

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. R-131-24

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER
FOR THE TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT ESCROW FUND**

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees received from the general public for tree removal and replacement escrow fees in which the Chief Financial Officer, Administrator and Zoning Officer administer various fees associated with the Tree Removal and Replacement Escrow; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 30:55D-53.1 provides for the receipt of developer escrow by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester has a Tree Preservation, Removal and Replacement Ordinance which was passed on July 9, 2024 under O-6-2024; and

WHEREAS, part of this resolution it is required for a developer applicant to hold in escrow a performance bond of a tree replacement escrow fee. Individual applicants will pay the appropriate fees as per the above reference ordinance, unless they are clearing a property for a new development, then they will adhere to the escrow performance bond above; and

WHEREAS, the collected developer escrow fees collected will be either returned to the developer applicant once the Zoning Officer or Administrator confirms the replacement trees have been planted or the collected monies will be kept and used to plant / replace trees within the municipality at a determined location; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedication of funds collected as Tree Removal / Replacement Escrow are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County, New Jersey, as follows:

1) The Township Committee does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to include as a Dedication by Rider in the 2024 and subsequent budgets, Tree Removal & Replacement Escrow Fund.

2) The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two (2) certified copies to the CFO of this resolution to be sent to the Director of Local Government Services.

Adopted: August 13, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 nd	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
T. Doyle						
M. Fiorella						
J. Keen						
M. Marsh						
J. Bruno						

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

John Bruno, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on Tuesday August 13, 2024.

Barbara Freijomil, Clerk