

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
O-12-2024

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO SET PARAMETERS FOR
“OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND” PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7(2)**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, has fully supported the acquisition of farmland and open space being one of the leading municipalities in the State of New Jersey in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, wishes to adopt an Ordinance to set parameters for “Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund” pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:12-15.7(2); and

WHEREAS the Township committee of the Township of Franklin intends to set the amount or rate of the annual levy which may be used for each of the statutory purposes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that the amount or rate of the annual levy shall be subdivided pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:12–15.7 (2) as follows:

1. Acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
2. Development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
3. Maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
4. Acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes shall have no spending cap of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
5. Historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas common objects, and the acquisition of such properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas, or objects for historic preservation purposes in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
6. Payment of debt service of indebtedness issued or incurred by Franklin Township for any of the purposes set forth in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 above in an amount from \$10,000 of the amount held in the “Trust Fund” in any calendar year;
7. The aggregate of items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 shall not exceed \$250,000 in any calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, sentence, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction that such holding shall not effect or impair any other section, sentence, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, adoption, publication as provided by law.

Attest:

Township of Franklin

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC

MAYOR JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of the Township of Franklin held on August 13, 2024 and thereafter duly advertised in the legal newspaper of the Township at least seven (7) days prior to it being considered for final passage and adoption at a subsequent meeting to be held on September 10, 2024 at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

 BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC
 Township Clerk

Introduced August 13, 2024

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

Adopted September 10, 2024

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