

**ORDINANCE NO. 1 – 2023**

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 700 TO IMPOSE  
REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE  
CONTAINERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH**

**WHEREAS**, Article XV of Chapter 700, Zoning of the Greenwich Township Code sets forth General Zoning Regulations within the Township of Greenwich; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Greenwich have determined that the use of temporary portable storage containers within the Township of Greenwich has become a frequent practice, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the community to impose regulations on the location and duration of the placement of such containers to protect the appearance and good order of the properties within the Township of Greenwich throughout the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to amend Article XV of Chapter 700 of the Greenwich Code to impose regulations on temporary portable storage containers; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Greenwich, Gloucester County, New Jersey that Article XV of Chapter 700 Greenwich Township Code is hereby amended to add the following :

**SECTION 1.** Use and Placement of Portable Storage Units in Public Areas

A. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Any movable items or thing that is subject to ownership.

### **PORTABLE STORAGE UNIT**

Any container designed for storage of personal property that is typically rented to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use and which is customarily delivered and removed by truck. For the purpose of this article, a portable storage unit may also be identified as simply a “unit(s)”.

### **PUBLIC AREA**

Includes any street, sidewalk, highway, public lane, alley, right-of-way, Township parking lot or other public place in the Township.

#### **B. Permit required.**

No person shall place or utilize a portable storage unit or permit a portable storage unit to be placed on or along a public area in the Township of Greenwich without first having obtained a permit from the Zoning Office after written approval from the Police Department.

#### **C. Application for permit; fees; conditions of issuance.**

1. Applications for a portable storage unit shall be made by submission of the following information to the Township Zoning Office:
  - a. Name and address of the applicant and the owner of the property, if different
  - b. Street address
  - c. Size of the portable storage unit to be placed at the site and the proposed location of the portable storage unit
  - d. Anticipated length of time the portable storage unit will be located at the site
2. The permit shall be valid for a period of seven calendar days and may be renewed upon application to the Zoning Office after written approval from the Police Department for additional seven-day periods not to exceed a total period of 21 days.
3. A permit may be revoked at any time during its term if the placement or use of the portable storage unit constitutes a hazard to the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Township or for any other reason that constitutes a nuisance.
4. No permit shall be issued if the Police Department determines that the issuance of a permit will constitute a danger to public safety or an unwarranted interference with the efficient movement of traffic.

#### **D. Location, placement and condition of portable storage units.**

1. Portable storage units may be located in residential zoning districts. Except as provided herein, they shall not be placed in a public area and shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from any property line. Final placement shall be to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer.
2. Portable storage units may be allowed in nonresidential zoning districts. The units shall be placed only in the rear or side portion of a site. Under no circumstances shall a portable storage unit be placed in an area fronting a street or road or in a grass/landscaped area or in the front parking lot of a commercial establishment. The placement of portable storage units in fire lanes, passenger loading zones, commercial loading zones or public rights-of-way shall be strictly prohibited. Applicants for portable storage units in nonresidential zoning districts must also demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer, that the specific location/complex has sufficient space to place a portable storage unit and continue to provide adequate parking and public safety access and to comply with all health, safety and welfare concerns.
3. Portable storage units shall never be utilized as accessory structures in any zoning district.
4. The owner and operator of any site on which a portable storage unit is placed shall be responsible for ensuring that his or her portable storage unit is in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks. When not in use, the portable storage unit shall be kept locked with a combination-style lock (no key locks). The owner and operator of any site on which a portable storage unit is placed shall also be responsible that no form of waste, refuse or hazardous substance is stored or kept within the portable storage unit.
5. A portable storage unit shall have no signage other than a serial number identifying the unit and the name, address and telephone number of the person or firm engaged in the business of renting or otherwise placing the portable storage unit.

E. Violations and penalties.

Each day a portable storage unit is placed or utilized in violation of the terms of this article shall constitute a separate offense. Each offense hereunder is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 per day.

**SECTION 2. Repeal.** All ordinances at variance with this chapter are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. Effective.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after adoption and publication as required by law.

**INTRODUCTION:** February 21, 2023

<b>Council</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
Councilman Chila							
Councilman DiMenna							
Councilman Nastase							
Councilwoman Tranquillo							
Mayor Giovannitti							

**TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent Giovannitti, Mayor

I, Holly Tropea, do hereby attest the above Ordinance 1-2023 was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Greenwich on February 21, 2023. A public hearing will occur on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Holly Tropea, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

**ADOPTION:** March 20, 2023

<b>Council</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Recuse</b>
Councilman Chila							
Councilman DiMenna							
Councilman Nastase							
Councilwoman Tranquillo							
Mayor Giovannitti							

I, Holly Tropea, do hereby attest the above Ordinance 1-2023 was adopted at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Greenwich on March 20, 2023 after a public hearing which was scheduled for March 20, 2023. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

**ATTEST:**

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Holly Tropea, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **1-2023**.

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**Vincent Giovannitti**  
Mayor