

**WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE 2021-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93 – FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE II OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD 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 West Deptford to have the Uniform Fire Code enforced locally.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford in the County of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey that Chapter 93, Fire Prevention, Article II, is hereby amended in its entirety to read 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 West Deptford.

**Section 2. AGENCY DESIGNATION**

The local enforcing agency shall be the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office. The Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office shall hereinafter be known as the local enforcing 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 West Deptford 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 West Deptford shall defer to the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office Ordinance for matters governing 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 Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office 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).

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

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DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on March 3, 2021.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Denice DiCarlo	1			
Megan Kerr	1			
James Mehaffey	1			
Adam Reid	1			
James Robinson	1			
<b>TALLY:</b>	5			

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on March 17, 2021.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>				
	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Denice DiCarlo	1			
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