

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**ORDINANCE #16-15**

**AN ORDINANCE, SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 2-112 ESTABLISHING A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has found that the dramatic rise in the deer population has resulted in several negative impacts, including the spread of Lyme disease, deer-vehicle collisions, agricultural losses and landscape planting damage, all of which has adversely affected the quality of life of residents of Raritan Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee recognizes that forests are also adversely impacted by overabundant deer that graze on native plants, and that the long-term maintenance of forest cover is in jeopardy because new trees are eaten before they can replace those that fall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to create an Advisory Committee that will meet regularly and provide the Township Committee with reports, information and recommendations concerning steps to take to better manage wildlife, particularly the deer population, in Raritan Township and to mitigate the adverse effects of wildlife on the health, economics and ecology of the Township of Raritan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Title 2 entitled “Administration and Personnel” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan is supplemented by adding a new Section 2-112 entitled “Wildlife Management Advisory Committee” as follows

**2-112. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**2-112.1 Creation: Number of Members: Quorum.** There is hereby established a Wildlife Management Advisory Committee, which shall consist of five (5) regular members. Three (3) members shall comprise a quorum to do business.

**2-112.2 Powers and Duties: Purpose.** The Wildlife Management Advisory Committee will render advice to the Township Committee on matters related to wildlife and particularly deer management. It will issue an annual report and undertake such other duties as may be requested from time-to-time by the Township Committee. The Wildlife Management Advisory

Committee's primary purpose is to help mitigate the adverse impact of the white-tailed deer on the health, economics and ecology of Raritan Township.

**2-112.3 Membership: Appointment.** The membership of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall include (i) one (1) member of the Township Committee; (ii) the Superintendent of Public Works or his designee; (iii) one (1) member of the Open Space Advisory Committee; and (iv) two (2) members of the general population, who shall be a resident of the Township of Raritan. All members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Raritan Township Committee.

**2-112.4 Terms of Office.** All members shall have a term of three years. Initially, two (2) members shall be appointed to serve three (3) year terms, two (2) members shall be appointed to serve two (2) year terms and one (1) member shall be appointed to serve a one (1) year term. Thereafter, all regular members shall serve three (3) year terms.

**2-112.5 Selection of Chair.** The member of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee who is also a member of the Township Committee shall serve as the chair of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee, and the Superintendent of Public Works or his designee shall serve as the vice chair.

**2-112.6 Adoption of Bylaws.** The Wildlife Management Advisory Committee may adopt its own bylaws, which shall not be inconsistent with this or any other Ordinance or the laws of the State of New Jersey and which shall be submitted to the Township Committee for approval.

**2-112.7 Meetings.** The Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings shall be held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**2-112.8 Sunset Provision.** Authorization for the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee shall terminate six (6) years from the effective date of this Ordinance, unless the Township Committee, by ordinance, extends that authorization.

**Section 2.** If any article, section, subsection, sentence clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

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ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN

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William Bray  
Acting Township Clerk

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Karen Gilbert  
Mayor

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Township Committee Meeting by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan on August 16, 2016, the same was then ordered to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of Sept. 6, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which time all interested persons will be heard.

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William Bray  
Acting Township Clerk

Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member	X		X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor			X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member			X			
Lou Reiner, Committee Member		X	X			
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			