



TOWN OF DOVER
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

The following Ordinance published herewith was submitted in writing, introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Town of Dover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on 02-10-2026.

The public hearing for consideration for final passage of this ordinance will be held at a meeting of the Municipal Council in the Dover Municipal Building, 37 North Sussex Street, Dover, NJ 07801 on 03-10-2026 at 6:00 P.M.

During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Office of the Municipal Clerk in said Town of Dover, to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ADOPTING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NJ TRANSIT/LOT B/LOT C
REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of parcel(s) of property designated as “areas in need of redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Dover (the “Town Council”) serve as an instrumentality and agency of the Town pursuant to the Redevelopment Law for the purpose of implementing a redevelopment plan and carrying out redevelopment projects within a rehabilitation area; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 285-2024, dated November 12, 2024, the Town Council directed the Town Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation of the following property located in the Town commonly known and shown on the official Tax Map of the Town of Dover as Block 510, Lot 6; Block 510, Lot6 (UnitB01); Block 1213, Lots 2 and 4; Block 1219, Lots 4, 5 and 6; Block 1803, Lot 1; and Block 1804, Lot 13 (collectively, the “Redevelopment Area”) to determine whether same, or any portions thereof, is a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, at a duly noticed public hearing held on April 17, 2025, reviewed the report entitled “Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment, Preliminary Investigation, Block 510 Lots 6 & 6 (Unit B01); Block 1213 Lots 2 & 4; Block 1219 Lots 4, 5, & 6; Block 1803 Lot 11; Block 1804 Lot 13”, dated March 25, 2025, prepared by John McDonough Associates, LLC (the “Preliminary Investigation”) and considered the testimony of the Town’s professional planning consultant pursuant to and in accordance with the procedural requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, to determine whether the Redevelopment Area satisfies the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 (or, if and as applicable, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3) to be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, at the April 17, 2025 hearing, the Planning Board heard from all persons who were interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Redevelopment Area is a non-condemnation redevelopment area, and all objections to a determination that the Redevelopment Area is an area in need of redevelopment and evidence in

support of those objections were received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered and reviewed each of the statutory criteria in the Redevelopment Law and the condition of the Redevelopment Area as analyzed in detail in the testimony of the Town’s professional planning consultant and in the Preliminary Investigation, as well as comments from all persons who were interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Redevelopment Area is a non-condemnation redevelopment area, including but not limited to the deleterious conditions, ongoing vacancy and the functional obsolescence of the layout of the improvements within the Redevelopment Area, and concurred with the finding in the Preliminary Investigation; and

WHEREAS, at the April 17, 2025 Planning Board hearing, the Town’s professional planning consultant testified as set forth above and as stated and recommended in the Preliminary Investigation; and

WHEREAS, after conducting its investigation and reviewing the Preliminary Investigation, preparing a map of the proposed redevelopment area, and completing the above public hearing at which all objections to and support of the designation were received and considered, the Town of Dover Planning Board, in a Resolution dated April 17, 2025, recommended to the Town Council that it should designate the entirety of the Redevelopment Area as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment: and

WHEREAS, the Town Council concurred and agreed with Planning Board’s recommendation, and on April 22, 2025, adopted resolution No. 124-2025 declaring that the Redevelopment Area be and is a non-condemnation “area in need of redevelopment” and authorizing and directing John McDonough Associates, LLC to prepare a redevelopment plan or redevelopment plans for all or portions of the Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Area is generally located along and on the north and south sides of a portion of the Norfolk Southern (Morris & Essex) railroad right-of-way, and along and on portions of Orchard Street and S. Morris Street; and

WHEREAS, John McDonough Associates, LLC prepared a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled “Redevelopment Plan for the NJ Transit/Lot B/Lot C Redevelopment Area, Block 510 Lots 6 & 6 (Unit B01); Block 1213 Lots 2 & 4; Block 1219 Lots 4, 5, & 6; Block 1803 Lot 11”, dated October 27, 2025 and amended February 2, 2026 (removing Block 1804, Lot 13)(the “Redevelopment Plan”); and the Town Council referred same to the Planning Board for master plan consistency review under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered and reviewed the Redevelopment Plan on February __, 2026 and found that same is not inconsistent with the Town’s Master Plan and 2018 Re-examination Report under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e) as stated in the letter report transmitted from the attorney for the Planning Board to the Town Council, dated February __, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the redevelopment of the Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan is in the best interests of the Town and the health, safety, morals and welfare of its residents and is in accord with the public purpose and provisions of the applicable federal, state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, being the Town Council thereof, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 the Town Council hereby accepts, approves and adopts the Redevelopment Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, to the extent that any portion of the Redevelopment Plan conflicts with or amends or modifies any provision of any other of the Town’s development regulations, the Redevelopment Plan shall

supersede or amend or modify, as applicable, such development regulations and the zoning district map included in the Town's zoning ordinance shall be deemed amended accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall be part of the Redevelopment Plan, and to the extent necessary the Town of Dover Code, as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Town Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Redevelopment Plan, and to the extent necessary the Town of Dover Code; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Town Clerk is directed to file a copy of the Redevelopment Plan along with a copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Town Clerk for inspection by the public; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, prior to adoption of this Ordinance on second and final reading the Town Council shall refer this Ordinance to the Planning Board for its review and recommendations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Town Council hereby amends the zoning district map of the Town of Dover to reflect that Block 510, Lot 6; Block 510, Lot 6 (UnitB01); Block 1213, Lots 2 and 4; Block 1219, Lots 4, 5 and 6; Block 1803, Lot 11 is zoned in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey after final passage.

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Date: 02-10-2026