ORDINANCE O003-2026

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING CHAPTER 282 "SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE" 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 282: Senior Center Advisory Committee

§ 282-1. Purpose. The purpose of the Washington Township Senior Center Advisory Committee shall be to assist the administration of the Township of Washington with the operation, programming, and other functions of the Washington Township Senior Center as well as to make recommendations to the administration and Governing Body concerning the Senior Center and other issues and concerns impacting the Senior Citizen population of the Township.

§ 282-2. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER — The premises and facilities located upon said premises located at 315 Greentree Road, Sewell, New Jersey 08080.

CODE OF CONDUCT — A written specification of the behavior of anyone utilizing the Senior Center prepared by the Senior Center Advisory Board, which must at a minimum incorporate the terms of

the within article in its bylaws.

§ 281-3. Membership.

A. The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee ("the Advisory Committee") shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor and all of whom shall be residents of the Township of Washington as well as the head of Senior Programs. The resident members shall serve without compensation.

B. The Mayor shall designate one (1) member to serve as President and presiding officer of the Advisory Committee as well as a Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

C. Terms of office.

(1) The terms of office of the Commissioners shall be for one (1) calendar year, commencing on January 1st and terminating on December 31st.

D. The Advisory Committee shall retain the services of a secretary appointed by the Governing Body as set forth in Section B above who shall keep the minutes of the meetings and provide such clerical services as may be required by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall also utilize the services of the Township Solicitor for all legal matters.

E. The Advisory Committee shall adopt rules and regulations with regard to time, place, frequency and conduct of meetings. The Advisory Committee will meet at least every quarter, or on such other more frequent meeting dates as the agenda established by the Council shall provide.

F. The Township Council may remove any member of the Advisory Committee for cause, upon written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.

G. A vacancy on the Advisory Committee occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

§ 281-4. Powers.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee shall have the power to do the following:

A. Make recommendations concerning the operations of the Senior Center.

B. Conduct Advisory Committee meetings in a thorough and efficient manner, including maintaining civility and good order.

C. Assist the Township Administration with the operation, programming, and other functions of the Washington Township Senior Center.

§ 281-5. Code of Conduct

A. The Advisory Committee shall be charged with enforcing the provisions of this chapter and may establish rules and procedures as it deems appropriate for the conduct of its business and, in default thereof, shall operate pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order to the extent practicable and not in conflict with this chapter.

B. There is hereby established for Advisory Committee meetings and for those utilizing the Senior Center a Code of Conduct for the Senior Center. The Code of Conduct shall be the same as that adopted by the Washington Township governing body for application to Township public meetings. A copy of the code of conduct will be made available to all individuals attending Advisory Committee meetings or utilizing the Senior Center upon request as well as conspicuously posted and made available within the facilities of the Senior Center.

C. Any person determined to be in violation of the Code of Conduct by Senior Center staff and/or by the Advisory Committee shall immediately come into compliance upon request. Any person failing to so comply will be asked to leave the Senior Center or meeting. Any person who refuses to leave under such circumstances may be subject to being banned from the Senior Center in the sole discretion of staff on site and/or the Advisory Committee and may be charged with disorderly conduct N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2, disruption of a public meeting N.J.S.A. 2C:33-8 or other charge and removal by the appropriate authorities. The Secretary will mail to the person banned a notice of such ban, including the effective date which shall be the date of the original ban by staff or the Board, as well as notice of the right to appeal, via regular and certified U.S. mail. Any person banned by staff or the Advisory Committee shall thereafter be deemed a trespasser and subject to charge under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3b, if found upon Senior Center property and the promulgation of this Ordinance shall serve as notice of same.

D. Any person banned from the Senior Center after engaging in conduct violative of the Code of Conduct as described in paragraph C above, may, within ten (10) days of the date of the notice of said ban, apply in writing to the Secretary to have the ban lifted. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Chief of Police, Business Administrator, and Municipal Solicitor, and Director of Public Works. The Appeal Committee shall consider the following factors:

1) The nature and seriousness of the violation of the Code of Conduct;

2) The circumstances under which the violation occurred;

3) The date of the violation;

4) Whether the violation was an isolated or repeated incident;

5) Any social conditions which may have contributed to the violation; and

6) Any other relevant evidence, including but not limited to good conduct in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received, or the recommendation of those who have had the person under their supervision.

E. The Appeals Committee, in its sole discretion, may accept other written submissions in favor or or opposed to lifting the ban. The Appeals Committee will review the application and any other submissions and determine, based on those written submissions, whether or not the ban should be lifted. The Appeals Committee will deliberate in private and thereafter render a public decision on the application.

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 **0003-2026** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on 2-11-25 A public hearing will occur on 2-25-26 at 6:00PM.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR

Township Clerk

ADOPTION: 2-25-26

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Pasqualone			X				
Brown			X				
Del Borrello						X	

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **O003-2026** 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:

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Township Clerk

On this 25 day of February 2026, I hereby approve the above Ordinance O003-2026.

Anthony DellaPia, MAYOR