

ORDINANCE 04- 2019

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED
"PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS"**

WHEREAS, Chapter 179 of the Code of the Township of Washington provides standards for housing and residential properties in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the Township of Washington have learned that artificial lighting such as spotlights when not properly maintained can cause a nuisance or an annoyance to neighboring property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the Township of Washington have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the Township of Washington to amend Section 179-7 of the Township Code to require property owners to maintain artificial lighting such as spotlights in such a manner as to not be a nuisance, annoyance or spill over beyond property lines to neighboring properties; 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; and

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

SECTION 1: Section 179-7 of the Code of the Township of Washington, entitled "Hazardous and unsanitary conditions; duties of owners and operators.," shall be and is hereby revised, amended and/or supplemented by adding a new subsection "K" to read as follows:

“(K)(1) –All exterior lights shall be maintained and/or operated in such a manner so as not to be a nuisance or annoyance to any neighboring properties.

(2)- All exterior lights shall be designed, located, installed and directed to prevent objectionable light and glare across property lines and above a 90-degree, horizontal plane.

(3)-All lighting shall be shielded to prevent glare for drivers or pedestrians, light trespass beyond the property line and light above the 90-degree horizontal plane.

(4)- The maximum illumination at the common property line with adjacent properties shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles.

(5)- Emergency lighting by police, fire and rescue and other authorities is exempt from this article.”

SECTION 2: Except as set forth in Section 1 above, the balance of Section 179-7 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.

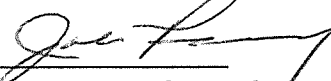
SECTION 4: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

Introduced: February 13, 2019

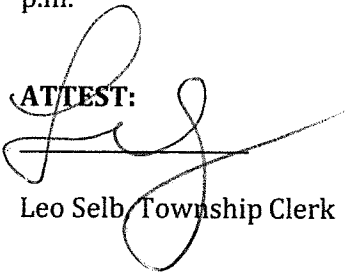
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Dougherty		X	X				
Pasqualone	X		X				
Williams			X				
Longfellow			X				
Perry			X				

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.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY: 
 Joe Perry, Council President

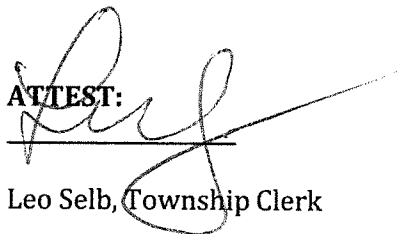
I, Leo Selb, Jr., attest the above Ordinance was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 13, 2019. A public hearing will occur on February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

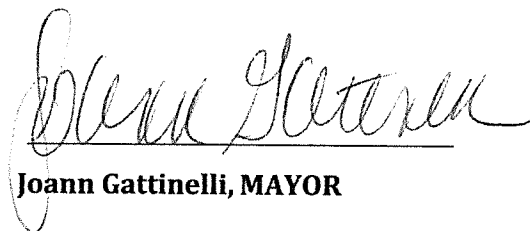
ADOPTION:

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Dougherty			X				
Pasqualone			X				
Williams		X	X				
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Perry	X		X				

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 04-2019 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 27, 2019 by Township Council after a public hearing on February 27, 2019. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 6th day of March 2019, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.


 Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR

ADOPTION DATE: 3-27-19