ORDINANCE 0002-2026

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING CHAPTER 43 "WEDDINGS AND CIVIL UNIONS" OF THE CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, hereby amends the Township Code as indicated below:

SECTION 1. The Township Code is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 43: Weddings and Civil Unions

Article I Fees

§ 43-1 Ceremonial service fee.

Any persons seeking to be wed by the Mayor of the Township of Washington shall pay to the Township a ceremonial service fee of $150 to defray the Township's costs for booking and scheduling the wedding.

§ 43-2 Weddings on Township property.

In addition, anyone whose wedding takes place on Township property outside of the Township Municipal Building located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, including Township parks and other venues, shall pay to the Township a separate fee of $100 to defray the costs associated with the use of the Township's property.

§ 520-3 Payment deadline.

All fees must be paid in full at the time that the reservation is confirmed. Payment must be by cashier's check or money order.

§ 43-4 Fees collected.

All fees collected by the Township for the performance of weddings, civil union ceremonies or rehearsals shall be remitted to the Township and deposited into the general fund.

§ 43-5 Refusal by Mayor.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require that the Mayor perform any weddings or civil union ceremonies; provided that any decisions to perform or not perform such ceremonies be made non-discriminatorily and in compliance with the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, as well as any other applicable federal or state law.

§ 43-6 Outside elected officials.

If a wedding or civil union ceremony is performed in the Township by the mayor or other elected official of another municipality, such other municipality shall process any such application and establish, if any, any applicable fees for such services, to be assessed and collected by such other municipality. The Township shall not be responsible for assessing or collecting any fees or compensating the elected officials from any other municipality for performing wedding or civil union ceremonies in the Township.

Article II Cancellations and Postponement

§ 43-7 Cancellation.

The fees described in this chapter shall be nonrefundable.

§ 43-8 Postponement.

If any persons need to reschedule the ceremony for which they tendered either an administrative fee or a ceremonial service fee, such postponement shall be permitted without additional cost only if notice is provided no later than sixty (60) days before the scheduled ceremony date. All postponements are subject to the availability of both the venue requested and the Mayor.

SECTION 2. Except as set forth in Sections 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 in the time and manner prescribed by law.

INTRODUCTION: 2-11-26

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes			X				
Harris		X	X				
Pasqualone			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 **0002-2026** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on 2-11-26 A public hearing will occur on 2-25-26 at 6:00PM.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: 2-25-26

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

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **0002-2026** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on 2-25-26 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for 2-25-26 Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella

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Township Clerk

On this 25 day of February 2026, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **0002-2026**.

Anthony DellaPia, MAYOR