

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, SECTIONS 51.16, OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
(REVISION OF ZONING ORDINANCE)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 25 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to incorporate a Sustainability checklist as part of the major/minor site plan, subdivision application process in an effort to create a more sustainable community and further the objectives of the Sustainability Plan included in the Township's Master Plan Updated adopted by the Township of West Orange Planning Board in 2010. The Sustainability checklist shall incorporate and encourage green building and sustainability measures for various aspects of zoning and planning, but zoning and planning approval shall not be conditioned upon any particular rating.

II. CHAPTER 25-51.16. SHALL BE ADDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

25-51.16 Sustainable Building and Design Standards.

All applicants for major and/or minor site plan and/or subdivision approval shall complete a Sustainability checklist form as a completeness item.

- a. The Township shall incorporate the current version of "Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Rating System," which includes rating systems for LEED for New Construction and Major Renovation promulgated by the US Green Building Council.
- b. The Sustainability checklist form shall incorporate proposed green energy and water conservation measures including:
 1. The name of any LEED Accredited Professionals working on the project.
 2. A list of appliances, fixtures and construction techniques which meet U.S. EPA's Energy Star and WaterSense standards.
 3. A list of green and recycled building materials used in construction, renovation, and maintenance.
 4. A Waste Management Plan for recycling and/or reusing 60 percent of all construction and demolition waste generated in projects larger than \$25,000 outlining where waste will be sent for recycling, reuse, reprocessing, or disposal, together with a letter from each of the recipient facilities.
 5. Use of any water efficient landscaping.
 6. Use of any on-site renewable energy systems such as:
 - i. Solar
 - ii. Wind
 - iii. Geothermal

7. Details of roofing materials designed to reduce the urban heat island effect such as:
 - i. Construction of roof top gardens to reduce solar gain in summer and insulate in winter
 - ii. Use of roofing materials that are no darker than a light gray or demonstrate how alternate roofing materials reduce the urban heat island effect
 8. Details of any sustainable stormwater systems employed such as:
 - i. Bioswales/ raingardens
 - ii. Permeable surfaces
 - iii. Grey water systems
 - iv. Retention and detention facilities
 - v. Continuous trenching
 9. A list of native and well adapted species used in landscaping to eliminate the need for fertilization and pesticides.
- c. For each of the items listed on the Sustainability checklist form applicants must indicate the extent to which they are incorporating such a measure in the project or, alternatively, indicate the reason(s) why the measure is not being incorporated in the project.

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Jerry Guarino, Council President

Robert D. Parisi, Mayor

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Introduced: April 14, 2015

Adopted: May 12, 2014

Legislative History

The purpose of this ordinance is implement measures to further the objectives of the Sustainability Plan included in the Township of West Orange's Master Plan Update adopted by the Township of West Orange Planning Board in 2010. Specifically this ordinance incorporates a Sustainability checklist as part of the minor site plan, subdivision and/or major site plan, subdivision applications process whereby applicants will have to disclose whether certain efforts have been made to utilize sustainability measures and obtain a rating accordingly. The ratings systems is adopted from the current version of the "Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Rating System," which includes rating systems for LEED for New Construction and Major Renovation promulgated by the US Green Building Council. While the submission of a Sustainability checklist shall be mandatory for the zoning and planning approval, zoning and planning approval shall not be conditioned upon a specific rating under LEED. A proposed Sustainability checklist shall resemble the following:

SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST FORM

	APPLICANT	TOWNSHIP
		OK (Date)
<u>SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND DESIGN STANDARDS</u>		
Name of LEED Accredited Professional working on project		
List of Energy Star and WaterSense appliances, fixtures and construction techniques		
List of green and recycled building materials in new construction, renovation, and maintenance		
Waste Management Plan for recycling and/or reuse of 60 percent of all construction and demolition of waste generated in projects larger than \$25,000		
Use of any water efficient landscaping		
Use of any on-site renewable energy systems such as: Solar Wind Geothermal		
Details of roofing materials designed to reduce the urban heat island effect such as: Construction of roof top gardens to reduce solar gain in summer and insulate in winter Use of roofing materials that are no darker than a light gray or demonstrate how alternate roofing materials reduce the urban heat island effect		
Details of any sustainable stormwater systems employed such as: Bioswales/ raingardens Permeable surfaces Grey water systems Retention and detention facilities		

Continuous trenching		
A list of native and well adapted species used in landscaping to eliminate the need for fertilization and pesticides		

Note: Please indicate for each of the sustainable building/design items listed, the extent to which the measure is being incorporated in the project or, alternatively, indicate the reason(s) why it is not being incorporated in the project.

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