

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
MORRIS COUNTY – NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 06-26**

AMENDING CHAPTER 95, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS BY
ADDING THE TH-15/AH ZONE, AND ADOPTING ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court “Mount Laurel” decisions every municipality within the state has the constitutional obligation to provide opportunities for the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to adopt this zoning ordinance in furtherance of its obligations under the Amended Fair Housing Act and the Township’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, Morris County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 95, Article II, Section 5, Designation of Zones, is hereby amended to add the following:

TH-15/AH Townhouse Residential Affordable Housing Zone

Section 2: Chapter 95, Article II, Section 6, Zoning Map, is hereby modified so as to change the zone designation for Block 8601, Lot 4 from OL-5 to TH-15/AH and to further amend same to read in its entirety as follows:

The location and boundaries of said zones or districts are hereby established on the Zoning Map of the Township of Morris in Morris County, dated February 18, 2026, which is attached hereto and hereby made part of this chapter. Said map and all notations referenced and designations shown therein shall be, as such, part of this chapter as if the same were all fully described and set forth herein.

Section 3: Chapter 95, Article III, Use Regulations, is hereby amended to add the following:

§ 95-20.8 TH-15/AH Townhouse Residential Affordable Housing Zone

- A. The following are permitted principal uses:
 - (1) Market-rate townhouses and stacked townhouses with integrated affordable townhouses/stacked units.
- B. The following are permitted accessory uses:
 - (1) Uses that are subordinate and customarily incidental to a permitted principal use.
 - (2) Off-street parking.
 - (3) Recreational, social and communal facilities for the exclusive use of residents and guests.
 - (4) Active and passive outdoor recreation facilities for the exclusive use of residents and guests.
 - (5) Roof or building-mounted solar energy systems as provided in § 95-34.4.

- (6) Building-integrated solar energy systems as provided in § 95-34.4.
 - (7) Geothermal energy systems as provided in § 95-34.4.
 - (8) Maintenance facilities.
 - (9) Generators and ancillary enclosures.
 - (10) Stormwater management facilities and other utility infrastructure.
 - (11) Signs.
 - (12) Fences and walls.
 - (13) Individual and common mailboxes.
 - (14) Management offices.
- C. The following are permitted conditional uses:
- (1) None.
- D. Development and design requirements:
- (1) The maximum development yield shall be 118 units. A minimum of 24 units shall be set aside for low- and moderate-income households. At least 40% of all market-rate units shall comprise conventional (as opposed to stacked) townhouses.
 - (2) The minimum building setback from Punch Bowl Road shall be 30 feet.
The minimum building setback from any other property line shall be 20 feet.
 - (3) The maximum building coverage shall be 35%.
 - (4) The maximum improved lot coverage shall be 75%.
 - (5) The maximum building height shall be 3 stories/46.5 feet.
 - (6) The minimum parking setback shall be 20 feet.
 - (7) Parking shall be provided as follows:
 - (a) Townhouse: 2 spaces per unit
 - (b) Stacked townhouse with 2 bedrooms or less: 1 space per unit
 - (c) Stacked townhouse with more than 2 bedrooms: 2 spaces per unit
 - (d) Visitor parking: 0.45 spaces per unit
 - (e) Parking may be provided in surface lots or in enclosed garages. If located in enclosed garages, parking spaces shall be deed restricted from conversion to living space or storage space.
 - (f) Parking spaces may be located entirely within an enclosed garage, provided such spaces are designated for a single dwelling unit only.
 - (8) The minimum distance between buildings shall be as follows:
 - (a) Front to front: 50 feet
 - (b) Rear to rear: 60 feet
 - (c) Side to side: 25 feet

- (9) Affordable units shall not be permitted within a separate building or buildings but instead shall be interspersed in buildings with market rate units, although buildings with exclusively market-rate units shall be permitted. No more than 2 market rate units and no more than 3 affordable units shall be vertically stacked. Ground level entrances may be shared by no more than 2 units. No more than 2 stacks of affordable units shall be permitted in any building.
- (10) There shall be no more than 7 townhouse units in any building which does not include affordable units. There shall be no more than 12 stacked townhouse units in any building that does not include affordable units. Where stacked affordable units are integrated with market-rate units, there shall be no more than 16 units in any building.
- (11) All units along Madison Avenue and Punch Bowl Road shall have street facing front entrances with vehicular/garage access from the rear.
- (12) Any development pursuant to this ordinance shall comply with all requirements of the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., as may be amended and supplemented.
- (13) Multiple buildings on a lot shall be permitted.
- (14) A landscaping plan shall be prepared and submitted for development and shall be subject to Planning Board review and approval. Said landscaping plan shall include provisions for screening adjacent properties and/or the public viewshed and shall consist of either existing vegetation, new plantings, or where appropriate, a combination of existing vegetation and new plantings.
- (15) A monument sign identifying the development shall be permitted and shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) Minimum setback from property line: 5 feet.
 - (b) Maximum height of structural base: 6 feet.
 - (c) Maximum area of structural base: 36 square feet.
 - (d) Maximum area of identification panel: 12 square feet.
 - (e) The sign shall be externally lit.
 - (f) The sign shall not conflict with sight triangle requirements.

Section 4. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance,

except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 5. All Ordinances or part of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance introduced and adopted on first reading by the governing body of the Township of Morris on February 18, 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

Suzanne Walsh, Township Clerk

Donna J. Guariglia, Mayor

INTRODUCTION: 2/18/2026
MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY:
ADOPTION: