

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH AMENDING CHAPTER 203-62 ENTITLED
“LIVESTOCK, ANIMALS AND FOWL” TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO BEES**

2023-24

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.5 provides in part that no municipality may adopt an ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation concerning the breeding or keeping of honey bees or any activities related thereto; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 203-62 B.(1) of the Code of the Township of Woolwich reads as follows:

The keeping of livestock, animals and fowl shall be subject to the following special requirements:

(1)

Livestock, poultry, rabbits, bees and domestic pets may be kept by the resident on the premises where he resides, provided that said activities are primarily for personal, noncommercial purposes and said premises, exclusive of the residence portion, have a lot area of not less than two acres. The number of livestock per acre (exclusive of a minimum area of one acre devoted to residential use) shall not exceed one adult horse or cattle or two adult sheep or goats with their young under six months of age. Kennels are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, local bee keeping Ordinances are preempted by State Law;

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

SECTION I AMENDMENT

Chapter 203-62 Section B.(1) of the Code of the Township of Woolwich be and is hereby amended to delete the word “bees”.

SECTION II INCONSISTENCY

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION III Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon proper passage, publication in accordance with law and after final adoption as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

Attest: _____
Jane DiBella, Clerk

Craig Frederick, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of August, 2023. 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 a meeting of the Township Committee at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 5th day of September, 2023 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Township, New Jersey, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Jane DiBella, Township 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 5th day of September, 2023.

Jane DiBella, Township Clerk