

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AMENDING CHAPTER 135-1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH**

**2021-12**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, NJ Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”) (P.L. 2021, c.16), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2002, the Township of Woolwich adopted Ordinance 2002-14 which, through an amendment to Chapter 135-1 of the Woolwich Township Code entitled “Prohibited Conduct”, banned smoking within all township owned parks and lands; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the passage of P.L. 2021, it is important to further amend said Code to add the prohibition of cannabis possession and the use of cannabis in any form to said Code; and

**SECTION I. AMENDMENT**

**135-1. Prohibited Conduct.** Is amended to add the following sentence to item A. (27) as follows:

Smoking is strictly prohibited within all Township parks, which includes the use of tobacco and the possession and use of cannabis in any form.

**SECTION II. REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

**SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, final passage and publication in accordance with the manner prescribed by Law.

**TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH**

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**Vernon Marino, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021. It will be further considered for final adoption upon a second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such ordinance at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting is to be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2021, at the Woolwich Township Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Township, New Jersey, 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 at a meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2021.

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Jane DiBella, Clerk

