

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ADOPTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STORAGE OF SALT AND OTHER SOLID DE-ICING MATERIALS**

**2023-35**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester is desirous of complying with regulations to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare in accordance with enhanced stormwater regulations and those promulgated as a Tier A municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich would like to adopt the following as an amendment to Chapter 157 entitled “Stormwater Management” of the Code of the Township of Woolwich to add Article III entitled “Privately Owned Storage Sheds” ;

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

**SECTION I        PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This Ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately owned), including residences in the Township of Woolwich to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**SECTION II        DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning.

- A. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- 1. Concrete block, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
- 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run-through, and the fabric cannot leak;
- 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
- 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and

5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

### **SECTION III DE-ICING MATERIAL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>;
  1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
  2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
  3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use.
  4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
    - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable and flexible;
    - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
    - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
    - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind;
    - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
      - (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
  5. Containers must be sealed when not in use.
  6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is unavailable. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent and thus not restricted to October 15-April 15.
- C. All such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.
- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person or persons responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this Ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the Township of Woolwich upon request.

- (1) Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

#### **SECTION IV      EXEMPTIONS**

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This Ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another permit issued by the State of New Jersey.

#### **SECTION V      ENFORCEMENT**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department or other municipal officials of Woolwich Township during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

#### **SECTION VI      VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Any person who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall, upon conviction by the Municipal Court Judge, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

#### **SECTION VII      SEVERABILITY**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION VII      EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

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Craig Frederick, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane DiBella, Clerk

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, held on the 20th day of November, 2023 and will be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich, to be held on the 4th day of December, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at which time and place any interested party will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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Jane DiBella, Clerk

#### CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing conducted on said Ordinance at a meeting of the Woolwich Township Committee held on December 4, 2023.

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Jane DiBella, Clerk