

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD ESTABLISHING LEGACY CRITERIA AND
STANDARDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING AND HONORING RESIDENTS WHO
HAVE MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY, UNIQUE, LASTING CONTRIBUTION
TO THE DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Township Council (the "Council") of Deptford Township (the "Township") feels it is in the best interest of the Township to establish criteria and standards for the purpose of recognizing and honoring residents who have made an extraordinary, unique, lasting contribution to the Deptford Township community; and

WHEREAS, the Council also desires to include methods for honoring outstanding volunteerism, public servants, Veterans, First Responders and residents who perform a heroic act or acts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Deptford that:

Section 1. Selection Committee - There will be assigned a selection committee by Township Council on an as needed basis such as when a person is nominated or is requested to be honored.

Section 2. Nominating Criteria

- a) Public parks, buildings and streets will not be considered as honorariums with one exception being a soldier who died in combat can be nominated to have a street or park named in their honor.
- b) Volunteers for legacy consideration will be given preference over any person who was compensated for service; however compensation will not be a reason for exclusion since there are various forms and amounts of compensation.
- c) The nominee shall have lived in Deptford Township for a minimum of twenty (20) years with exceptions for combat veterans and heroic acts.
- d) For each nominee, community service, projects advanced, organizations assisted, and/or the difference or change the nominee made to the community of Deptford Township must be proven by the nominator(s).
- e) Nominees must be of outstanding character with no criminal record except for misdemeanors and/or disorderly persons offenses.
- f) Nominees can include public officials, volunteers, board members, community activists and residents.
- g) A person, group or business that makes a substantial purchase and contribution of public land, building or structure will be eligible to have such place dedicated in their name.
- e) Dedication and changing names will be considered for this purpose as two separate honors. Dedication will involve a plaque placed in proximity to the place of honor. Renaming will involve actually placing the nominee's name on a street sign or sign identifying the structure.
- f) The nominator must present to the selection committee a minimum 200-word explanation of accomplishment for legacy induction.
- g) Although a nominee's name may be placed on a sign, no names will be placed directly on public structures.

Section 3. Means of Recognition –

- a) A “First Responder Circle,” to be located in Fasola Park, will be reserved for those members of Fire, Police, and EMT service who gave their lives in service to the Deptford Township community.
- b) A “Deptford Veterans Memorial,” to be located in the Oak Valley section of Deptford/Veterans Memorial Park will be reserved for those who have served the Country. The Veterans Committee will be the deciding entity for inclusion in the “Deptford Veterans Memorial”. Names on monuments will only be for soldiers who died in combat.
- c) A “Deptford Volunteer Hall of Fame,” with names added to the recognition plaques on permanent display in the Township Municipal Building, will be reserved for those who have served one organization for at least fifteen (15) years of continuous volunteer service. Eligibility shall be decided by the organization which was served, with the final decision being made by Council and the recreation committee.
- d) A “Public Servant Walk,” to be designed and placed at Fasola Park, will be reserved for those elected to public office who have served at least two (2) terms as an elected official in good standing and whose service has advanced Deptford Township. Political affiliation is not to be considered. Actions detrimental to the community will be cause for exclusion.
- e) A “Legacy Park,” to be designed and placed either at the Township Municipal Building or included in the walk at Fasola Park, shall be a section of public space dedicated to Legacy Honorees. Honorees will have a large engraved paver similar to the Hollywood Walk of fame, a large bronze plaque, or some other recognizable identification method. They will also be presented with a mantle-piece engraved with this honor.

Section 4. Once established, these memorials shall not be altered or moved by future Councils unless an Honoree is proven to have committed a criminal act, with exceptions for misdemeanors and/or disorderly persons offense, or such action that has irreparably harmed the Township.

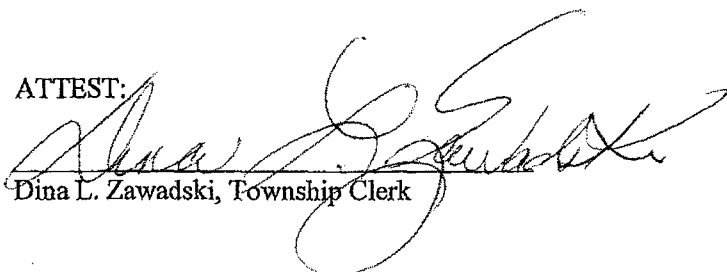
Section 5. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Clerk or such other Township officials as the law may provide, are hereby authorized to take all such actions to advance the purposes authorized by this Ordinance.

Section 6. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 7. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Township Code of the Township of Deptford are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

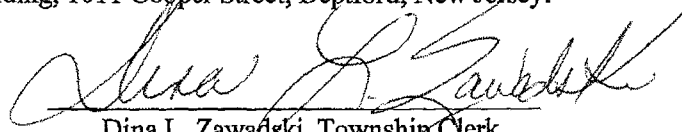

Dina L. Zawadski, Township Clerk

Township of Deptford


Paul Medany, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Work Session of Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 26th day of February, 2018 and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a Work Session Meeting at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. Said meeting to be held on the 19th day of March, 2018 at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey.


Dina L. Zawadzki, Township Clerk

RECORD OF VOTE – Introduction O.05.18					RECORD OF VOTE – Adoption O.05.18				
Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Medany	✓				Medany	✓			
Hufnell	✓				Hufnell	✓			
Barnshaw	✓				Barnshaw	✓			
Lamb	✓				Lamb	✓			
Love	✓				Love	✓			
Schocklin	✓				Schocklin	✓			
Scott	✓				Scott	✓			

