

DRAFT ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF DUMONT
ORDINANCE No. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 139, BRUSH, WEEDS
and DEBRIS OF THE BOROUGH OF DUMONT, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, bamboo is considered an invasive and destructive plant causing property damage and posing a substantial nuisance to property owners within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Dumont has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to specifically ban bamboo from being planted within the Borough;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Dumont that it does hereby amend and supplement Chapter 139 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Dumont as follows:

Note: New language indicated in *bold/italics* and to existing language to be deleted is denoted in ~~strikeout~~.

SECTION 1. Chapter 139-1 **Definitions** is hereby amended as follows:

BRUSH, WEEDS AND DEBRIS

Refers to and includes brush, weeds including *all native and non-native vines and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent, and pernicious that damage trees, vegetation, or structures including but not limited to bamboo (spreading or running type), ragweed, multi flora rose, kudzu-vine and poison ivy or oak* ragweed, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash or other debris.

SECTION 2. If any paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon: (i) adoption; and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.