

**TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-2006**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 180 ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MOORESTOWN TO ADD AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL USES AS PERMITTED  
USES IN THE SPECIALLY RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL-2 (SRC-2) DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, a substantial portion of the SRC-2 District was acquired in 2004 with funding from the Township of Moorestown and the County of Burlington for the purpose of preserving farming and farmland in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan of the Township of Moorestown, adopted by the Planning Board on June 27, 2002, recognizes that Moorestown’s heritage is based, in large part, on farming and includes in its Vision for Moorestown, “... an integrated system of open space encompassing streams, woodland and farmland” and the Land Use Element recognizes “ ... a strong consensus for the preservation of land, both for open space and agricultural purposes;” and

**WHEREAS**, although the Land Use Element states that “Left to itself, agriculture as a full-time occupation will disappear from Moorestown ...”, it does mention several alternative ways in which agriculture is being retained as an economically viable enterprise. The Master Plan did not contemplate an interest by the County of Burlington to acquire the farm which now presents a unique opportunity to not only achieve, directly and indirectly, several goals of the Master Plan, but also to create innovative agricultural-related activities on the property to help overcome “... the difficult economic factors that face the farming community ... “ in New Jersey today; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** §180-61.K.(2) shall be amended to add the following:

- (c) Agricultural uses.
  - (1) Production of agricultural or horticultural products.
  - (2) Nursery.
  - (3) Raising and grazing of livestock and poultry.
  - (4) One (1) Tenant house.
  - (5) Agriculture-related education and farm-based recreational activities, provided that the activities are related to marketing agricultural or horticultural products.
  - (6) Processing, packaging and sale of the agricultural or horticultural output of the farm.
  - (7) Community farmers’ market.
  - (8) Community supported agriculture farm.
  - (9) Community garden.

**Section 2.** **Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, adoption and publication on the earliest date permitted by law.

**Section 3.** **Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, term, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or inoperative, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, paragraph, clause, term, provision or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in such judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 4.** **Short Title.** This ordinance may be cited as Ordinance No. 8-2006.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 8-2006 was introduced and adopted on first reading by the Township Council at a meeting held on April 24, 2006. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting of the Township Council held on May 15, 2006.

<u>VOTE:</u>	
ABERANT	YES
ROCCATO	YES
MILLER	YES
SEGAL	YES
ERON	YES

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PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC  
Township Clerk