

ORDINANCE O12- 2017

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED
"PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Washington establishes certain minimum housing and property maintenance standards to protect the public health, safety and welfare and impose upon property owner's certain minimum standards of maintenance and care for all properties situated within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Washington have determined it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of Washington to revise Chapter 179 to prohibit the planting and/or installation and maintenance of invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Township by law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled "Property Maintenance and Housing Standards," Section 3, entitled "Definitions," shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented by adding a new definition for "Invasive Plants," which shall read as follows:

§ 179-3 Definitions.

INVASIVE PLANTS

All native and non-native vines and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent, and pernicious. These plants may damage trees, vegetation, or structures. Examples include but are not limited to bamboo (spreading or running type), ragweed, multi flora rose, kudzu-vine and poison ivy or oak.

SECTION 2: Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled "Property Maintenance and Housing Standards," Section 7, entitled "Hazardous and unsanitary conditions; duties of owners and operators," shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented by adding a new subsection "I" as follows:

§179-7 Hazardous and unsanitary conditions; duties of owners and operators

I. Invasive Plants: All new in-ground plantings of invasive plants are strictly prohibited. All existing invasive plants and/or plantings must be contained by appropriate physical barriers to prevent the growth or spread of existing invasive species beyond the boundaries of a property owner's premises.

SECTION 3: Except as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, the balance of Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Washington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 5: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment

shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

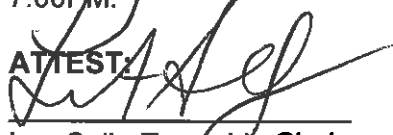
INTRODUCTION:

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato			X				
Longfellow		X	X				
Pasqualone			X				
Perry	X		X				
Fazio			X				

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY: 
 Nick Fazio, Council President


I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 12-2017 was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on May 10, 2017. A public hearing and adoption will occur on June 28, 2017 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST: 
 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

ADOPTION:

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato	X		X				
Longfellow		X	X				
Pasqualone							
Perry			X				
Fazio			X				

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 12-2017 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on June 28, 2017 by Township Council after a public hearing on June 28, 2017. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST: 
 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 12th day of July 2017, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.


 Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR