

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
WILL HOLD A HEARING DURING A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 AT 7:00 PM AT THE HATFIELD
MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 401 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN HATFIELD,
PA TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF HATFIELD
BOROUGH, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING
THE HATFIELD BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING
CHAPTER 10, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION TO ADD A NEW
SECTION DEALING WITH BAMBOO; REPEALING PRIOR
INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES;
CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND A CLAUSE
ADDRESSING EXISTING BAMBOO ENCROAHING ON NEIGHBORING
PROPERTIES. The Full ordinance appears below.**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Hatfield, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, is duly empowered by the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community of the Borough of Hatfield;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including but not limited to Sections 1202(4) and 1202(5), the Council of the Borough of Hatfield is authorized to regulate the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures within the Borough of Hatfield;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Hatfield previously adopted provisions in Chapter 10, Health, and Safety in Part One, related to Grass Weeds and Other Vegetation, and now desires to add a new section dealing specifically with bamboo,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the authority of the Council of the Borough of Hatfield, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, that the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 (Health and Safety), Part I (Grass, Weeds and Other Vegetation) is hereby to add a new section dealing with bamboo as follows:

§10-104

Bamboo

The following special regulations pertain to bamboo, as herein defined, the purpose of which is to preserve and protect private and public property and indigenous plants from the damaging spread of these plants.

(a) Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BAMBOO

Any monopodial (running) tropical or semitropical grasses from the genre *Bambusa* including, but not limited to, *Bambusa*, *Phyllostachys*, and *Pseudosasa*, as well as Common Bamboo, Golden Bamboo, and Arrow Bamboo.

(b)

Prohibition. Upon the effective date of this chapter, the planting of bamboo shall be prohibited within the Borough. Any person thereafter who plants or grows, or causes to be planted or grown, bamboo within the Borough shall be deemed in violation of this chapter and shall be subject to such penalties as are set forth herein.

(c)

Regulations. Each property owner shall be required to take such measures as are reasonably expected to prevent any bamboo on its property from encroaching on any neighboring property. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, removal of the bamboo at the roots, and installation of sheathing comprised of metal or other material impenetrable by bamboo at a sufficient depth within the property line or lines where the bamboo is growing to prevent such growth or encroachment upon adjoining or neighboring properties.

§ 10-105 Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a Magisterial District Judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared to be un-constitutional, illegal, or invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall be unaffected.

Section 3. Repealer. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances heretofore adopted, to the extent that the same are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, while all Ordinances not inconsistent herewith remain valid and in force.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD. THOSE REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE BOROUGH MANAGER JAIME SNYDER IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING.

KATE HARPER, ESQ. HATFIELD BOROUGH SOLICITOR

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
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[Ord. No. 113, 7/2/1956, § 4; as amended by Ord. No. 357, 10/16/1991, § 10-104; and by Ord. No. 501, 8/15/2012]

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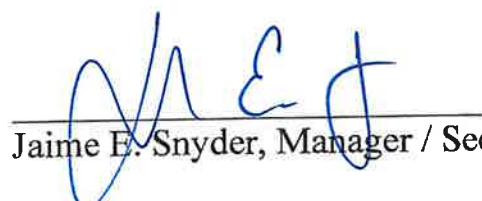
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ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of HATFIELD BOROUGH on this 17th day of December, 2025 with

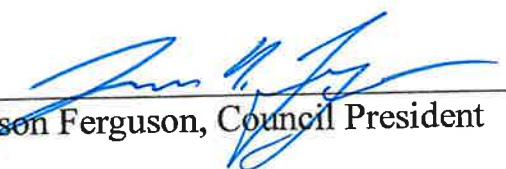
Council Members

Ferguson, Girard, Burns, Fagan voting "aye" and
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"nay."

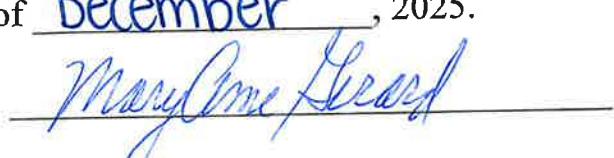
Attest:


Jaime E. Snyder, Manager / Secretary

HATFIELD BOROUGH

By: 
Jason Ferguson, Council President

Approved this 17th day of December, 2025.


Mary Anne Girard
Mayor