

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA AND SPARTA
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ON SENIOR CITIZEN
HOUSING, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW
JERSEY LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW, N.J.S.A.
40A:12-1, et seq.**

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to enter into a non-exclusive lease of the Knoll Senior Center (“Lease”) from the Sparta Ecumenical Council on Senior Citizen Housing, Inc. (“Sparta Ecumenical Council”) in order to provide senior citizen programs through the Township’s Recreation Department.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., including N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5, authorizes the acquisition of real property for public purposes. The law defines “acquisition” to include leases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sparta Township Council,

Section 1. The Senior Center Lease Agreement between the Township of Sparta and the Sparta Ecumenical Council for the Knoll Senior Center located at 40 Trapasso Drive in Sparta, New Jersey, commencing January 1, 2025 is hereby approved. The rent to be paid by Sparta is \$1,500.00 per month (\$18,000.00 for the year) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The Lease is to renew automatically each year for a period of one (1) year for up to three (3) additional one (1) year period unless canceled by either party as provided for in the Lease.

Section 2. The Lease is contingent upon the Township’s Chief Financial Officer providing a Certificate of available funds confirming that funds for the Lease have been encumbered.

Section 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the Lease.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately; however, it will be void and of no effect in the event the Sparta Ecumenical Council fails or refuses to sign the Lease.

Section 6. Repeater. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on **January 14, 2025**. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, in the Township of Sparta, on **January 28, 2025**, at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC

MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on **January 14, 2025**. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on **January 28, 2025** at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC

MUNICIPAL CLERK