

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH  
AMENDING CHAPTER 700 ZONING TO INCLUDE A  
SECTION REGULATING FLAG POLES WITHIN THE  
TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9 - 2015**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GREENWICH AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.     Purpose

In order to have uniformity within the Township, the Planning/Zoning Board of Greenwich Township has recommended regulations for the installation of flag poles through the creation of the below ordinance.

Section 2.     Repeal:

Chapter 700, Article XVI is hereby replaced with the amended language below. The current Article XVI and subsequent Articles and Sections shall now be amended to reflect this addition. In all other respects Chapter 700 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2.     Amendment

Article XVI of Chapter 700 is amended to read as follows:

**Article XVI, Flag Poles.**

**§700-68 - Number of flag poles and flag size permitted.**

1. One (1) free standing flag pole to display the flag of the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or to honor the United States Military shall be permitted on a property in a residential zone.
2. One (1) free standing flag pole to display the flag of the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or to honor the United States Military shall be permitted on a property in a commercial zone.
3. A maximum of three (3) free standing flag poles to display the flag of the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or to honor the United States Military shall be permitted on a property in a business park/manufacturing

zone or on a governmental or school property. Pursuant to this subsection, businesses may fly one (1) non-governmental flag, said flag not to exceed a total of 40 square feet in size.

4. The maximum size of any flag to be displayed on the flag pole(s) shall be 5' x 8' or 40 square feet with a maximum number of two flags per pole.

#### **§700-69 Application to the Zoning Officer.**

Prior to the installation of any flag pole, application must be made to the Zoning Officer as follows:

1. Applicants must submit an original and two (2) copies of the appropriate flag pole application form; and
2. The application fee shall be paid as follow:
  - a. A fee of \$50.00 for residential and commercial applications regarding the installation of one (1) flag pole; and
  - b. A fee of \$150.00 for installations of one or more flag poles in the business park/manufacturing zone; and
  - c. The fee as outlined above shall be waived for senior citizens who qualify under the Township's Ordinance for the waiver of fees for senior citizens.
3. Applicants will submit copies of an approved site plan if the property has previously received site plan approval, or, if not, a survey of the property on which the flag pole(s) is/are to be located. In the event a site plan or a survey is not available, the Applicant may have the location staked for review; and
4. Applicants will provide a location of the flag pole(s) on the survey or site plan, which reflects the proposed flag pole(s) and distances to other structures and property lines.
5. For all flag pole installations that exceed fifteen (15) feet in height, the Applicant shall submit drawings signed and sealed by an architect or engineer of the proposed foundation, anchorage and specifications of the flagpole(s).
6. Applicants shall be responsible for obtaining any required construction permits prior to the installation of the flag pole. This may include, but not be limited to a general construction permit (foundation design and inspection) or electrical permit (installation of lighting).

#### **§700-70 Specifications to the flag pole(s).**

1. Flag Poles must be located in a curbed, lawn and/or landscaped area.
2. The height of the flag poles shall be no greater than 10' above the maximum building height permitted in the zone, but in no case shall the height exceed 45'.
3. The flag pole(s) bases(s) shall be set back from side property lines the distance equivalent to the applicable side yards of the zoning district in which the property is located, but no less than 20 feet from any side property line.
4. The flag pole(s) base(s) shall be set back from the front property line the distance of one-half the applicable front yard requirement of the zoning district in which the property is located, but no less than 15 feet.
5. In the event lighting is installed to allow for the flying of flags at night, the following specifications must be met:
  - a. The Applicant must obtain all permits for the installation of any lighting and electrical work; and
  - b. All lighting must be installed so as to avoid light shining on any neighboring property or structure; and
  - c. The applicant shall provide photometric lighting plans to show type of lighting fixture proposed with specifications and foot-candle projection. The maximum allowable foot-candles at any property line shall not exceed 0.25 fc.

**§700-71 Administrative Approval.**

1. If, in the opinion of the Zoning Officer, the changes to the original site plan are solely for the purpose of locating a flag pole(s), the site will continue to operate so as to promote the public health, safety and the general welfare, and the application complies with the requirements of this ordinance, an administrative approval may be granted by the Zoning Officer.
2. In the alternative, if the Zoning Officer finds that the Application for installation of the flag pole(s): [1] does not comply with the provisions of this ordinance; or [2] may be a detriment to the public health, safety and general welfare; or [3] involves more than the installation of a flag pole(s) and accompanying landscaping, the Zoning Officer shall deny the application and the Applicant must file the appropriate site plan application with any variance requests, with the Greenwich Township Planning/Zoning Board.

3. The Applicant must comply with and obtain any and all necessary approvals from any other local, county, state and/or federal government or administrative body having jurisdiction over all or part of this land development, including obtaining a construction permit, if applicable.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Greenwich held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 and passed upon a second reading of the Mayor and Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2015.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH

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LORI L. BIERMANN,  
Municipal Clerk

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GEORGE W. SHIVERY, JR.,  
Mayor