

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-9-2017-025

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED
“LAND DEVELOPMENT”**

WHEREAS, in the interests of safeguarding public health, safety and welfare and preserving the intent and the purposes of the Master Plan, the Monroe Township Land Development Ordinance sets forth specific goals with regard to the placement of wireless communication towers and related facilities within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that an appropriate and important goal is to discourage the placement of wireless communication towers within 500 feet of any school property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 108 of the Monroe Township Land Use Ordinance be amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 108, Article VII, § 108-7.3(M), “Locational preferences for new towers,” is amended to read as follows:

- M. Locational preferences for new towers. The following are not conditions, standards and limitations for the location of wireless communication towers, but are preferences of the township:
- (1) To the greatest extent possible, no tower shall be located to be visible from any historic district or site as duly designated by Monroe Township, the State of New Jersey and/or by the federal government.
 - (2) To the greatest extent possible, no tower shall be located to be visible from any public street.
 - (3) To the greatest extent possible, any tower shall be located behind existing buildings and/or natural topographical elevations in order to screen the tower from view from adjacent properties and from any street right-of-way.
 - (4) To discourage the placement of wireless communication towers within 500 feet of the property line of any school.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED as aforesaid.

STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – September 6, 2017						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin			X			
Councilwoman Cohen	X		X			
Councilman Leibowitz		X	X			
Council V. President Schneider			X			
Council President Dalina			X			

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on September 6, 2017. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – October 2, 2017						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin						
Councilwoman Cohen						
Councilman Leibowitz						
Council V. President Schneider						
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MAYORAL APPROVAL

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: _____