

**ORDINANCE 2018-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER II, TITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II, TITLED “MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES”, BY ADDING SECTION 2.4 TITLED “TAX COLLECTOR”**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 and following require that each municipality shall, by ordinance, establish the office of municipal tax collector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham do not establish the office of Township of Chatham Tax Collector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham desires to correct that oversight and establish the office of Tax Collector.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter II, titled “Administration”, Article II, titled “Municipal Officials and Employees” is hereby amended to add a new Section 2-4 titled “Tax Collector” as follows:

**§2-4 Tax Collector.**

**§2-4.1 Office Created, Continued and Confirmed.** The office of Township of Chatham Tax Collector is hereby created, continued and confirmed by the Township Committee.

**§2-4.2 Appointment, Term, Vacancy.** The Township Tax Collector shall hold office for a term of four (4) years from the first day of January next following the appointment. Vacancies other than due to expiration of term shall be filled by appointment of the Township Committee for the unexpired term.

**§2-4.3 Tenure.** The Township Tax Collector may obtain tenure as provided by law.

**§2-4.4 Qualifications.** The Township Tax Collector shall meet those qualification requirements and hold those certifications required by law.

**§2-4.5 Duties.** The Township Tax Collector shall perform all duties imposed by law, administrative code or regulation and directive of the Township and shall file such reports as the Township Committee shall require, including but not limited to the following:

- i. Collect and deposit money assessed or raised by taxes.
- ii. Collect all charges, payments and impose penalties for delinquent payment of taxes.
- iii. Keep such records as are required by law.
- iv. Enforce all municipal liens and other liens on real property as may be authorized by law and charge fees authorized by law.
- v. Conduct tax sale proceedings and in rem foreclosures.

vi. Certify searches for taxes and other liens on real property as may be authorized by law and charge fees authorized by law.

vii. Perform all other duties required by law.

**§2-4.6 Compensation.** The Township Tax Collector shall receive such salary or compensation as shall be fixed and determined by the Township Committee in accordance with law.

**Section 2. Severability**

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Introduced: March 8, 2018

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF  
MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted:

Attest:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Curt Ritter, Mayor

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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk