

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 655**

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND  
COUNTY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF THE PORT ELIZABETH  
LIBRARY TO MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY, A  
NJ NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, NJS A 40A:12-14(c), permits a municipality to lease real property to a non-profit corporation for a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township, hereby authorizes a lease with Maurice River Township Heritage Society, a NJ non-profit Corporation for the Port Elizabeth Library located at 34 Broadway Street, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey 08348; and

**WHEREAS**, the lease to Maurice River Township Heritage Society will promote a public purpose, by permitting the non-profit corporation to utilize the Port Elizabeth Library, which is currently vacant, for uses which will benefit Maurice River Township. The Maurice River Township Heritage Society will conduct its meetings onsite and utilize the former library building to house and display historical objects and memorabilia of Maurice River Township, thereby benefiting the residents of Maurice River Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of said lease will be a period of five (5) years with renewable five (5) year terms and shall be at a nominal rental of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR per year; and

**WHEREAS**, a written lease shall be required between the Township and Maurice River Township Heritage Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township Heritage Society shall be responsible to designate one of its officers or employees to ensure that the requirements of this ordinance, as well as the written lease, are honored. Furthermore, said officer or employee shall, on an annual basis, submit a report to the Clerk of Maurice River Township, which report shall set forth the following:

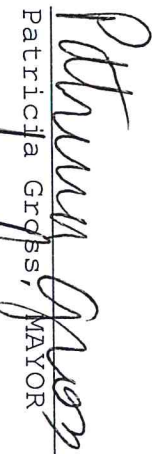
1. The use to which the rental property was used during the preceding year.
2. Any activities taken by Maurice River Township Heritage Society to further the public purpose as set forth in this Ordinance.
3. The approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furthering the public purpose of the lease.
4. Proof of the continued tax-exempt status of Maurice River Township Heritage Society.

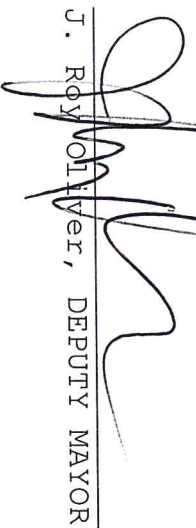
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, that the Mayor is authorized to sign a lease with the Maurice River Township Heritage Society, a New Jersey non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey, said lease to contain, as a minimum, the relevant terms as set forth herein and as required by NJSA 40A:12-14(c).


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

  
K. Louann Karrer, Deputy  
CLERK

  
Patricia Grobs, MAYOR

  
J. Roy Oliver, DEPUTY MAYOR

  
Ken Whildin, COMMITTEEPERSON

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