ORDINANCE NO. 1252

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE IX. IN CHAPTER 296, REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Barrington that Article IX. in Chapter 296, Requirements and Controls for Major Developments, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-29 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Policy Statement

Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction shall be achieved through the use of stormwater management measures, including green infrastructure Best Management Practices (GI BMPs) and nonstructural stormwater management strategies. GI BMPs should be utilized to meet the goal of maintaining natural hydrology to reduce stormwater runoff volume, reduce erosion, encourage infiltration and groundwater recharge, and reduce pollution. GI BMPs should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature and the anticipated quantity, or amount, of potential pollutants. Multiple stormwater management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for green infrastructure, water quality, quantity, and groundwater recharge.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for “major development,” as defined below in Section 296-30.

C. Applicability

1. This ordinance shall be applicable to the following major developments:

   i. Non-residential major developments and redevelopment projects; and

   ii. Aspects of residential major developments and redevelopment projects that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21 et seq.

2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Borough of Barrington, Camden County, New Jersey.

3. A complete application required by ordinance pursuant to C.1 Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10.5 and above that has been submitted prior to December 9, 2026 shall be subject to the stormwater management requirements in effect on the date the complete application was received.

4. Notwithstanding 5 below or any rule to the contrary, major developments for any public roadway or railroad project conducted by a public transportation entity that has determined a preferred alternative or reached an equivalent milestone shall be subject to the requirements of this ordinance as follows:

   i. A major development that reached a preferred alternative or equivalent milestone prior to March 2, 2021, is subject to the requirements of this ordinance in effect on March 1, 2021; and

   ii. A major development that reached a preferred alternative or equivalent milestone on or after March 2, 2021, is subject to the requirements of this ordinance in effect on the date the preferred alternative or equivalent milestone is reached.

5. Should a public transportation entity initiate a substantial change to a major development that had previously reached a preferred alternative or equivalent milestone, the major development shall instead be subject to the requirements of this ordinance in effect when the amended milestone is reached.

6. Applicability of this ordinance to major developments shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.6, incorporated herein by reference.

D. Maintenance Requirement Applicability to the Stormwater Management Measures Prior Constructed Stormwater Management Measures
Under the authorization by the conditions in Part V.F.4.a of municipality's Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit, the maintenance requirement in Section X.B.6 through 9 shall be also applicable to stormwater management measures constructed after February 7, 1984.

E. Compatibility with Other Permit and Ordinance Requirements

Development approvals issued pursuant to this ordinance are to be considered an integral part of development approvals and do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to secure required permits or approvals for activities regulated by any other applicable code, rule, act, or ordinance. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

This ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinances, rule or regulation, statute, or other provision of law except that, where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule or regulation, or other provision of law, the more restrictive provisions or higher standards shall control.

ARTICLE II. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-30 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this ordinance clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

The definitions used in this ordinance shall be the same as the last amended Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2, incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-31 DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

This section establishes design and performance standards for stormwater management measures for major development intended to minimize the adverse impact of stormwater runoff on water quality and water quantity and loss of groundwater recharge in receiving water bodies. Design and performance standards for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-5, incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE IV. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-32 SOLIDS AND FLOATABLE MATERIALS CONTROL STANDARDS

A. Site design features identified under Section 31 above, or alternative designs in accordance with Section 31 above, to prevent discharge of trash and debris from drainage systems shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this subsection, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see A.2 below.

1. Design engineers shall use one of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:

i. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines; or

ii. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension. Note that the Residential Site Improvement Standards at N.J.A.C. 5:21 include requirements for bicycle safe grates.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater system floors used to collect stormwater from the surface into a storm drain or surface water body.

iii. For curb-opening inlets, including curb-opening inlets in combination inlets, the clear space in that curb opening, or each individual clear space if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces, shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

2. The standard in A.1. above does not apply:

   i. Where each individual clear space in the curb opening in existing curb-opening inlet does not have an area of more than nine (9.0) square inches;
   ii. Where the municipality agrees that the standards would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practicably be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets;
   iii. Where flows from the water quality design storm as specified in the last amended Stormwater Management rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8 et seq. are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:

      a. A rectangular space four and five-eighths (4.625) inches long and one and one-half (1.5) inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or

      b. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

      Note that these exemptions do not authorize any infringement of requirements in the Residential Site Improvement Standards for bicycle safe grates in new residential development (N.J.A.C. 5:21-4.18(b)2 and 7.4(b)1).

