TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

ORDINANCE

 # 2652-10

AN ORDINANCE
TO CREATE
A COMMUNITY GARDEN
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

"Interpretive Statement"

Based upon the prior experience of the Township, this ordinance will create, on a permanent basis, a Community Garden within the Township of Maplewood.

WHEREAS, the Township of Maplewood ("Township") initiated a pilot program in 2010, establishing a Community Garden within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is a certified Sustainable Jersey Town; and

WHEREAS, the Township endeavors to continue educating and presenting opportunities for residents to contribute to the "Greening" of their homes and the Township; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 pilot Maplewood Community Garden program was deemed successful because residents learned about organic gardening by growing their own healthy food, children received education about the healthiness of growing food and families grew vegetables for families in need; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township to continue the Community Garden on a permanent basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST:

A. A permanent Community Garden be and is hereby established within the Township of Maplewood to be located in an area designated behind Town Hall.

B. The Community Garden may be expanded or relocated from time to time on Township property as designated by the Township Committee.

C. The Community Garden will be run under the direction of the Maplewood Community Garden, Inc.

D. The Township Committee shall choose on a yearly basis a Township Committee person to serve as a liaison to the Maplewood Community Garden, Inc.

E. The Maplewood Community Garden, Inc. shall designate a liaison to the Maplewood Green Team=s Parks and Garden Committee.

F. The use of Township property for Community Gardens will be subject to rules and regulations determined by the Township from time to time.

G. The Maplewood Community Garden, Inc. shall report to the Maplewood Township Committee yearly and at such additional times as requested by the Township Committee.

SECOND: **Severability**

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

THIRD: **Repeal of Prior Ordinances**

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

FOURTH: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on December 7, 2010 and that Committee met again on December 21, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood,

New Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk