

READINGTON TOWNSHIP
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #12-2025 OF THE READINGTON
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF
LAND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 46, LOT 6.02, KNOWN AS 622 ROUTE 523,
WHITEHOUSE STATION, READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE NEW PURCHASE PRICE OF \$96,800.00
TO BE PAID FROM OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS

Ordinance #23-2025

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington ("Township") adopted Ordinance 12-2015 authorizing the acquisition of a 7.8390-acre portion of the land identified as Block 46, Lot 6 in the Township of Readington for the price of \$87,000 to be paid from open space trust funds; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that acquisition, Block 46, Lot 6 was subdivided into two parcels, Block 46, Lot 6 (8.1551 acres) and Block 46, Lot 6.02 (7.8390 acres); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to that time, Block 46, Lot 6.02 was appraised at \$96,800, an amount for which the Township still intends to acquire the Property; and

WHEREAS, the 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 \$96,800 to be paid from the open space trust funds.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
46	6.02	622 Route 523	\$96,800	Estate of Kenneth Volk

as shown on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Readington; 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 Block 46, Lot 6.02 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; and

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.

IA TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **November 3, 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 **November 17, 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
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