

**TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING
A NEW SECTION ENTITLED "PARAPET WALL PLACARDS" WITHIN CHAPTER 149
ENTITLED "WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SITE PLAN ORDINANCE OF 1978"**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Woolwich have determined that it is in the best interest of the Township of Woolwich to create a new Chapter relating to parapet wall placards; and

WHEREAS, the placement of parapet wall placards on commercial or industrial buildings within the Township of Woolwich is necessary for the safety and welfare of the Township firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Woolwich to adopt such an Ordinance;

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

Section 1. Section 149-58.1, entitled "Parapet Wall Placards" shall be added as follows (new text is underlined):

A. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Section, certain words and phrases are defined as follows:

PARAPET WALL

The part of a wall entirely above the roofline or a barrier, which is an extension of the roof, terrace, balcony or other structure.

ROOFLINE

The roofline shall be that portion of the roof structure or truss which sits or is affixed to the outside bearing wall.

B. General Regulations.

- (1) All buildings constructed with walls that extend above the roof line or roof deck shall be marked with a rectangle placard that indicates the height of the highest parapet wall on the building.

- (2) Said placard shall be affixed on the front side of the building that contains the parapet wall. Preferably the top left corner. The design of the placard shall be as determined by the Township Construction Code Official.
- (3) The placard shall consist of a royal blue rectangle with white reflective numbers. The numbers shall be at least eight (8) inches tall and will indicate the wall height above the roof deck.

C. Compliance Schedule.

All existing commercial or industrial buildings shall comply with this Chapter within twelve (12) months of its effective date. All newly constructed buildings or structures, not yet occupied and/or currently under construction, shall comply immediately.

D. Enforcement.

The requirements of this Chapter shall be enforced by the Woolwich Township Construction Code Official and/or its designated inspection staff.

E. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation violating or failing to comply with any provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,250, and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days. Any person, firm or corporation who is convicted of violating the provisions of this chapter within one year of the date of a previous violation of the same chapter and who was fined for the previous violation shall be sentenced by the Court to an additional fine as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the Court for a repeated offense shall not exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of this Chapter, but shall be calculated separately from the fine imposed for the original violation of this chapter.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. In the event any clause, section or paragraph of the Ordinance is deemed invalid or unenforceable for any reason, it is the intent of the Township Committee that the balance of the Ordinance remains in full force and effect to the extent it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

Jane DiBella, Municipal Clerk

Natalie Matthias, 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 4th day of March, 2024. 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 18th day of March, 2024 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 18th day of March, 2024

Jane DiBella, Township Clerk