

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AMENDING CHAPTER 135 SECTION 1 OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH REGARDING PARKS AND RECREATION
“PROHIBITED CONDUCT”**

2016-14

WHEREAS, Chapter 135 Section 1 of the Code of the Township of Woolwich entitled “Parks and Recreation-Prohibited Conduct” sets forth various activities that are prohibited within publicly owned park lands; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich desires to prohibit the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) on certain publicly owned park lands; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this Ordinance, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), commonly referred to as a “drone” or referred to as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) is defined by the Civil Aviation Organization (CAO) as “an aircraft without a human pilot aboard” and is hereinafter referenced as UAV; and

WHEREAS, the objective of this policy is to ensure that the use of a UAV is addressed in a manner as to maintain public health, safety and welfare of the general public within park lands, all, or a portion of which, are improved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich as follows:

SECTION I AMENDMENT

135-1Entitled **Parks and Recreation-Prohibited Conduct** shall be amended to add the following as Item (36) reading as follows:

- (36)** Utilize UAVs in park lands, all, or a portion of which, are improved, in a manner that
- a. Disturbs or harasses wildlife;
 - b. Interferes with official law enforcement, fire or medical services, or other emergency operations;
 - c. Flies directly over people, vessels, vehicles, structures, or sports playing fields;
 - d. Flies outside of the visual sight of the operator;
 - e. Uses flammable liquids for fuel; or
 - f. Launches any form of projectile.

For the purpose of this Section, a UAV is defined to include all such equipment as may be defined by State and Federal Regulations, and shall generally include, but not be limited to, an aircraft without a human pilot aboard.

SECTION II. REPEALER

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

Severability. Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon final adoption and publication pursuant to law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

Alan Schwager, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jane DiBella, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the 6th day of September, 2016. It will be further considered for final adoption upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such ordinance, at a meeting of the Township Committee at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 19th day of September, 2016 at the Woolwich Township Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Township, New Jersey, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Jane DiBella, Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was approved for final adoption by the Woolwich Township Committee at a meeting held on the 19th day September, 2016.

Jane DiBella, Clerk