

Ordinance No. 2490-25

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE  
REGULATION OF INVASIVE BAMBOO

**WHEREAS**, bamboo is considered an invasive species, is difficult to control, and can cause significant property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Ordinance prohibits planting of invasive species under section 525.A.7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council, seeks to regulate planting of new bamboo and potential spread of invasive bamboo plants; and

**WHEREAS**, existing bamboo may remain but shall be located, trimmed and maintained so that no part of the plant is closer than ten (10) feet to any property line or right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, bamboo shall be considered a nuisance and shall be regulated under Chapter 265 "Nuisances";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey, that Chapter 265 of the Lawrence Township Administrative Code be hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.**

**§265-3. Nuisances defined and prohibited**

A (4). The growth, presence or existence of poison ivy within twenty (20) feet or bamboo within ten (10) feet of any property line.

**Section 2. Repealer**

All ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3. Severability**

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption thereof.

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Adopted: April 1, 2025