

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE 2017-04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 144 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED
PEACE AND GOOD ORDER TO HELP PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, the Township Police Department has requested that the governing body review the Peace and Good Order ordinance to expand the police power to assist local businesses that experience an influx of disorderly behavior within their establishments; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is provide an enforcement power which is authorized pursuant to the New Jersey Home Rule Act; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance is not pre-empted by the New Jersey Criminal Code as the Home Rule Act specifically permits ordinances to maintain order, prevent vice and to preserve the peace and good order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Counsel of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 144 of the Code of the Township of Springfield, be and is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following new activity within the list of prohibited conduct in Chapter 144:

“144-13 No person shall wrongfully interfere with legitimate business activity within the Township by means of activity which causes pecuniary loss to the business or disrupts the normal business operations.”

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that any provisions of the Township Code that are inconsistent with the foregoing amendment are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that this Ordinance shall take immediately upon publication according to law.

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I certify that this ordinance was introduced by a vote of the majority of Township Counsel on August 9, 2017 and adopted, after public hearing, on September 13, 2017 at meetings of the Counsel held at the Springfield Township Municipal Building.

Patricia Clayton, RMC, Township Clerk