

ORDINANCE 0017-2023

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
ENTITLED "BUSINESS LICENSING"**

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington ("Township") is a municipal corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2022, the New Jersey State Legislature enacted signed P.L. 2022, c.92., which requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies and to register the compliant certificate of insurance with the municipality annually in which the business or rental units are located; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to amend the Township Code to reflect the new legislation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Township Council of the Township of Washington are 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; and

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 40, "Business Licensing" is hereby amended, supplemented, and/or revised by adding new section §40-13.1 as follows:

"§40-13.1 Business Insurance Registration.

- A. Business insurance registration required. It is unlawful for any owner of a business to operate within the Township without first registering its certificate of insurance demonstrating compliance with Section 1 of P.L. 2022, c. 92.
- B. The following entities are required to register their certificate of insurance under this Section:
 - 1) Businesses, which shall mean, any person intending to sell or dispose of or to offer to sell or dispose of any goods, wares, merchandise or render any services for fees within the Township. This shall include businesses operating on a temporary basis within the Township such as peddlers, solicitors, and transient vendors licensed pursuant to Township Code Chapter 172.

C. Business insurance registration will be processed through a third-party insurance verification program. Said registration will include a certificate of insurance reflecting the following amounts of insurance in compliance with P.L. 2022, c. 92.

i. Except as provided in subsection ii. of this section, the owner of a business shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of no less than \$500,000.00 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence.

D. Insurance registrations shall expire on the last day of April of each year. Renewals must be submitted by the first day of April of each year.

E. Violations and penalties. Any person who violates the terms of this Section shall pay the license fee plus a fine of not less than \$500.00 but no more than \$5,000.00 plus court costs."

SECTION 2. Chapter 40-14, "Violations and penalties" is hereby amended, supplemented, and/or revised as follows:

"§40-14 Violations and penalties.

Except for a violation of §40-13.1 above, violations of the provisions of this Chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1C, General Provisions, Article AI."

SECTION 3. Except as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, the balance of the Code of the Township of Washington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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: September 13, 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 **0017-2023** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on September 13, 2023. A public hearing will occur on September 27, 2023 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST:


Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: September 27, 2023

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

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0017-2023** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on September 27, 2023 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for September 27, 2023. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:



Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

On this 4th day of October 2023, I hereby approve the above

Ordinance **0017-2023**.


JOANN GATTINELLI, MAYOR