

Ordinance #001-2026
Town of Hammonton Legal Notice of Pending Ordinance

The ordinance published herewith passed first reading at its introduction at the special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton held on March 11, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Town Hall Council chambers, 100 Central Ave., Hammonton, on March 23, 2026. A copy of this ordinance appears on the town hall bulletin board and may be obtained from the office of the Municipal Clerk in the Town Hall, 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HAMONTON APPROVING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PREMISES IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAPS BLOCK 801, LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 11

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2024, Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #134-2024 authorizing the Planning Board to investigate whether the area known as Block 801, Lots 7, 8, 9 and 11 (hereinafter the “Premises”) constituted an area in need to redevelopment without the municipality’s use of its eminent domain power; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the Hammonton Planning Board (“Planning Board”) adopted Resolution No. 47-24PB, which recommended that the Premises be designated an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on January 27, 2025, adopted Resolution #36-2025 accepting the Planning Board’s recommendation designating the Premises as a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk per Resolution #36-2025, notified the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs of that action; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs approved the designation of the Premises as an area in need of redevelopment on March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Town Planner, Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., of ARH Associates, Inc., prepared a Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, to which Mayor and Council gave careful consideration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on June 23, 2025, adopted Ordinance #12-2025, adopting the Redevelopment Plan dated June 2, 2025, for the Premises; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk per Ordinance #12-2025, forwarded the Ordinance and Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission Staff reviewed the adopted Redevelopment Plan and determined that it could not recommend approval of the plan because it required further clarification to enable it to be consistent with the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (“CMP”), and therefore recommended certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan to bring it into compliance with the CMP; and

WHEREAS, The Town reviewed the Pinelands Commission staff’s comments and subsequently amended the Redevelopment Plan to incorporate the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), Town Council sent the amended Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for further review; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 18, 2026, the Town Planning Board considered the amendments and reported same does not impact or change its prior conclusions with regard to the content of the Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 23rd day of March, 2026, ordained by Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton that:

1. The Redevelopment Plan-Landfill Redevelopment Area, as amended, dated June 2, 2025, last revised March 11, 2026, for the Premises, which incorporates the Pinelands Commission’s amendments, be and hereby is adopted by Mayor and Council;
2. It is further ordered that Mayor and Council are authorized to take further action consistent with said Redevelopment Plan including, but not limited to, designating Hammonton-8th Street Landfill Solar LLC, as the Redeveloper; and
3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan to the Pinelands Commission for their review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the Courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in the time and manner prescribed by law.

Frank Zuber, Municipal Clerk