

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2025

**AMENDING CHAPTER 180 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
ENTITLED “ZONING” TO AMEND THE REGULATION OF
AGRICULTURAL USES IN THE BP-1 ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown recognizes the importance of agriculture as a vital industry contributing to the local economy, food security, and land preservation; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance language in the BP-1 Zone conditionally permits agricultural uses as “horticulture and agricultural uses of no less than five acres for the growing and harvesting of crops, including nurseries; and

WHEREAS, this language does not explicitly or implicitly permit other agricultural uses such as the keeping and growing of livestock and horses, the processing, packaging, and marketing of agricultural products, and other essential farming practices including, soil management, irrigation, waste disposal and grazing; and

WHEREAS, updating the ordinance to clarify the permitted agricultural uses within the BP-1 Zone is in the best interest of the Township to protect farming operations, and ensure compliance with State agricultural policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 180-2A Definitions is hereby amended to add the following language:

AGRICULTURAL USE

The use of the premises for common farm site activities including, but not limited to: production, harvesting, storage, grading, packaging, processing and the wholesale and retail marketing of crops, plants, animals and other related commodities and the use and application of techniques and methods of soil preparation and management, fertilization, weed, disease and pest control, disposal of farm waste, irrigation, drainage and water management and grazing.

Section 2. Chapter 180-67.2.C.(1) Use restrictions and regulations in the BP-1 Business Park 1 District shall be amended as follows:

~~Horticulture~~ Horticultural and agricultural uses, on no less than five acres, for the growing and harvesting of crops, including nurseries. Roadside stands and garden centers providing support of same pursuant to the following requirements:

Section 3. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 4. Interpretation. If the terms of this Ordinance shall be in conflict with those of another Ordinance, the provision which imposes the greater restriction or limitation shall control.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Township Council of the Township of Moorestown declares that it would have passed the Ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after adoption, transmittal to the Burlington County Planning Board, and publication according to law.

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No.15-2025 which was introduced and adopted on first reading on August 25, 2025 and heard on second reading and was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting of the Township Council held on September 8, 2025.

<u>VOTE:</u>	
LAW	YES
MAMMARELLA	YES
BARRY	YES
GILLESPIE	YES
KEATING	YES

Patricia L. Hunt, RMC
Township Clerk