

**ORDINANCE OF THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION  
OF BLOCK 46, LOT 6, KNOWN AS 622 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION,  
READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$87,000.00 TO BE PAID FROM OPEN SPACE  
TRUST FUNDS AND GREEN ACRES FUNDS**

**ORDINANCE #12-2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington (“Township”), in furtherance of the Township’s goal of providing open space and recreation has agreed to acquire the hereinafter described property providing for open space and recreation for the purchase price of \$87,000 to be paid from the open space trust funds and Green Acres funds.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
46	6	622 Route 523	\$87,000	Estate of Kenneth Volk

as shown on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Readington; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Township to acquire 7.8390 acres of the Property as described in the survey appended to the contract for sale and attached hereto as Schedule A, with the seller retaining 8.1551 acres of the Property as further described there and to be confirmed by a subdivision pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq. the Township may, through authority granted by an ordinance, acquire private property for a public use through gift, purchase, or condemnation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that the acquisition of the Property described above will advance the Township’s goals of providing adequate open space and recreational opportunities;

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

**SECTION I.** Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the acquisition of the Property described herein.

**SECTION II.** The Township of Readington is empowered by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq. to acquire lands or rights therein by purchase, gift.

**SECTION III.** This ordinance authorizes acquisition by the Township of Readington of the property known as a portion of Block 46, Lot 6 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington, said property being known as 633 Route 523 respectively, in Readington Township.

**SECTION IV.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. the Township Attorney of Readington Township, Mayor and the Administrator are authorized and directed to undertake any actions and execute any documents necessary or appropriate to acquire the Property including a Contract for Sale of Real Estate, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule A.

**SECTION V.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**SECTION VI.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication, according to the law and certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the availability of funds for the acquisition described herein.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **June 16, 2025** AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON **July 7, 2025** AT 7:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

ANN MARIE LEHBERGER, RMC  
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK