POSTED NOVEMBER 12, 2026

ORDINANCE 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARNEGAT LIGHT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING CODE TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS AND PROHIBITIONS REGARDING FLOATING HOMES AND FLOATING HOME MARINAS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 215-2 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Barnegat Light, entitled "Definitions," is hereby amended and supplemented to provide the following additional definitions, to read as follows:

Chapter 215
ZONING

§ 215-2. Definitions.

The following words, phrases and terms as used in this Chapter are hereby defined for the purposes of this Chapter as herein set forth; provided, however, that the inclusion of any definition in this section of this Chapter shall not be construed as permitting any use or thing except as may hereinafter expressly be permitted pursuant to § 215-4 et seq.

FLOATING HOME

A craft designed primarily as a residence and not as a mode of regular transport. This will include any vessel with a "barge-shape" hull. A watercraft or recreational or industrial/commercial structure on or in the water, floating or non-floating, which is designed or fitted out as a place of habitation and is not principally used for transportation.

FLOATING HOME MARINA

That area within the Borough of Barnegat Light covered by any waterway within the Borough where one or more sites or locations are rented or offered for rent, sold or offered for sale for the location of floating homes

All other definitions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and provisions of Section 215-2 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. Section 215-4 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Barnegat Light, entitled "General regulations," is hereby amended and supplemented to provide a new paragraph P, to read as follows:

Chapter 215
ZONING

§ 215-4. General regulations.

P. Floating homes and floating home marinas. The following shall apply:

(1) Floating homes and floating home marinas are hereby prohibited in all zoning districts within the Borough of Barnegat Light.

(2) No floating home shall be occupied or used for residential or habitation purposes within the Borough.

(3) No marina, dock, pier, or other waterfront facility shall permit the in-water or out-of-water storage, docking, or mooring of any floating home.

All other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and provisions of Section 215-4 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This zoning regulation amendment shall be referred to the Barnegat Light Planning Board, in accordance with its referral powers provided by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 &-64.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be filed in the office of Ocean County Planning Board.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 6. All ordinances of parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Barnegat Light, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, on the 11th day of November, 2026 and will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of said governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light, New Jersey, on the 9th day of December, 2026 at 4:30p.m., at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

BRENDA L. KUHN, Municipal Clerk