

ORDINANCE 29 - 2017

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100 ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (“OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND”)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 100, Article II of the Code of the Township of Washington establishes the Open Space Dedicated Trust Fund for the purposes provided for therein;

WHEREAS, the Open Space Trust Fund is funded by the dedication to the fund of an amount per \$100 of the assessed annual tax levy;

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2017 and every year thereafter, the Open Space Trust Fund is funded by the dedication to the fund in the amount of \$0.0165 per \$100 of assessed tax levy or the amount of debt service for the year, whichever is less;

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Open Space Advisory Committee has recommended that the Township Council amend Section 100-4 of the Township Code to fix the Open Space tax rate at \$0.01 per \$100 of the assessed annual tax levy to ensure matching funds continue from the State of New Jersey towards Open Space acquisitions and purchases in the future;

WHEREAS, Council of the Township has determined that the public interest will be served by fixing the Open Space Tax Rate as above described for the health, safety and well-being of the community and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 100, Article II of the Code of Washington Township is hereby amended, revised, and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Article II, entitled "Open Space Trust Fund" shall be amended to add as follows:

“SECTION 100-4 Funding; Utilization of Funds

- A. Effective January 1, 2018 and every year thereafter, the Open Space Trust Fund shall be funded through the dedication to the fund in the amount of \$0.01 per \$100 of the assessed tax levy.”**

SECTION 2: Except is set forth in Sections 1 above, the balance of Chapter 100, Article II, and 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SECTION 3: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.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.

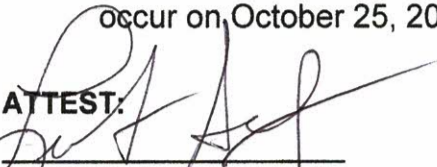
SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Donato		X	X				
Longfellow			X				
Pasqualone	X		X				
Perry						X	
Fazio						X	

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


BY: 
Nick Fazio, Council President

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance O29-2017 was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on October 11, 2017. A public hearing will occur on October 25, 2017 at 7:00PM.

ATTEST:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

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Donato			X				
Longfellow	X		X				
Pasqualone						X	
Perry			X				
Fazzio		X	X				

I do hereby attest the above Ordinance 29-2017 was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on October 25, 2017 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for October 25, 2017. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

Attest:

 Leo Selb, Township Clerk

On this 2/5th day of October 2017, I hereby approve the above Ordinance.


 Joann Gattinelli, MAYOR