2005-17

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL BY ADDING SECTION 4-87A.3 ENTITLED "BANNING PRIVATE/PERSONAL USE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR PERSONNEL"

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Laurel ("the Township") places the public trust above all else and remains steadfast in its commitment to the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been operating pursuant to a ban contained at *N.J.S.A.* 40:69A-1 *et seq.* regarding private use of Township property, equipment or personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to codify this ban into its ethics code as a further example of the Council's commitment to the highest ethical standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Township Ethics Policy be amended, effective immediately, to include the following provisions:

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION OF PRIVATE USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

No Elected Official, Department Head, or Employee of the Township of Mount Laurel shall use or permit the use of any Township property, equipment, or personnel for the private use of any person or entity, unless:

A. The use is specifically authorized by the New Jersey State Law or existing Township Policy and Procedure;

B. The use is available to the general public, and then, only to the extent and upon the terms that such use is available to the general public; and

Certified to be a true copy of an ordinance as was adopted by Mt Laurel Twp Council at a regular meeting on 8-1-05
Patricia Dalle
Municipal Clerk

C. This policy shall be incorporated as part of the existing Township Ethics Policy at Section 4-87A.3 of the Mount Laurel Township Code.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Geraldine A. Nardello
Mayor

Attest:

Patricia Halbe
Municipal Clerk

Introduction Date:	July 18, 2005
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