

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY  
NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1643 (2019)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, CHAPTER 26 SECTION 38 ENTITLED  
"STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS" TO PROHIBIT ALTERATION  
OF EXISTING CHANNELS AND ENCOURAGE GREEN APPROACHES.**

**WHEREAS**, there is development pertaining to stormwater management systems; and

**WHEREAS**, a prohibition of development, alteration, or modification of existing natural channels would preserve said channels and reduce the amount of stormwater affecting the Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, there is nonstructural stormwater management strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the encouragement of green approaches preserves existing natural channels and reduces the amount of stormwater and pollution affecting the Watershed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION I.** Chapter 26 Section 38.1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled "Standards Applicable to All Development" is hereby amended to delete the following section in its entirety and replace the same as follows:

**DELETED SECTION:**

**26-38.1a.2. Standards Applicable to All Development.**

a. General Standards.

2. Natural watercourses should not be dredged, cleared of vegetation, deepened, widened, straightened or otherwise altered without any applicable permits issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection or any other State or Federal entity with jurisdiction. Water should be retained or detained before it enters any natural watercourse in order to preserve the natural hydrodynamics of the watercourse and to prevent siltation or other forms of pollution.

**REPLACEMENT SECTION:**

**26-38.1a.2. Standards Applicable to All Development.**

a. General Standards.

2. Natural channels shall not be modified, developed, dredged, cleared of vegetation, deepened, widened, straightened or otherwise altered. Artificial channels should not be dredged, cleared of vegetation, deepened, widened, straightened or otherwise altered without any applicable permits issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection or any other State or Federal entity with jurisdiction. Water should be retained or detained before it enters any natural channel in order to preserve the natural hydrodynamics of the channel and to prevent siltation or other forms of pollution.

**SECTION II.** Chapter 26 Section 38.2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled "Standards Applicable to Major Development" is hereby amended to add the following number "(5)" under "d.5.(b)" as follows:

**ADDED:**

**26-38.2d.5.(b) Standards Applicable to Major Development.**

(5) Encourage the use of green approaches rather than concrete measures.

**SECTION III.** Severability. If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining section of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding.

**SECTION IV.** Repealer. Any Ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION V.** Publication. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

J. B. Feeley, Council President

Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey on first reading at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019 and will be taken up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, in City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 233 JFK Blvd., Sea Isle City, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m.

Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk