BOROUGH OF LONGPORT ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY AS THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS AND EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE EXISTING MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Longport is a nonpartisan Commission Form of Government that holds its municipal elections on the second Tuesday of May; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law, set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:45-1 et seq., non partisan municipal elections were required to be conducted on the second Tuesday in May; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted, and on January 14, 2010 Acting Governor Sweeny signed into law Chapter 196 of the laws of 2009, which amended the Nonpartisan Elections Law to permit municipalities to adopt an ordinance to change the time of nonpartisan elections to correspond with the November general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport believe that such a measure would result in substantial savings by eliminating separate and costly elections, while generating larger voter interest in municipal elections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the Borough of Longport, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Election; term of office.

The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Longport shall be elected by the voters of the Borough of Longport in a nonpartisan election to be held at the time of the November general election and shall serve for a term of four years beginning on January 1, following such election. Accordingly, the term of office for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners holding office at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall be extended from the second Tuesday in May to December 31, beyond the present expiration of their term.

SECTION 2. Continuation of Commission Form of Government Law.

All other terms, conditions, constructions and applications contained within the "Commission Form of Government Law", N.J.S.A. 40:70-1 et seq. shall remain on full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

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Adopted: July 23, 2016

Nicholas M. Russo/Mayor

Daniel Lawler/Commissioner

James P. Leeds, Sr./ Commissioner