

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A
NEW CHAPTER 238 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, ENTITLED “MEMORIAL
BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor desires to establish a memorial bench dedication program in order to allow members of the public to purchase a municipal bench with a memorial plaque located within the Township of Little Egg Harbor in order to honor deceased loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. That the governing body hereby amends the Township Code so as to create a new Chapter 238 entitled “Memorial Bench Dedication Program” as follows:

CHAPTER 238 MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

§238-1 Program established.

The Township of Little Egg Harbor shall permit the dedication of benches and installation of memorial plaques to remember deceased individuals on select Township-owned benches through a Memorial Bench Dedication Program.

§238-2 General regulations

- A. Memorial plaques shall be installed on benches in accordance with the following regulations:
- i. The fee for a dedicated bench and memorial plaque shall be \$1,500.00
 - ii. Only one (1) memorial plaque will be permitted on a bench.
 - iii. The dedication of a bench and installation of a memorial plaque shall terminate after ten (10) years. Upon the passage of ten (10) years after installation, the Township shall remove the memorial plaque.

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- iv. The bench will be purchased by the Township of Little Egg Harbor, if required, and said bench shall become the exclusive property of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.
- v. Benches and memorial plaques shall be of a size, style and material determined and approved by the Township Administrator, Recreation Director and Superintendent of Public Works.
- vi. Inscriptions proposed for plaques shall be reviewed and approved at the sole discretion of the Township Administrator.

B. Memorial benches shall be permitted at various approved locations at Mystic Beach, Parkertown Beach, Little Treasures Park, Community Center, Senior Center and Recreation Complex. Applications shall be on a first come, first served basis.

C. No individual or organization may make improvements or install a memorial plaque on any bench or public space outside the provisions of this Chapter. Applicant donors may not add to or alter the installed memorial bench. Any such additions or alterations shall be removed by the Township Public Works or the Recreation Director.

§239-3 Application Process

Any person or organization seeking to apply for a memorial bench shall submit a completed application to the Township Clerk together with the requisite fee. Application forms shall be available from the Township Clerk's Office.

§238-4 Hold harmless for replacement or loss

All dedications become the property of the Township of Little Egg Harbor. The Township of Little Egg Harbor shall not be responsible for the replacement of benches or memorial plaques that have been damaged or destroyed due to vandalism or natural occurrences, including but not limited to fire, storms or floods.



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SECTION 2. REPEALER

The remainder of all other sections and subsections of the aforementioned ordinances not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

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 so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor held on the **13th** day of **June, 2024**, and will be considered for second and final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the **11th** day of **July, 2024**, at 7:30p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, at such time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

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