

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ADDRESS OFF SEASON VISITATION AND OCCUPANCY OF CAMPING UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Township of Washington believes that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of its residents to provide guidelines and time periods as to when camping unit owners may visit and occupy their camping units during the off season hours which are defined as November 1 to March 31 of any given year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

**SECTION 1.** Section 155-6 entitled “Use of campground unit as residence restricted” is hereby amended to read as follows:

No person shall occupy, as owner or occupant, or shall rent or make available to another for occupancy, any campground unit for residential purposes.

This prohibition shall include any temporary, seasonal or year-round residential occupancy by any owner, manager, caretaker, or employee of the campground. Notwithstanding anything foregoing, however, each campground within the Township may designate one campsite, which must be registered with the Code Enforcement Officer, which may be occupied on a full-time basis by one caretaker. However, this provision shall not be deemed to create a legal residence or family dwelling within a campground and is solely for purposes of allowing one full-time caretaker to care for the campground.

For the calendar year 2021 only, the camping season shall run for the period from April 1 to November 15. Commencing on April 1, 2022, and in every year thereafter, the camping season shall run for the period from April 1 to November 1. From November 1 to April 1, the occupancy of any one camping unit, other than the caretaker's unit, shall prohibited.

For purposes of this Chapter, no person may occupy any campground unit during the period from November 1 to March 31 (the “Off Season”) of any given year unless that person is visiting the campground for the sole and exclusive purpose of inspecting and ensuring the safety of the campground unit on any given individual day. In the event that any person does visit the campground during the Off Season for the sole and exclusive person of inspecting and ensuring the safety of any campground unit, said person(s) shall vacate the campground no later than 5:00 p.m. on that day of visitation.

**SECTION 2.** If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Amendment shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provisions so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 3.** If any ordinances or parts thereof are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance those provisions shall be repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance within applicable law.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Roll Call Vote

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

### **NOTICE**

The above entitled ordinance was passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington on September 5, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on October 3, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 2436 Route 563, Egg Harbor, New Jersey at 7:00 PM, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be heard. Copies of this ordinance will be made available at the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who shall request them.

Lisa H. Hand, RMC, Municipal Clerk