

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
ORDINANCE # 04-2026

An Ordinance Amending the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Wantage, Chapter 13 Zoning, Section 13-25.2 Permits and Chapter 140 Land Use and Development Regulations, Section 140-128.

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage desires to amend and supplement the provisions of Chapter 13 Zoning, Section 13-25.2 Permits to provide that zoning permits expire one year after they are issued and Chapter 140 Land Use and Development Regulations, Section 140-128 to authorize zoning permits to be issued when zoning for a property changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 13 Zoning, §13-25.2 Permits shall be amended by deleting subsection (e) and inserting the following in its place:

(e) Zoning permits, unless revoked, shall continue in effect for a period of one year from the date of the issuance of the permit, unless the change of use, the construction, erection, alteration or enlargement as set forth in subparagraph (a) shall commence within one year of the issuance of the zoning permit.

Section 2.

Section 13-25.2 Permits shall be amended to repeal subsection (i) and insert “Reserved” in its place.

Section 3.

Chapter 140 Land Use and Development Regulations, Section 140-128. Certification of Pre-Existing Non-Conforming Uses, Lots, Buildings and Structures shall be deleted and the following shall be inserted in its place:

Within one year from the effective date of any amendment to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Wantage, the effect of which is to make certain uses nonconforming, the owner of the property upon which any such nonconforming uses exists may apply for and obtain at no charge a zoning permit certifying the extent and kind of use and specifying the nonconformity in detail. After the expiration of any such one-year period, a zoning permit may be issued for nonconforming use only by the Zoning Board of Adjustment after a hearing held on notice to all person entitled thereto, when such plans have been approved by the construction official, together with such permits as may be granted.

Section 4.

All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter 13 and Chapter 140 of the Township of Wantage Code, be and the same, are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms thereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

Section 5.

If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 6.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Justin VanderGroef, Mayor
Township of Wantage

ATTEST:

Melissa Morales, Municipal Clerk
Township of Wantage

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