

**TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
NOTICE OF  
INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 2009-14**

I, Joy M. Wiley, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Chatham, do hereby certify that the following ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting held on July 9, 2009 and was amended at regular meeting held on July 23, 2009. Said ordinance and amendment will be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting to be held on August 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Dated: July 24, 2009

Joy M. Wiley  
Municipal Clerk

**ORDINANCE 2009-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REGULATE THE  
PLACEMENT AND USE OF CLOTHING BINS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Chatham is hereby amended to add Section 18-5, Clothing Recycling, to Chapter XVIII, Solid Waste Management, as follows:

**1. Chapter XVIII, Solid Waste Management**

**Section 18-5. Clothing Recycling**

**18-5.1 Clothing Bins.**

Clothing bins may be placed only in the following locations:

Chatham Township Recycling Center (end of Tanglewood Lane) (maximum total of all clothing bins – 4).

Churches, schools, municipal facilities other than the Recycling Center, non-profit facilities, and religious institutions (maximum total of all clothing bins per institution – 3).

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, no person shall place, use or employ a donation clothing bin, for solicitation purposes, unless all of the following requirements are met:

A. The donation clothing bin is owned by a charitable organization registered with the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey pursuant to P.L. 1994, c.16 or any person; and

B. The registered charitable organization or the person has obtained a permit valid for a period of one year, from the Zoning Officer in accordance with the following:

1. In applying for such a permit, the registered charitable organization or

person shall include:

- a) The size of the bin (not larger than 6 feet by 6 feet by 6 feet) and the location where the bin would be situated, as precisely as possible;
- b) The manner in which the charitable organization or person anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the bin would be used, sold or dispersed, and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent;
- c) The name, address, and telephone number of the bona fide office of the applicant and of any entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin;
- d) The schedule of pick-ups removing the articles from the bins, which can be no less often than once per week, and the name and telephone number of the person to be notified if the bin is overflowing prior to the scheduled date of pick-up; and
- e) Written consent from the property owner, or the owner's authorized representative, to place the bin on his/her property.

2. The Zoning Officer shall not grant an application for a permit to place, use, or employ a donation clothing bin if he/she determines that the placement of the bin is either in the front yard setback or could constitute a safety hazard. Such hazards may include, but are not limited to, the placement of a donation clothing bin in parking spaces, in any area that interferes with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or any place which stores large amounts of, or sells, fuel or other flammable liquids or gases.

3. The fee for such application for the zoning permit shall be \$25.00.

4. An expiring permit for a donation clothing bin may be renewed by a charitable organization or person upon payment of the \$25.00 renewal fee and by application that shall include the following information:

- a) The location where the bin is situated, as precisely as possible, and, if applicant intends to move it, the new location where the bin would be situated after the renewal is granted;
- b) The manner in which the person has used, sold or dispersed any clothing or other donations collected via the bin, the method by which the proceeds of collected donations have been allocated or spent, and any changes the person anticipates it may make in these processes during the period covered by the renewal;
- c) The name, address and telephone number of the bona fide office of the applicant and any entity which shared or profited from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin, and of any entities which may do so during the period covered by the renewal;
- d) The schedule of pick-ups removing the articles from the bins, which can be no less often than once per week, and the name and telephone number of the person to be notified if the bin is overflowing prior to the date of pick-up; and
- e) Written consent from the property owner, or the owner's authorized representative, to place the bin on his/her property;

5. The following information shall be clearly and conspicuously written in either paint or permanent marker on the exterior of the donation clothing bin:

a) The name and address of the registered charitable organization or person that owns the bin, and of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin.

b) The telephone number of the organization's bona fide office and, if applicable, the telephone number of the bona fide office of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin. The telephone number of an answering machine or service unrelated to the charitable organization does not satisfy this requirement.

c) The charitable organization's registration number, permit number and its date of expiration.

d) In cases when any entity other than the person who owns the bin may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin, a notice, written in a clear and easily understandable manner, indicating that clothing or other donations collected via the bin, their proceeds, or both, may be shared, or given entirely to, an entity other than the person who owns the bin, and identifying all such entities which may share or profit from such donations.

e) A statement, indicating the manner in which the charitable organization or person anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the bin would be used, sold or dispersed, and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent.

6. Any clothing bin permitted hereunder shall be properly painted and maintained, and shall be free of defects.

C. The Zoning Officer or his designee shall receive and investigate, within 45 days, any complaints from the public about the bin.

1. Whenever it appears to the Zoning Officer or his designee that an organization or a person has engaged in or is engaging in any act or practice in violation of this ordinance, the organization or person who placed the bin shall be issued a warning, stating that if the violation is not rectified or an appeal taken within 15 days, then the bin, any clothing or other donations collected via the bin will be sold at public auction. In addition to any other means used to notify the person who placed the bin, a warning shall be affixed to the exterior of the bin itself.

2. In the event that the person who placed the bin does not rectify the violation or request a hearing within 15 days of the posting of the warning, the Township may seize the bin, remove it or have it removed, at the expense of the person who placed the bin, and sell it at public auction or otherwise dispose of any clothing or other donations collected via the bin. Any proceeds from the sale of the donations collected via the bin shall be paid to the Township.

3. In addition to any other penalties or remedies under this ordinance, any person who violates any provision which results in the seizure of the donation clothing bin shall be subject to a penalty for each violation as specified pursuant to Section 1-5, Penalties, of the Code of the Township of Chatham.

D. If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated.

**2. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Introduced: July 9, 2009  
Amended: July 23, 2009  
Adopted:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY  
OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Kevin R. Tubbs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joy M. Wiley, Clerk

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