

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #11-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND THE CHECKLIST SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 16.18 LAND SUBDIVISION STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 16.20 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATURE WOODLAND TREE CANOPY, AND IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC OR SPECIMEN TREES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan as follows:

Section I

I. Amend Section 16.18.090.B.14 as follows:

- a. No more than fifty-five (55) percent of the existing tree mature woodland tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed (Not to be interpreted as 55% percent of the total lot area). The location of the remaining forty-five (45) percent of the mature woodland tree canopy to be preserved shall be noted on the landscape plan. Steep slope limits of disturbance and maximum hard surface requirements under Schedule I shall supersede this section when appropriate.

II. Amend Section 16.18.090.D.24 as follows:

- a. No more than fifty-five (55) percent of the existing mature woodland tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed. (Not to be interpreted as 55% percent of the total lot area). The location of the remaining forty-five (45) percent of the mature woodland tree canopy to be preserved shall be noted on the landscape plan. Steep slope limits of disturbance and maximum hard surface requirements under Schedule I shall supersede this section when appropriate.

V. Amend Section 16.18.100.C.6 as follows:

- c. Where a tree that has been noted for preservation or identified as a historic or specimen tree is severely damaged and is unable to survive, tree replacement may occur as required by the Township.

Section II

I. Amend Section 16.20.020.B.16.s as follows:

1. No more than fifty-five (55) percent of the existing mature woodland tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed. (Not to be interpreted as 55% percent of the total lot area). The location of the remaining forty-five (45) percent of the mature woodland tree canopy to be preserved shall be noted on the landscape plan. Steep slope limits of disturbance and maximum hard surface requirements under Schedule I shall supersede this section when appropriate.

II. Amend Section 16.20.020.D.20.ss as follows:

1. No more than fifty-five (55) percent of the existing mature woodland tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed. (Not to be interpreted as 55% percent of the total lot area). The location of the remaining forty-five (45) percent of the mature woodland tree canopy to be preserved shall be noted on the landscape plan. Steep slope limits of disturbance and maximum hard surface requirements under Schedule I shall supersede this section when appropriate.

III. Amend Section 16.20.40D.3.a as follows:

- a. The location of the tree canopy within the property boundaries. Identify any areas of clear cutting which have occurred on the property within the last (5) five years.

IV. Amend Section 16.20.040.S.2 Tree Removal to read as follows:

2. No more than fifty-five (55) percent of the existing mature woodland tree canopy within the property boundaries shall be removed. (Not to be interpreted as 55% percent of the total lot area). The location of the remaining forty-five (45) percent of the mature woodland tree canopy to be preserved shall be noted on the landscape plan. Steep slope limits of disturbance and maximum hard surface requirements under Schedule I shall supersede this section when appropriate.

Section III

Add the following definition under Section 16.02.030

Mature Woodland – an area of mature deciduous and/or non-deciduous trees covering one (1) acre or more contributing of either thirty (30) percent or more largely deciduous and/or non-deciduous canopy trees having a ten (10) inch or greater caliper or any grove of deciduous and/or non-deciduous trees consisting of eight (8) or more trees having an eighteen (18) inch or greater caliper.

Section IV

If the provision of any article, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section V

All other provisions of Chapters 16.18 and 16.20 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VI

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (3) filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

Rose Sollena, RMC/MMC/CPM
Township Clerk

John King
Mayor

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

Please take notice that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on January 18, 2011, and the same was then ordered to be published according to law with a public hearing and final consideration scheduled for the meeting of February 15, 2011, 2011 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk