

**BOROUGH OF WOODBINE
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY**

ORDINANCE NO. 553-2015

**AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SUSPENSION OF ANY PERSON APPOINTED TO
A BOROUGH BOARD OR COMMISSION FAILING TO FILE A FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A 40A:9-22.6 AND DIRECTIVES
OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD.**

WHEREAS, the requirement to file a Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) is a statutory obligation that is integral to our system of local government and public access to this information promotes transparency and is an important aspect of citizen participation in government; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with NJSA 40A:9-22.6 requiring an FDS be filed interferes with the fundamental system of checks and balance and is further a violation of the law; and

WHEREAS, individuals required to file a FDS and fail to do so may further be in violation of the Local Government Ethic Laws which are administered by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbine finds that individuals who fail to comply with the law after notices and reminders to do so severely impacts the trust of the residents upon their public officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodbine as follows:

1. Any appointed member to a Board or Commission of the Borough of Woodbine shall, upon notice by the Borough Clerk, immediately complete and file the required Financial Disclosure Statement when due or within any grace periods provided.

2. In the event any appointed member of a Board or Commission who fails to file a Financial Disclosure Statement and has received a Notice of Violation from the State of New Jersey, Local Finance Board, shall be immediately suspended from their appointed position without further notice until they have provided proof of compliance with all of the requirements of NJSA 40A:9-22.6 and any directive contained in any Notice of Violation including the payment of any fines levied against said member.

3. In the event the appointed official shall be suspended and remains suspended as provided herein, for a period in excess of forty-five (45) days, that appointed official shall be immediately terminated from that position after the expiration of forty-five (45) days which shall create a vacancy subject to appointment in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and Borough of Woodbine.

4. During the period of any suspension as provided herein or in accordance with any Notice of Violation or directive from the Local Finance Board, any remuneration, salary or stipend payable to said member shall be forfeited and no payment shall be made to said member.

WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA GARRISON, CLERK

INTRODUCED: APRIL 2, 2015

ADOPTED: MAY 7, 2015

