

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 152, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,
ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, § 152-14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF MAPLE SHADE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Maple Shade, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 152, Property Maintenance, Article I, General Provisions, § 152-14 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. § 152-14 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 152-14. Location and enclosure of nonresidential dumpsters; use limited to owner or occupant.

All Properties which utilize dumpsters for the disposal of solid waste and recycling shall, at the property owner's sole cost and expense, locate and enclose such containers in accordance with the following standards:

- A.** The dumpster(s) shall be located in the rear or to the side of the structure, provided the solid waste haulers can access the dumpsters and remove the solid waste safely. If an establishment has access to and can locate a dumpster(s) in the rear of the structure safely, then the dumpster(s) shall be located to the rear of the structure. Garbage or trash dumpsters shall not be maintained in front yards unless permitted by site plan approval from the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment for temporary construction or renovation purposes.
- B.** The dumpster(s) shall be appropriately located so as not to interfere with sight triangles, on-site circulation, required setbacks, landscaping, parking, and any other requirements that may have been imposed as part of the site plan approval for the premises, and shall be placed on a concrete pad.
- C.** Each establishment shall provide appropriate enclosures for each dumpster or container, which shall be properly screened from adjacent property and from the public view.
- D.** Each bin must be regularly emptied of its contents so that its contents cannot be transferred off the lot, directly or indirectly, by natural forces such as surface water or wind, and so that it does not overflow and become unsightly and malodorous.
- E.** For properties that do not currently locate their dumpsters in the rear or to the side of the structure, the property owner shall relocate the dumpster and enclose same, in accordance with the provisions of this section, within six months of the effective date of this section.
- F.** The Zoning Officer for the Township of Maple Shade shall inspect all properties after the six-month period has expired to determine whether this section has been complied with. The Zoning Officer shall have the authority to determine whether the dumpsters have been properly located in the rear or to the side of the structure, and whether the dumpsters have been adequately enclosed. Property owners may contact the Zoning Officer to obtain assistance in complying with this section.

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE SHADE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

G. If the Zoning Officer determines that the dumpsters have not been appropriately placed and enclosed, enforcement and abatement shall take place as generally provided under this chapter, unless the dumpsters are placed within the right-of-way and create an immediate danger to the public, in which case the Police Department may take immediate action to cause the removal of the dumpsters.

H. No person shall dump trash or debris in a private dumpster of a or industrial business without the express written consent of the business owner or his designee.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Maple Shade Township Council, held on September 10, 2026, and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on September 24, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at 200 Stiles Avenue, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Copies of this ordinance will be made available on the township website at: www.mapleshade.com and at the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who request same during normal operating hours. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

Andrea T. McVeigh, RMC

Maple Shade Township