

**ORDINANCE 0013-2023**

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285, ARTICLE XXXVI, OF THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ZONING"**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 285, Article XXXVI of the Code of the Township of Washington regulates signs; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to amend and update Chapter 285-225C, entitled "Exceptions and exempt signs; temporary signs" to allow candidates for public office and issues for public referendum to be publicized beginning at an earlier time period than currently allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Township by law.

**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 285-225C, "Temporary Signs" is hereby amended, supplemented and/or revised as follows:

**§285-225C, "Exceptions and exempt signs; temporary signs."**

1. [No Change]
2. [No Change]
3. [No Change]
4. "Temporary political signs, not exceeding 32 square feet in area, may be erected on any privately owned lot or parcel in any nonresidential zone. Political campaign signs not exceeding six square feet in area are permitted in all zoning districts. No such sign shall be erected more than 45 days prior to the nomination, election or referendum which it purports to advertise, and all such signs shall be removed within 10 days after the event. Each candidate, or representative of such candidate, must apply for a permit, but shall be exempt from all fees. Political signs that are fixed permanently are prohibited."
5. [No Change]
6. [No Change]
7. [No Change]
8. [No Change]
9. [No Change]
10. [No Change]
- 10.1 [No Change]
11. [No Change]

**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**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.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:** July 19, 2023


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

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

By:   
**Anthony DellaPia, Council President**

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0013-2023** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on July 19, 2023. A public hearing will occur on August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

**ATTEST:**


  
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: August 16, 2023

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

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0013-2023** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on August 16, 2023 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for August 16, 2023. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

  
Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **0013-2023**.

  
JOANN GATTINELLI, MAYOR