ORDINANCE O015-2025

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the Code of the Township of Washington regulates the licensing and other aspects of alcoholic beverages within the Township including the sale and conveyance of same; and

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend and update Chapter 11 to ensure compliance with state law regulating public intoxication, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages as set forth in N.J.S.A. 26:2B-26, N.J.S.A. 26:2B-29, and N.J.S.A. 2C:33-15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, Chapter 11 of the Township Code is hereby amended pursuant to the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Article II of the Code of the Township of Washington, currently entitled "Consumption in Public," the title of which as well as Sections § 11-19 and § 11-20, shall be modified and replaced as follows:

Article II Open Containers

§ 11-19 Open containers in public prohibited.

A. The possession, carrying or consumption of any alcoholic beverage in an open container on the streets, highways, public rights-of-way and public recreation areas by any individual age 21 or older within the Township of Washington is hereby prohibited.

B. This subsection shall not cover possession, carrying or consumption by an individual while occupying a motor vehicle which is regulated by N.J.S.A. 39:4-51b.

C. This subsection shall not cover possession, carrying or consumption by an individual under the age of 21 which is regulated by 2C:33-15.

§ 11-20 Open containers on private property.

A. The possession, carrying or consumption of any alcoholic beverage in an open container by any person trespassing upon private property within the Township of Washington without the knowledge and consent of the owner, occupant or other person in charge of said private property is hereby prohibited.

B. This subsection shall not cover possession, carrying or consumption while occupying a motor vehicle which is regulated by N.J.S.A. 39:4-51b.

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Section 1 above, 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: June 25, 2025

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: _____
Peter Del Borrello III, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **O015-2025** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on June 25, 2025. A public hearing will occur on July 16, 2025 at 6:00PM.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: July 16, 2025

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes			X				
Harris	X		X				
Pasqualone			X				
Brown		X	X				
Del Borrello			X				

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0015-2025** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on July 16, 2025 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for July 16, 2025. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

On this 15 day of July 2025, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **0015-2025**.

ANTHONY DELLAPIA, MAYOR