

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 2020-14

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE
CHAPTER 17A, ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION”**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S. 40: 56A-1, and by adoption of Mansfield Township Code, Chapter 17A, the Township Committee of Mansfield Township established an Environmental Commission; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance 2020-5 the Township Committee created a consolidated Land Use Board, whereby, as permitted by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, the Mansfield Township Planning Board shall exercise, to the same extent and subject to the same restrictions, all the powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that the creation of the consolidate land use board has been, and will be, more cost effective for the residents of Mansfield Township, will result in a more efficient processing of land use applications in the Township, and is, therefore, be in the overall best interests of the Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that the Environmental Commission, in the exercise of its powers as set forth in Chapter 17A, duplicates and results in inefficient reviews of land use applications by the Consolidate Land Use Board, especially by the Board and its professional staff; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further finds that elimination of the Environmental Commission, as was the case with the creation of the Consolidated Land Use Board, will result in a more efficient processing of land use applications in the Township and a more cost-effective utilization of professional reviews of land use applications, and is, therefore, be in the overall best interests of the Township and its residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 17A of the Mansfield Township Code is hereby deleted and repealed in its entirety.

SECTION TWO: Any reference in the various chapters of the Code of the Township of Mansfield, specifically including "Land Use Legislation" to the "Environmental Commission" are hereby likewise deleted and repealed.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency
- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.