

ORDINANCE 0002-2023

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION"

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Washington known as the Washington Township Administrative Code establishes Rules and Regulations regarding the organization and regulations of the Township's internal affairs, including its boards and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Ethics Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq.) sets forth standards of ethical conduct and financial disclosure requirements for local government officers and employees and those serving on the governing body, agency or board of a municipality in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Washington is desirous of promoting to the fullest extent possible transparency, standards of conduct and eligibility for individuals who serve on agencies and boards of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, "Administration" is hereby amended, supplemented and/or revised by adding new Article XIX entitled, "Eligibility and Standards of Conduct for Members of Boards and Committees."

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§2-81 Eligibility to Serve on a Board or Committee.

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall be eligible or appointed to any board or committee of the Township of Washington if they have made a claim or are a party to a lawsuit against the Township or any of its officers or employees in the preceding five years. Each member shall also be a resident of the Township of Washington for a period of one year unless otherwise allowed by law and shall not be in violation of any local ordinances or codes. No member of a board or committee shall receive any compensation or thing of value for their service as all such positions are volunteer.

§2-82 Code of Conduct.

Each member appointed to a board or committee of the Township of Washington shall:

- (a) Comply with all the requirements of the Local Government Ethics Law.
- (b) Act in a manner that enhances the integrity of the board or committee.
- (c) Not gain an improper advantage through information derived from their association with the board or committee.
- (d) Respect the confidentiality of the board or committee and not provide information received through their role as a member that is not available to the general public unless prior written authorization is given for its release by an authorized official of the Township.

(e) When interacting with the public, press or other entity, shall emphasize that they do not speak for or on behalf of the board or the Township unless specifically designated to do so by the board or the Township.

(f) Be informed about the board's mission, services, policies and programs.

(g) Prepare for board and committee meetings by reviewing the meeting agenda and supporting materials.

(h) Comply with all conflict of interest, confidentiality and ethics policies.

(i) Not obtain a personal advantage or benefit due to membership on any board or committee or relationships established by any other board or committee member.

(j) Fulfill a full and active role in the work of the board or committee and act in good faith and in the best interests of the board or committee or the Township at all times.

(k) Promote an inclusive and diverse culture in the board or committee and help create an environment where different perspectives and backgrounds are encouraged and valued.

(l) Not act in a way that unjustifiably favors or discriminates against any individuals or interests.

(m) Respect the principle of collective decision-making which means that once a decision has been made the members should support that decision, not use or attempt to use the opportunity of board membership to promote any personal interests or those of any related person, firm or other organization.

(n) Comply with the Township's social media policy.

(o) Remain politically impartial with respect to their role as a board member.

(p) Not accept any gifts or hospitality which might or might reasonably appear to compromise their personal judgment or integrity as a board or committee member.

(q) Not use information gained during their board or committee membership for personal gain or political purpose.

§2-83 Removal.

Any member of a board or committee that violates these rules and regulations shall be subject to removal, suspension or otherwise as set forth in the Local Government Ethics Law."

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Section 1, the balance of the Code of the Township of Washington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.


SECTION 4. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

INTRODUCTION: January 18, 2023


Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes		X	X				
Del Borrello			X				
Brown	X		X				
Bennett			X				
DellaPia			X				

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: 
Anthony DellaPia, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above **Ordinance 0002-2023** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on January 18, 2023. A public hearing will occur on February 8, 2023 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST:

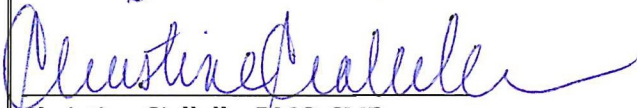

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: February 8, 2023

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes		X	X				
Del Borrello			X				
Brown	X		X				
Bennett			X				
DellaPia			X				

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above **Ordinance 0002-2023** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 8, 2023 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for February 8, 2023. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:


Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

On this 10 day of February 2023, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **0002-2023**.


JOANN GATTINELLI, MAYOR