   iv. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1 inch) spacing between the bars, to the elevation of the Water Quality Design Storm as specified in N.J.A.C. 7:8; or

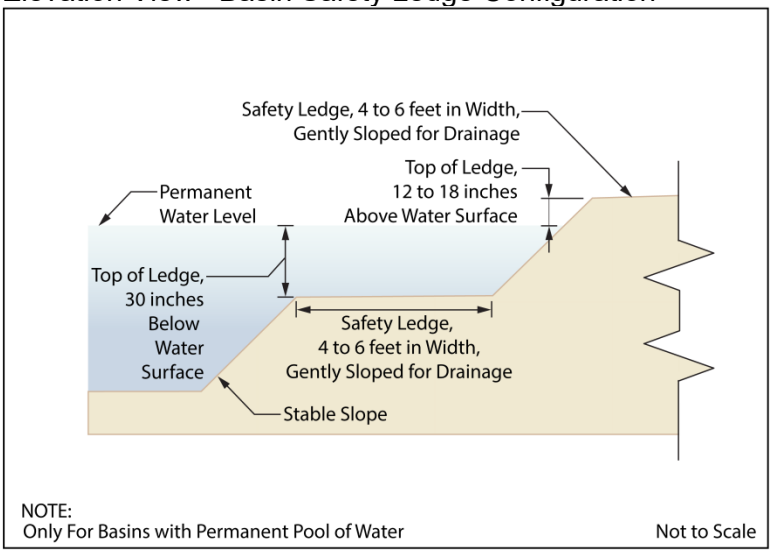
   v. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

ARTICLE V. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-33 SAFETY STANDARDS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BASINS

A. This section sets forth requirements to protect public safety through the proper design and operation of stormwater management basins. This section applies to any new stormwater management basin. Safety standards for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-6, incorporated herein by reference.

B. Safety Ledge Illustration

Elevation View –Basin Safety Ledge Configuration



ARTICLE VI. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-34 REQUIREMENTS FOR A SITE DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER PLAN

A. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

1. Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this ordinance, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Stormwater Plan at Section 34.C below as part of the submission of the application for approval.

2. The applicant shall demonstrate that the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

3. The applicant shall submit the number of copies as determined by the land use board clerk of the materials listed in the checklist for site development stormwater plans in accordance with Section 34.C of this ordinance.

B. Site Development Stormwater Plan Approval

The applicant's Site Development project shall be reviewed as a part of the review process by the municipal board or official from which municipal approval is sought. That municipal board or official shall consult the municipality's review engineer to determine if all of the checklist requirements have been satisfied and to determine if the project meets the standards set forth in this ordinance.

C. Submission of Site Development Stormwater Plan

The following information shall be required:

1. Topographic Base Map

The reviewing engineer may require upstream tributary drainage system information as necessary. It is recommended that the topographic base map

of the site be submitted which extends a minimum of 200 feet beyond the limits of the proposed development, at a scale of 1"=200' or greater, showing 2-foot contour intervals. The map as appropriate may indicate the following: existing surface water drainage, shorelines, steep slopes, soils, erodible soils, perennial or intermittent streams that drain into or upstream of the Category One waters, wetlands and flood plains along with their appropriate buffer strips, marshlands and other wetlands, pervious or vegetative surfaces, existing man-made structures, roads, bearing and distances of property lines, and significant natural and manmade features not otherwise shown.

2. Environmental Site Analysis

   A written and graphic description of the natural and man-made features of the site and its surroundings should be submitted. This description should include a discussion of soil conditions, slopes, wetlands, waterways and vegetation on the site. Particular attention should be given to unique, unusual, or environmentally sensitive features and to those that provide particular opportunities or constraints for development.

3. Project Description and Site Plans

   A map (or maps) at the scale of the topographical base map indicating the location of existing and proposed buildings roads, parking areas, utilities, structural facilities for stormwater management and sediment control, and other permanent structures. The map(s) shall also clearly show areas where alterations will occur in the natural terrain and cover, including lawns and other landscaping, and seasonal high groundwater elevations. A written description of the site plan and justification for proposed changes in natural conditions shall also be provided.

