

**UNIFORM FIRE CODE ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-31

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 Swedesboro Fire Bureau. The Swedesboro Fire Bureau shall hereinafter be known as the local enforcement 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 Swedesboro Fire Bureau Ordinance for matters governed by 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 Swedesboro Fire Bureau 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).

Craig Frederick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane DiBella, Municipal 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 18th day of September, 2023, and was tabled for public hearing/final adoption. The Ordinance was reintroduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at meeting conducted on the 4th day of December, 2023. 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 18th day of December, 2023 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Twp., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Jane DiBella, Municipal Clerk