

**Borough of Matawan**

**Public Notice of Pending Ordinance 23-08**

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on May 2, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Borough of Matawan, Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on May 16, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at [www.matawanborough.com](http://www.matawanborough.com).

Karen Wynne, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**ORDINANCE 23-08**  
**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL**  
**ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN**  
**CHAPTER 15 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
**ARTICLE I – SECTION 15-1**  
**REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH AND OTHER DEBRIS**  
**SECTION 15-1.3 – REMOVAL BY BOROUGH**  
**SECTION 15-1.4 – VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES**  
**SECTION 15-1.5 – RECOVERY OF COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Matawan is desirous of maintaining and providing the residents of Matawan with a safe, pleasant environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in many cases the owners or other responsible parties of properties are neglectful of them, do not maintain or secure them to a recognized adequate community standard or municipal maintenance code, or restore them to productive use; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15 of the Code of the Borough of Matawan governs residential and commerce Property Maintenance within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the Borough of Matawan to establish minimum standards of accountability for the owners or other responsible parties in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and properties of the Borough of Matawan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the following Chapter 15 – Property Maintenance, Article I, Section 15-1.3 Removal by Borough, Costs Established as a Lien, be amended and supplemented as follows:

**15-1 REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH AND OTHER DEBRIS**

**15-1.3 Removal by Borough, Costs Establish as a Lien**

It is the responsibility of every owner in possession of lands to remove, grass, weeds, brush and other debris from property under its control.

If the owner, tenant, occupants or person in possession of the lands in question shall fail to abate the condition complained of within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice, and in the manner required by the Borough, the same may be removed by or under the direction of the Property Maintenance Officer or designated official.

**15-1.4 Violations & Penalties**

Removal of Grass, Weeds, Brush and Other Debris Violation Fee Schedule

First Violation	\$150.00
Second Violation	\$250.00
Third Violation	\$350.00
Any Subsequent Violation	\$350.00

Cost of Borough Employee \$75.00 per Employee per hour

Equipment Usage Fee - \$50.00 Per Equipment Item

**15-1.5 Recovery of Costs**

The Property Maintenance Officer or designated official may recommend to the Administrator that the condition complained of to be abated and shall certify that the cost to the Council, who shall examine the certificate and, if it is correct, cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the lands. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon the lands and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the lands, shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes. Costs shall be in addition to any penalties imposed for any violation of this section.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** any Ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** if any provisions of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance, which can be given effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon following the passage, adoption and publication pursuant to New Jersey State law.