

**ORDINANCE NO. 3593**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN SOMERSET COUNTY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 208, TO BE ENTITLED HANDWASHING, WHICH CHAPTER PROVIDES FOR HANDWASHING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC RESTROOMS.**

**SUMMARY**

An ordinance providing that all restrooms made accessible to the public must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and must be provided with conveniently located hot and cold running water, hand soap and paper towels or sanitary drying devices. It also provides for notification of violation, enforcement and penalties.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** as follows:

**SECTION I**

The Code of the Township of Franklin is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, to be Chapter 208, Handwashing, to read as follows:

- § 208-1. Purpose
- § 208-2. Inspection of Premises.
- § 208-3. Notification of Violation.
- § 208-4. Enforcement.
- § 208-5. Penalty

**208-1. Purpose**

All restrooms made accessible to the public must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and must be provided with conveniently located hot and cold running water, hand soap and paper towels or sanitary drying devices.

**208-2. Inspection of Premises.**

All places and premises in this municipality accessible to the public shall be subject to inspection by the Department of Health Officials if they have reason to believe that any section of this Code is being violated.

**208-3. Notification of Violation.**

Whenever a violation of this Code is found, notice in writing shall be given to the owner thereof to abate the same in such time as shall be specified therein but not less than 24 hours from the date of service thereof. Said 24-hour notice may be waived by the Director of Health or his official designee where serious disease or safety hazards exist, or if a pandemic or public health emergency has been declared by state or federal officials.

**208-4. Enforcement.**

The provisions of this Chapter shall be enforced by the Department of Health and its licensed officials.

**208-5 Penalty.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 for the first violation and for any subsequent violations not more than \$500.00. Every day that a violation continues after due notice has been served, in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof, shall be deemed a separate offense.

## **SECTION II**

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court jurisdiction, such validity of unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

## **SECTION III**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

## **SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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This is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Council, Township of Franklin, Somerset County, NJ.

Introduced:	January 24, 2006
Public Hearing:	February 14, 2006
Adoption:	February 14, 2006
Notice of Adoption:	February 20, 2006
Effective Date:	March 6, 2006

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Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk