

ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2023

TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 375, ENTITLED  
“SEWERS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD, CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PREVENT IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF  
WASTE INTO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

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**SECTION I. Purpose:**

An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the Township of Fairfield, so as to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**SECTION II. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) - a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Township of Fairfield or other public body and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

**NOTE:** In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”

b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

c. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

**SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:**

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Township of Fairfield is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or

disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

**SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:**

- a. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources.
- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters).
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water).
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff).
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows.
- f. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges.
- g. Sidewalk, driveway, and street wash water.
- h. Flows from firefighting activities.
- i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
  - Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
  - Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.
  - Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

**SECTION V. Enforcement:**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Fairfield Township Code Enforcement Officer.

**SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine assessed in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 5, General Penalty.

**SECTION VII. Severability:**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION VIII. Effective date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

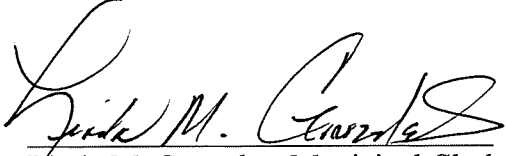
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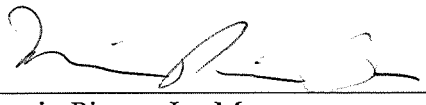
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**COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND** :


Please take notice that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of Fairfield Township after a public hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

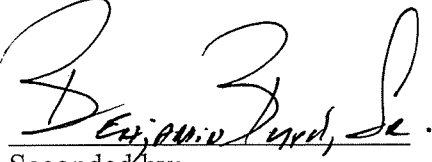
ATTEST

  
Linda M. Gonzales, Municipal Clerk

  
Marvin Pierce, Jr., Mayor

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Motion by:

  
Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

Bateman ; Byrd <sup>2nd</sup> ; Clark ; Peterson <sup>1st</sup> ; Pierce