ORDINANCE 2022-01

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN COUNTY OF MERCER STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 18, ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING," SUBSECTION 18-1-9 "MUNICIPAL GARBAGE DUMPSTERS (STOCKTON STREET PARKING LOT)" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY,"

WHEREAS, the existing regulations of the Borough of Hightstown (the "Borough") as pertains to Municipal Garbage Dumpsters (Stockton Street Parking Lot) are set forth in Chapter 18, entitled "Solid Waste and Recycling," of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey;" and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to make certain revisions thereto relating subsection Chapter 18 Subsection 18-1-9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> Chapter 18, entitled "Solid Waste & Recycling," Subsection 18-1-9 entitled "Municipal Garbage Dumpsters (Stockton Street Parking Lot" of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey," is hereby amended and supplemented in the following limited respects (deletions are shown with <u>strikeout</u>, additions are shown with <u>underline</u>):

a. Except as provided in Subsection 18-1.9(b) below, business establishments, residents and tenants of rental properties located in Block 23 and Block 33 of the Borough of Hightstown shall be permitted to utilize municipal garbage dumpsters located in the Stockton Street parking lot at no charge. Each such business establishment or household shall be entitled to dispose of the equivalent of one 95-gallon container of solid waste per week.

b. Licensed food establishments located in Block 23 or Block 33 of the Borough of Hightstown shall be permitted to utilize municipal garbage dumpsters located in the Stockton Street parking lot, provided that a written agreement is entered into between the Borough and the licensed retail food establishment, and that the food establishment pays a share of the Borough's cost for the provision of such service. A schedule of fees shall be established by Resolution of the Borough Council for services provided under this subsection and shall be updated as necessary in order to ensure the fair distribution of costs among the users. Fees not paid within 30 days of assessment by the Borough shall constitute a lien against the property where the licensed retail food establishment is located, and such services shall cease until full restitution has been made. Property owners will be held responsible for any violations of this Section.

c. Materials prohibited by Subsection 18-1.7, "Prohibited Materials," shall not be disposed of in the municipal garbage dumpsters located in the Stockton Street parking lot.

d. No persons or establishments other than those specified in this subsection shall be entitled to utilize the municipal garbage dumpsters located in the Stockton Street parking lot. The unauthorized use of said dumpsters, or the placement of prohibited materials in same, shall constitute a violation of this section and shall be subject to penalties as set forth in subsection 18-1.21.

e. It shall be the responsibility of the business establishment owner to properly dispose of all solid waste and garbage in the municipal garbage dumpsters. No solid waste or garbage shall be deposited or placed outside of the dumpsters.

f. It shall be the responsibility of the business establishment owner to break down all cardboard boxes and properly dispose of all cardboard in the municipal recycling dumpster. No cardboard shall be deposited or placed outside of the recycling dumpster.

Section 2. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Introduction: February 7, 2022

Adoption:

ATTEST:

MARGARET RIGGIO MUNICIPAL CLERK LAWRENCE D. QUATTRONE MAYOR