

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON LAND USE VOLUME  
PERTAINING TO BAMBOO PLANTINGS AND OTHER INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES***

***Ordinance #25 -2023***

***BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington (new language is underlined thus; deleted language is represented by strike through ~~thus~~):

***SECTION 1.*** The following language shall be added to Sec. 148-6 Prohibited uses.

m. Any plantings of bamboo after the date of the adoption of this ordinance amendment are prohibited. For bamboo plantings existing prior to the adoption date of this ordinance amendment, the property owner is responsible for growth that may encroach over property lines, or harm or destroy structures, or other site improvements on neighboring properties, and the removal of same, including the complete removal of all bamboo stands, if deemed necessary by the Township, as well as the required site restoration.

***SECTION 2. Article II, Section 148-9 Definitions*** is hereby amended to add the following:

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A. An offensive, annoying, unpleasant or obnoxious thing or practice, a cause or source of annoyance, especially a continuing or repeating invasion or disturbance of another's rights, including the actual or potential emanation of any physical characteristics of activity or use across a property line which can be perceived by or affect a human being or the generation of an excessive or concentrated movement of people or things or any other characteristics detrimental to the values or use of an adjacent property, such, but not limited to:

(20) Any adverse effect causing degradation or damage to nearby property caused by planting those species contained on the Township's list of exotic and invasive planting species as found in Table 3-1, Attachment 148-5, as same may be amended and/or renumbered from time to time.

***SECTION 3.*** 148 Attachment 5, Table 3-1 entitled "Exotic and Invasive Plant Species" is hereby amended to add the following:

Herbaceous Plants

Common Name: Bamboo

Botanical Name: Bambusa spp and other plants within the Bamusoidaeo

**SECTION 4.** All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5.** All sections, subsections and provisions of this Ordinance may be renumbered as necessary or practical for codification purposes.

**SECTION 6.** Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 7.** If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **SEPTEMBER 5, 2023** AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON **OCTOBER 2, 2023** AT 7:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

KARIN M PARKER, RMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK