**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER**
**CAPE MAY COUNTY**
**O R D I N A N C E**

**ORDINANCE NO. 013-2018**

**RE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF LANDS, TO WIT BLOCK 735, LOT 21.02**

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Upper is the owner, in fee, of a certain parcel of vacant ground located within the Township of Upper, County of Cape May, and State of New Jersey, set forth on the municipal tax map as Block 735, Lot 21.02; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received an offer from Ratoskey & Trainor, Inc., the owner of real property contiguous with said parcel owned by the Township, to purchase said parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, after discussion and deliberation the Township Committee is of the opinion that the sale of said parcel will be in the best interest of the Township and will provide for the consolidation of said lot with an existing lot; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee in the Township of Upper, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Township of Upper is hereby authorized to sell the real property commonly known as follows:

Block 735, Lot 21.02

to the highest bidder from among all owners of real property contiguous thereto in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5). Such sale shall not be for less than the fair market value of said real property and the minimum bid for such parcels sold is hereby established as follows:

Block 735, Lot 21.02

Minimum Bid: $3,500.00

**SECTION 2**: Prior to said sale, the Township will obtain a title report from a title company or abstract company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey. Said report shall be available to all prospective bidders.

**SECTION 3**: The list of property authorized to be sold together with the minimum price thereof shall be posted at Township Hall and advertisement of the sale shall be made in a newspaper circulating in the Township within 5 days following enactment of this ordinance. Offers for the property may thereafter be made to the Township Committee for 20 days following said

advertisement. The Township Committee may reconsider this ordinance not later than 30 days after enactment and thereafter advertise the property for public sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a). The Township Clerk shall file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs sworn affidavits verifying the publication of the foregoing advertisements.

**SECTION 4:** Ratoskey & Trainor, Inc. shall pay the following sum to the Township Clerk prior to the adoption of this Ordinance: $500.00. This payment will be used by the Township and defray Township expenses involved in Authorizing the Sale and terms thereof; Engineer's review; Attorney's review; legal advertising, certified mail notices, title review expenses, closing costs and other expenses. If the parcel is not sold, this amount will be retained by the Township as **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES** and will be used to pay for the review of the title report and other documents. If the highest bidder at the auction sale is not the original applicant, the highest bidder will be required to pay, in addition to the purchase price and other expenses, an additional sum of $500.00, representing pre-sale amounts paid by the original applicant requesting the sale and the original applicant (who is not the highest bidder) will then be entitled to a refund of all sums paid ($500.00) except for the non-refundable application fee ($50.00).

**SECTION 5:** The aforesaid parcel of real property shall be offered for sale at an auction to be conducted by the Township Clerk at a date and time to be set by the Township Clerk after the appropriate notice of sale has been sent to contiguous owners of the subject real property. Said notice shall be sent certified and regular mail to the owners of contiguous property at the address set forth on the tax assessor's records. Said notice shall be sent no greater than 30 days prior to the date of sale and no less than 14 days prior to the date of sale. At any time, the Township Clerk may adjourn said sale and renotice in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

**SECTION 6:** The Township Committee expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the exercise of its sole judgment and discretion. The Township Committee is authorized to confirm the sale by resolution and complete the transaction pursuant to this Ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

**SECTION 7:** In the event the highest bid at such auction exceeds the minimum bid established herein and the Township Committee rejects same in the exercise of its sole judgment and discretion, then, in such event, all deposits made by the original applicant or the highest bidder,

as the case may be, shall be refunded except for the $50.00 application fee which shall be non-refundable.

**SECTION 8**: All payments required to be made pursuant to said sale to the Township Clerk must be made by personal check, cash or certified check, or any combination of the foregoing. All payments required to be made hereunder to a title company or abstract company conducting the closing shall be made in collected funds, that is, by cash, certified check, cashier's check or wire transfer.

**SECTION 9**: A sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the highest bid for said parcel or parcels shall be paid to the Township of Upper by the highest bidder or bidders at the time of the sale. The remaining balance of ninety percent (90%) of the highest bid for the parcel or parcels shall be paid to the Township of Upper, and must be received by the Township Clerk, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the sale. In addition to the deposit of ten percent (10%), the highest bidder or bidders shall also be required to pay or tender at the time of sale the following:

**IF THE BIDDER IS THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT:**

(A) (i) The sum of $100.00 for the preparation of the Deed; and

(ii) the sum of $70.00 for recording the Deed.

**IF THE BIDDER IS NOT THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT:**

(B) The sum of 500.00, payable to the Township of Upper, representing payment to the Township for expenses of $500.00 to defray Township expenses, which amounts were required of the original applicant.

(C) (i) The sum of $100.00 for the preparation of the Deed.

(ii) The sum of $70.00 for recording the Deed.

**AT THE TIME OF CLOSING** the successful bidder shall be required to pay the following sums:

(D) Any additional sum required for title search or title insurance.

(E) The cost of any survey ordered by the successful bidder. Successful bidder shall place such order directly with the surveyor or with the title company conducting closing, but the survey must be prepared in time to permit the closing to take place as scheduled.

(F) Title company settlement fees covering services to both the Seller and the Buyer.

(G) Any additional fees or costs chargeable by the title company or otherwise necessary to complete the transaction on behalf of the purchaser.

**SECTION 10**: The closing of title shall take place as designated by the Township as follows:

(A) Township Hall, Petersburg, New Jersey; or

(B) Office of the Township Solicitor; or

(C) At the office of a title insurance company or title abstract company located within Cape May County.

**SECTION 11**: If the bidder fails to close or fails to comply with the provisions hereof, such bidder shall be in default and all amounts paid to the Township by or on behalf of the bidder shall be retained by the Township as **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND NOT AS A PENALTY.**

**SECTION 12**: The Deed from the Township of Upper shall be what is commonly known as a Quitclaim Deed.

**SECTION 13**: The title to be delivered by the Township shall be free and clear of all taxes up to and including the date when the Deed is delivered and closing takes place. Purchaser shall be responsible for all taxes thereafter. Unless otherwise specified herein, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of all assessments, of any nature, against said land.

**SECTION 14**: The title to be delivered by the Township shall be under and subject to all easements and rights of way, recorded and unrecorded, whether for utilities or for others, and shall also be subject to all conditions, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. If the title report discloses an unmarketable condition of title, except as specified herein, the remedy of the bidder shall be limited to the return of payments made to the Township of Upper on account of the purchase price and closing costs only. Any and all other amounts paid to the Township shall be non-refundable. This sale is under and subject to any riparian claim which may affect said property. If any such claim exists, it shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser to meet and satisfy all requirements of the State of New Jersey with respect to said riparian claim and the payment of any compensation to the State of New Jersey on account thereof. Nothing herein shall be construed as obligating the Township of Upper to construct or maintain access roads to any portion of the property being sold. Such property may not qualify for a building permit due to lack of water supply, lack of sewer or septic facilities, lack of access, inadequate lot size, or other

reasons, including those reasons set forth below. The purchaser is required to comply with all applicable zoning, building and health ordinances and codes and regulations. The property being sold may be situated in a Flood Hazard Zone. The Township of Upper makes no warranties or representations, expressed or implied, as to the property being offered for sale, the condition or marketability of the title or any other matter. The Township of Upper makes no warranties or representations, expressed or implied, as to whether or not the property being offered for sale contains wetlands anywhere on the property. The Township makes no warranties or representations as to any matter of an environmental nature, or otherwise, which may prevent or limit building or construction.

**SECTION 15**: All references to Lots and Blocks described herein are to the Lots and Blocks as shown on the Current Official Tax Map of the Township of Upper.

**SECTION 16**: The successful bidder shall be required, at the time of the sale, to execute a document acknowledging that the sale is governed by the provisions of this Ordinance as well as N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

**SECTION 17**: The provisions of this Ordinance pertaining to this sale shall survive the closing of title and shall not merge into the Deed.

**SECTION 18**: It is a requirement of this sale that the purchaser of the subject property be a contiguous property owner. Said purchaser shall be required to take immediate action to cause a consolidation of the property being purchased with the bidder's existing adjacent property so as to constitute a single parcel of ground which shall not be further subdivided into more than one lot. If the successful bidder is the original applicant, the property sold must be consolidated with Lots 21.01 and 21.03. If the successful bidder is the other adjacent owner, the property sold must be consolidated with Lot 20. In addition, a deed restriction must be placed on the consolidated lot restricting the use of the consolidated lot to a permitted accessory use under the municipal zoning ordinance associated with the single family home of the purchaser on the north side of Harbor Road. These restrictions shall be included in the deed of conveyance and shall run with the land. The successful bidder shall complete the consolidation and accept the restrictions as conditions of the sale. The provisions of this Section shall survive closing and shall not merge into the Deed.

**SECTION 19**: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

BARBARA L. YOUNG, Township Clerk

RICHARD PALOMBO, Mayor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST READING AT A MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, AND WAS TAKEN UP FOR CONSIDERATION AS TO FINAL ADOPTION AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER HELD ON THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, TUCKAHOE, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

BARBARA L. YOUNG, TOWNSHIP CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF UPPER

Legislative History:

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Final Publication Date: October 25, 2018

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper on October 22, 2018 and notice of adoption was thereafter published pursuant to law in Press of Atlantic City on October 25, 2018.

BARBARA L. YOUNG, Township Clerk