AN ORDINANCE OF THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 1, LOT 1 & BLOCK 3 LOT 1, EACH KNOWN AS 2 ROCKAWAY ROAD, READINGTON TOWNSHIP, AND TAYLORS MILL ROAD, READINGTON TOWNSHIP, RESPECIVELY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF $752,875 TO BE PAID FROM GREEN ACRES, HUNTERDON COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND, HUNTERDON COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Ordinance #26-2026

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington ("Township"), in furtherance of the Township's goal of acquiring Open Space for the purchase price of $752,875.00 to be paid from Green Acres, Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund and Municipal Open Space Trust Fund,

Block	Lot	Property Address	Purchase Price	Property Owner
B1	L1	2 Rockaway Road, Readington Twp	$752,875 (Both)	SQ Properties, LLC
B 3	L1	Taylor's Mill Road Readington Twp		SQ Properties, LLC

as shown on the Official Tax Maps of the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township to acquire the Property in accordance with the contract for sale attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq. the Township may, through authority granted by an ordinance, acquire private property for a public use through gift, purchase, or condemnation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that the acquisition of the Property described above will advance the Township's goals of acquiring Open Space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the acquisition of the Property described herein.

SECTION II. The Township of Readington is empowered by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq. to acquire lands or rights therein by purchase.

SECTION III. This ordinance authorizes acquisition by the Township of Readington of

the property known as Block 1, Lot1 & B 3 L 1 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington, said property being known as 2 Rockaway Road and Taylor's Mill Road respectively, in Readington Township for $752,875.00 pursuant to funding as outlined above plus required closing costs.

SECTION IV. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in the form of $90,000.00 from the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund, Account No.18-287-54-950-202 and $203,500.00 from Hunterdon County Parks and Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant Program Account No. 02-213-25-880-280 with all remaining amounts from Green Acres and Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund as follows:

NJ DEP Green Acres	$195,125.00
Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund	$264,250.00

SECTION V. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. the Township Attorney of Readington Township, Mayor and the Administrator are authorized and directed to undertake any actions and execute any documents necessary or appropriate to acquire the Property and any such action having been taken in furtherance of this acquisition are hereby ratified; and

SECTION VI. Should any section, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication, according to the law and certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the availability of funds for the acquisition described herein.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 5, 2026 AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON OCTOBER 19, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

ANN MARIE LEHBERGER, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK