

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
ORDINANCE 2016-17**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 106-ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS -
BOROUGH OF LONGPORT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
ATLANTIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT that:

SECTION I: Chapter 106 entitled ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS in the Borough of Longport is hereby created; as follows:

**Chapter 106
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

ARTICLE I

106-1 Legislative Declaration.

It is hereby found and declared that it will be the public policy of the Borough of Longport to take action when feasible to reduce the effects of certain products utilized, placed, or released with the environment in order to protect the health and safety of the General Public.

**ARTICLE II
Release of Balloons**

Section 106-2: Release of Balloons-Purpose and Intent. This article is adopted in order to protect the environment, particularly the wildlife, and the health, safety and well-being of persons and property by prohibiting the release of helium balloons into the atmosphere, including latex and mylar, as it has been determined that the release of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases pose a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals so as to constitute a public nuisance and may pose a threat to the safety of its inhabitants and their property.

Section 106-3. Prohibited Releases. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to intentionally release, organize the release, or intentionally cause to be released balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air with the Borough of Longport limits, except for:

- (a) Balloon released by a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological purposes.
- (b) Hot air balloons that are recovered after launching.
- (c) Balloons released indoors.

Section 106-4. Violations and Penalties. Any person found in violation is guilty of a non-criminal infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$500.00.

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 All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

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

RECORDED VOTE FOR ORDINANCE 2016-17

| 10-19-16 | | RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE - | | | | | PUBLICATION 10-22-2016 |
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| COMMISSION | AYE | NAY | N.V | A.B. | MOT. | SEC. | |
| RUSSO | xx | | | | xx | | |
| LEEDS | xx | | | | | | |
| LAWLER | xx | | | | | xx | |
| X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second | | | | | | | |

| 11/18/2016 | | RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE – <u>TABLED</u> | | | | | PUBLICATION 11-23-2016; Second reading/ public hearing scheduled for 12/7/2016 |
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| COMMISSION | AYE | NAY | N.V | A.B. | MOT. | SEC. | |
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| 12/7/2016 | | RECORD OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE – | | | | | Publication – 12/10/2016 |
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| COMMISSION | AYE | NAY | N.V | A.B. | MOT. | SEC. | |
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SIGNATURES FOR ORDINANCE 2016-17 UPON ADOPTION

Nicholas M. Russo, Mayor

James P. Leeds, Sr, Commissioner

Daniel Lawler, Commissioner