4. Land Use Planning and Source Control Plan

   This plan shall provide a demonstration of how the goals and standards of Section 31 is being met. The focus of this plan shall be to describe how the site is being developed to meet the objective of controlling groundwater recharge, stormwater quality and stormwater quantity problems at the source by land management and source controls whenever possible.

5. Stormwater Management Facilities Map

   The following information, illustrated on a map of the same scale as the topographic base map, shall be included:

   i. Total area to be disturbed, paved or built upon, proposed surface contours, land area to be occupied by the stormwater management facilities and the type of vegetation thereon, and details of the proposed plan to control and dispose of stormwater.
   ii. Details of all stormwater management facility designs, during and after construction, including discharge provisions, discharge capacity for each outlet at different levels of detention and emergency spillway provisions with maximum discharge capacity of each spillway.

6. Calculations

   i. Comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic design calculations for the pre-development and post-development conditions for the design storms specified in Section 31 of this ordinance.
   ii. A soil report providing the information necessary to determine the suitability and distribution of soil present at the development, as explained in Chapter 12 of the BMP Manual shall be submitted.

7. Maintenance and Repair Plan

   The design and planning of the stormwater management facility shall meet the maintenance requirements of Section 35.

8. Waiver from Submission Requirements

   The municipal official or board reviewing an application under this ordinance may, in consultation with the municipality's review engineer, waive submission of any of the requirements in Section 34.C.1 through Section 34.C.6 of this ordinance when it can be demonstrated that the information requested is impossible to obtain or it would create a hardship on the applicant to obtain and its absence will not materially affect the review process.

ARTICLE VII. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-35 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

A. Applicability

   Projects subject to review as in Section 1.C of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Section 35.B and Section 35.C.

B. General Maintenance

   1. Maintenance for stormwater management measures shall comply with last amended N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8, incorporated herein by reference.

   2. The following requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8 do not apply to stormwater management facilities that are dedicated to and accepted by the municipality or another governmental agency, subject to all applicable municipal stormwater general permit conditions, as issued by the Department:

      i. If the maintenance plan identifies a person other than the property owner (for example, a developer, a public agency or homeowners' association) as having the responsibility for maintenance, the plan shall include documentation of such person's or entity's agreement to assume this responsibility, or of the owner's obligation to dedicate a stormwater management facility to such person under an applicable ordinance or regulation; and

      ii. Responsibility for maintenance shall not be assigned or transferred to the owner or tenant of an individual property in a residential development or project, unless such owner or tenant owns or leases the entire residential development or project. The individual property owner may be assigned incidental tasks, such as weeding of a green infrastructure BMP, provided

the individual agrees to assume these tasks; however, the individual cannot be legally responsible for all of the maintenance required.

3. In the event that the stormwater management facility becomes a danger to public safety or public health, or if it is in need of maintenance or repair, the municipality shall so notify the responsible person in writing. Upon receipt of that notice, the responsible person shall have fourteen (14) days to effect maintenance and repair of the facility in a manner that is approved by the municipal engineer or his designee. The municipality, in its discretion, may extend the time allowed for effecting maintenance and repair for good cause. If the responsible person fails or refuses to perform such maintenance and repair, the municipality or County may immediately proceed to do so and shall bill the cost thereof to the responsible person. Nonpayment of such bill may result in a lien on the property.

C. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the municipality in which the major development is located from requiring the posting of a performance or maintenance guarantee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.

ARTICLE VIII. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-36 VARIANCE FROM THE DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

A. A variance from the design and performance standards for stormwater management measures set forth in this ordinance and the municipal stormwater management plan, provided the municipal stormwater management plan includes a mitigation plan or a mitigation plan in accordance with the conditions in this Section:

1. The applicant demonstrates that it is technically impracticable to meet any one or more of the design and performance standards on-site. For the purposes of this analysis, technical impracticability exists only when the design and performance standard cannot be met for engineering, environmental, or safety reasons. The approval of a variance shall apply to an individual drainage area and design and performance standard and shall not apply to an entire site or project, unless an applicant provides the required analysis for each drainage area within the site and each design and performance standard;

2. The applicant demonstrates that the proposed design achieves the maximum possible compliance with the design and performance standards on-site; and

