the removal of dead foliage from their properties; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have abused the program by depositing unreasonable amounts of brush, limbs and stumps at curbside; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have further deposited refuse into the right-of-way of the municipality, which impacts traveling safety and may also impact storm drainage clearance; and

WHEREAS, certain residents have further placed items of excessive size and diameter for municipal service; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco finds it necessary and in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of all municipal residents to protect against such abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that Chapter 135 is hereby amended as follows:

Prior to the heading for Section 135-1, the following shall be inserted:

Article I. Unlawful Lack of Maintenance.

Following the existing provisions, the following provisions shall be added:

Article II. Municipal Service for the Removal of Residential Leaves, Brush, Limbs and Stumps.

Chapter 135-6. Purpose. The Township has a current program for servicing the removal of residential leaves, brush, limbs and stumps. The purpose of this program is to assist residents with general maintenance for the removal of dead foliage from their properties. The intent of this Chapter is to prevent against abuse of this service.

Chapter 135-7. List and Time. Any resident seeking collection under this Chapter must call the Department of Public works to be placed on the collection list by 3:00pm on the Friday prior to the start of each monthly collection cycle. Collection will occur from March to September during the last full week of the month, Saturdays and Sundays excluded. Brush, limbs and stumps shall be placed out for collection no sooner than the weekend before the Monday of the start of the collection cycle, but no later than 6:00am on the Monday of the start of the collection week.

Chapter 135-8. Location. All leaves, brush, limbs and stumps shall be placed curbside, but not on the paved surface of the right-of-way, nor on the abutting sidewalk, if one exists. Items left for municipal service that are left in the right-of-way or on the sidewalk will not be serviced and will be in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-9. Amount. Each residential unit shall be permitted to place a pile of leaves, brush, limbs and stumps curbside for municipal collection facing in the same direction not to exceed three feet (3') in width, by eight feet (8') in length, by three feet (3') in height. The Township reserves the right to reject pick-up of larger piles, or for piles that take more than twenty (20) minutes to remove. The Department of Public Works shall notify a resident of such rejection(s), and the resident shall undertake the removal of the debris privately within ten (10) days thereafter. Any pile that exceeds any of the above parameters will not be serviced and will be in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-10. Size. No more than two (2) stumps may be placed curbside for municipal collection. Stumps placed curbside for municipal collection shall be no more than 14 inches in diameter and shall be cleared of dirt from the roots. Limbs or small trees placed curbside for municipal collection shall not exceed four inches (4") in diameter. Any items placed curbside that exceed any of the above parameters will not be serviced and will in violation of this Chapter.

Chapter 135-11. Enforcement, Violations and Penalties.

A. The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by the Township Police and the Township Code Enforcement Officer. The Department of Public Works is directed to notify the Code Enforcement Officer where it believes there is a violation of this Chapter.

B. Violation of the provisions of Article II of this Chapter shall be punishable in accord with the General Penalty Provisions at Chapter 1-14 of the Township Code.