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**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 08-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY, HUNTERDON
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CREATING TITLE 3, REVENUE AND
FINANCE, CHAPTER 3.16, FARMLAND ASSESSMENT INSPECTION
FEE, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23.1, *et seq.*, the Township of Tewksbury (the “Township”) is required to periodically inspect real property under farmland assessment, or for which the owner has applied for farmland assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds and declares that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to levy a fee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:23.13 to cover the cost of such inspections.

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

SECTION 1. Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.16, Farmland Assessment Inspection Fee, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

CHAPTER 3.16 – FARMLAND ASSESSMENT INSPECTION FEE

3.16.010 – Fee.

All applications to the township tax assessor concerning the eligibility of land for valuation, assessment and taxation under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 to cover the cost of on-site inspection of the property which is the subject of such application. Contiguous parcels of land owned by the same owner will be subject to a single fee. The failure by an applicant to submit such payment at the time of application shall result in the application being denied as incomplete.

3.16.020 – Deposit in the General Treasury.

All fees collected shall be deposited into the township's General Treasury.

SECTION 2. All actions of the Township taken prior to the date of adoption hereof contemplated by this Ordinance are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Tewksbury heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury at a duly convened meeting held on April 12, 2022 and adopted on May 10, 2022.

Jennifer Ader
Township Clerk