3. A mitigation project in accordance with the following is implemented.

   i. The mitigation project may be selected from the municipal mitigation plan or may be proposed by the applicant, provided it meets the criteria in the municipal mitigation plan.

   ii. The mitigation project shall be approved no later than preliminary or final site plan approval of the major development.

iii. The mitigation project shall be located in the same HUC 14 as the area of the major development subject to the variance.

iv. The mitigation project shall be constructed prior to, or concurrently with, the major development.

v. The mitigation project shall comply with the green infrastructure standards within the NJDEP BMP Manual.

vi. If the variance that resulted in the mitigation project being required is from the green infrastructure standards, then the mitigation project must use green infrastructure BMPs in listed in the NJDEP BMP Manual to manage an equivalent or greater area of impervious surface and an equivalent or greater area of motor vehicle surface as the area of the major development subject to the variance. Grass swales and vegetative filter strips may only be used in the mitigation project if the proposed project additionally includes a green infrastructure BMP other than a grass swale or vegetative filter strip. The green infrastructure used in the mitigation project must be sized to manage the water quality design storm, as defined in the NJDEP BMP Manual, at a minimum, and is subject to the applicable contributory drainage area limitation specified within the NJDEP BMP Manual as applicable.

vii. A variance from the groundwater recharge standards may be granted if one of the following is met:

(1) The average annual groundwater recharge provided by the mitigation project must equal or exceed the average annual groundwater recharge deficit resulting from granting the variance for the major development; or

(2) Runoff infiltrated during the two-year storm from the mitigation project must equal or exceed the deficit resulting from granting the variance from the required infiltration of the increase in runoff volume from pre-construction to post-construction from the major development.

viii. A variance from the stormwater runoff quality standards may be granted if the following are met:

(1) The total drainage area of motor vehicle surface managed by the mitigation project(s) must equal or exceed the drainage area of the area of the major development subject to the variance and must provide sufficient TSS removal to equal or exceed the deficit resulting from granting the variance for the major development; and

(2) The mitigation project must remove nutrients to the maximum extent feasible in accordance with the NJDEP BMP Manual

ix. A variance from the stormwater runoff quantity standards may be granted if the following are met:

(1) The applicant demonstrates, through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, including the effects of the mitigation project, that the variance will not result in increased flooding damage below each point of discharge of the major development;

(2) The mitigation project discharges to the same watercourse and is located upstream of the major development subject to the variance; and

(3) The mitigation project provides peak flow rate attenuation in accordance with the NJDEP BMP Manual for an equivalent or greater area than the area of the major development subject to the variance. For the purposes of this demonstration, equivalent includes both size of the area and percentage of impervious surface and/or motor vehicle surface.

x. The applicant or the entity assuming maintenance responsibility for the associated major development shall be responsible for preventive and corrective maintenance (including replacement) of the mitigation project and shall be identified as such in the maintenance plan established in accordance with Section 34. This responsibility is not transferable to any entity other than a public agency, in which case, a written agreement with that public agency must be submitted to the review agency.

B. Any approved variance shall be submitted by the municipality to the county review agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, by way of a written report describing the variance, as well as the required mitigation, within 30 days of the approval.

ARTICLE IX. ARTICLE IX. SECTION 296-37 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES

Any person(s) who erects, constructs, alters, repairs, converts, maintains, or uses any building, structure or land in violation of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable for penalties or any combination thereof as set forth in Chapter 1-14 of the Code of the Borough of Barrington, in the discretion of the Judge of the Municipal Court before whom such violation is heard and conviction made. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation, subject to the penalty provisions of this Chapter.

ARTICLE X. SEVERABILITY

Where any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these regulations is, for any reason, declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared.

ARTICLE XI.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE XII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

DATE OF FIRST READING: November 10, 2026
DATE OF ADOPTION:

APPROVED:

KYLE HANSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DENISE MOULES, BOROUGH CLERK

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at the regular meeting held on November 10, 2026. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on December 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Barrington Municipal Building, 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to meet the requirements of the NJDEP for the Borough's MS4 permit. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday (Legal Holidays excluded), and public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Fridays (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Barrington Borough Hall, 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey.

Ordinance is also available on the Borough website:
https://barringtonboro.com/government/council-business-dates/