ORDINANCE 13-2019

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 285 OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “ZONING”

WHEREAS, Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester regulates the development and use of land within the Township; and

WHEREAS, various sections of Chapter 285 regulate temporary signs, flags and banners; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer of the Township of Washington has recommended that there be certain amendments to the foregoing provisions of Chapter 285 entitled “Zoning” with respect to the display of temporary flags;

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, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62, the Township Council may adopt or amend a zoning ordinance relating to the nature and extent of the uses of land and of buildings and structures thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Washington entitled “Zoning” is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 285-225C entitled “Temporary signs” shall be amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

285-225C(1) shall be replaced with the following:

(a) Businesses shall be allowed up to three temporary flags per calendar year.
(b) A permit allows a temporary flag to be displayed for a period of sixty (60) days starting from the date the permit was issued.

(c) Permits shall not be issued for consecutive months.

(d) Only (3) temporary flags per business is permitted to be displayed during any one time.

(e) Temporary flags shall be no more than twenty (20) square feet.

(f) Any person displaying a temporary flag without a permit shall be in violation of this Chapter and be subject to the penalties set forth in Subsection C(11).

**SECTION 2**: Chapter 285-226 entitled, “Prohibited signs” shall be amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

285-226Q shall be replaced with the following: “Flags, except as listed under Section 285-225B(5), Section 285-225C(1), pennants with or without words, copy balloons, kites or other similar devices.

**SECTION 3**: Except as set forth in Sections 1 to 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 thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 5**: Should any section, paragraph, clause or any other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to the invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6**: This Ordinance shall be referred to the Township Planning Board for review, which shall be based on whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the Master Plan. The Planning Board has a period of thirty-five (35) days after referral to report on the proposed Ordinance.
SECTION 7: Upon adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of this Ordinance with the County Planning Board and other agencies as required by law.

Introduced: March 13, 2019

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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, Christine Ciallella, attest the above Ordinance was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on March 13, 2019. A public hearing will occur on May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella, Township Clerk

ADOPTION:

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I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 13-2019 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on May 8, 2019 by Township Council after a public hearing on May 8, 2019. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella, Deputy Township Clerk

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

Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR

ADOPTION DATE: 6/2/2019