

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY**  
**County of Camden, State of New Jersey**  
**#O 20 -2024**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
GLOUCESTER CITY REGULATING SWIMMING, DIVING, JUMPING FROM AN PIER,  
DOCK OR MARINA IN THE CITY GLOUCESTER CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE  
OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, there exists in the City of Gloucester (“City”) certain areas susceptible to swimming, diving or jumping into the Delaware River from both private and public locations including piers, docks and marinas, and other lands with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, given the topography of the river banks, such activities are inherently dangerous and effect the public’s health, safety and welfare as well as taxing to City Police and Fire rescue operations.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Governing Body is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the City by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-28, municipalities under the general law of the State of New Jersey may employ services and facilities for more effective, efficient, and adequate provision of services if and when municipalities may deem it desirable to do so and municipalities are and shall remain the broad repository of local police power in terms of the right and power to legislate for the general health, safety and welfare of their residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1:** There is hereby created Chapter 77 of the Code of the City of Gloucester City entitled “No Swimming, Diving or Jumping” and shall read as follows:

Chapter 77. No Swimming, Diving or Jumping Permitted.

§ 77-1. Swimming, Diving and Jumping in certain waters is prohibited.

No person shall at any time swim, bathe, dive into or jump into the Delaware River from any pier, dock, marina or other land location within the City of Gloucester City.

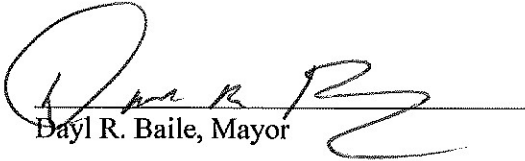
§ 77-2. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days.

**Section 2:** All prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency.

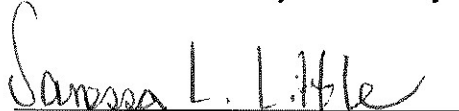
**Section 3:** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

  
Dayl R. Baile, Mayor

Passed on First Reading: June 24, 2024.

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
Vanessa L. Little, RMC, City Clerk