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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO
AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 175, Land Subdivision, Article V, Plat Details, Section 175-27, Plat submitted for preliminary approval, Paragraph U, Conservation easements, of the Code of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey is hereby amended to read as follows:

“U. Conservation easements.

(1) Where conservation values relating to scenic vistas, open space, historical areas, rural historic roadways, soil types, steep slopes, rock outcroppings, preservation of trees, protection of watercourses, protection of stream corridors and open water buffers, protection of wildlife habitat, protection of wetlands and transition areas, protection of significant horticultural, environmental or natural features and elimination of excessive noise are deemed by the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment to require special protection, said areas shall be located within a conservation easement dedicated to the Township of Washington.

(2) All such easements shall be in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney.

(3) The conservation easements shall be posted with markers stating “Conservation Easement” in the manner set forth in §175-27V(5), (6) and (7).

(4) Any person violating any provision of this ordinance or any provision of a conservation easement required by this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided in §1-3 of the Code of the Township of Washington.”

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Washington which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Nina DiGregorio, Clerk

By: _____
Kenneth W. Short, Mayor