

**TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE**

**ORDINANCE 2023-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MONTAGUE AT CHAPTER 36, "FIRE CODE," TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL  
CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES PURSUANT TO THIS  
CHAPTER**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Township Committee that, pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Township Municipal Code, "Fire Code," certificates are being issued for properties with open permits, outstanding required inspections, and violations of the Township Code (together, 'Outstanding Issues'); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to amend the Township Municipal Code to ensure that these Outstanding Issues be resolved by property owners prior to the Township's issuance of any certificates pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Township Municipal Code.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montague, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township Municipal Code shall be amended at Chapter 36, entitled "Fire Code" to add §36-9, which Section shall read as follows:

**§36-9. Open Permits; Outstanding Inspections; Violations of Township Code**

No certificates provided for pursuant to this Chapter shall be issued in connection with any property that has open permits, outstanding required inspections, or unresolved violations of the Township Municipal Code, until such permits are closed, inspections are completed, and violations are resolved.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances of the Township of Montague, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any 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.

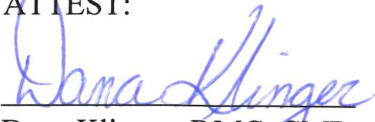
**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

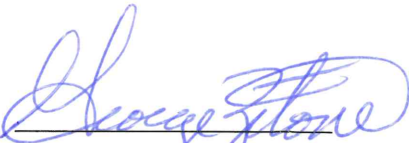
**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

*Introduced: April 11, 2023*

*Adopted: May 09, 2023*

ATTEST:

  
Dana Klinger, RMC, CMR

  
George Zitone, Mayor

<b>RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTES – Ordinance 2023-04</b>				
<b><u>COMMITTEE MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>AYES</u></b>	<b><u>NAYES</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
RICHARD INNELLA	X			
JOSEPH KRUMPFER	X			
JAMES LEDONNE	X			
FRED MERUSI	X			
MAYOR GEORGE ZITONE	X			