

**03/18/2025 Berkeley Heights Town Council Questions on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09:
Stormwater Management and Control**

- How does the ordinance affect small property improvements, like **adding a patio, driveway expansion, or backyard shed**?
- What is the process for determining if my project is classified as **exempt, minor, or major development**?
- If I make **multiple small improvements over time**, how will they be evaluated cumulatively?
- What specific **stormwater management features** will be required for new developments?
- If my property has existing drainage issues, **how can I ensure compliance** when making improvements?
- Are there any **grants or financial assistance programs** for homeowners who need to install stormwater management measures?
- How will the township ensure that **homeowners and developers maintain stormwater systems**?
- What happens if a previous property owner installed an inadequate stormwater system—**will new owners be held responsible**?
- How will the township handle **violations**—will there be warnings before fines or legal action?
- If my home has **sump pumps or roof drains**, do I need to modify them to comply with the ordinance?
- Are there any **grandfathered exemptions** for properties with existing stormwater infrastructure?
- What happens if I experience flooding due to a **neighbor's non-compliance** with the ordinance?
- How long does it take to get township approval for a **stormwater management plan**?
- What documentation is required for **review and approval**?
- Who in the township office should residents contact for **guidance and permit applications**?
- Are there any **appeal processes** if a homeowner believes a requirement is unnecessary or creates a hardship?
- Can residents request a **waiver** from certain requirements, and under what conditions?
- How does the ordinance handle **properties near wetlands, floodplains, or steep slopes**?