

**UNIFORM FIRE CODE ORDINANCE  
TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER  
2021-10**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY  
UNIFORM FIRE CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, (P.L. 1983, c.383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of minimum fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has promulgated minimum fire safety standards which have been made part of the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70.1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement of these standards and to establish local enforcement agencies for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township of Woolwich to have the Uniform Fire Code enforced locally; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983 c. 383), the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.) shall be locally enforced in the Township of Woolwich.

**Section 2. AGENCY DESIGNATION**

The local enforcing agency shall be the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office. The Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office shall hereinafter be known as the local enforcing agency.

**Section 3. DUTIES**

- (A) The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Code in all buildings, structures, and premises within the established boundaries of the Township of Woolwich other than one and two unit owner-occupied dwellings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and buildings, structures, and premises owned or operated by the Federal Government, Interstate Agencies or the State.
- (B) The local enforcing agency shall faithfully comply with all the pertinent requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

**Section 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

The Township of Woolwich shall defer to the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office Ordinance for matters governing Organization, Appointments, Qualifications, Term of Office, Removal, Inspections of both Life Hazard Uses and Non-Life Hazard Uses, Permits and Inspection Fees, Board of Appeals, Enforcement, Violations and Penalties, and any other provisions of the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office Ordinance not otherwise inconsistent with this Ordinance.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law along with the release of the executive order prohibiting LEA transfers (Order NO. 103).

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**VERNON MARINO, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JANE DiBELLA, MUNICIPAL CLERK**

CERTIFICATION

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The foregoing Ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the 21st day of June, 2021. It will further be considered for final adoption upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such Ordinance, at the next regular meeting of the Township Committee at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Twp., beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Jane DiBella, Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing held on same, at a meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Jane DiBella, Clerk

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