

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRANCHVILLE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 33 ENTITLED “IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is requiring all New Jersey municipalities to adopt certain ordinances in order to comply with the Tier A Stormwater Requirements; and

WHEREAS, certain model ordinances were provided to the Borough by the Department for introduction and subsequent adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Branchville believes the adoption of these ordinances is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Branchville, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 33 entitled “Improper Disposal of Waste” be created as follows:

SECTION I.

§ 33-1. Purpose.

An Ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the Borough of Branchville, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

§ 33-2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)– a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Borough of Branchville or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

§ 33-3. Prohibited Conduct.

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated in the Borough of Branchville is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

§33-4. Exceptions to Prohibition.

- a. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters)
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water)
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- f. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- g. Sidewalk, driveway, and street wash water
- h. Flows from firefighting activities
- i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
 - i. Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
 - ii. Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.

Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

§ 33-5. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police and the Sussex County Health Department.

§ 33-6. Violations and Penalties.

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

SECTION II. Repealer.

Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Code of the Borough of Branchville inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III. Severability.

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Branchville held on November 1, 2023 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 34 Wantage Avenue, Branchville New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Kathryn Leissler
Borough Clerk