TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE # 388 -16
CONCERNING SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMITS AND AMENDING CHAPTER VI OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL”

WHEREAS, the applicable Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) regulation provides that applications for social affair permits are to be submitted directly to the Division (N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.1); and

WHEREAS, the Township’s only involvement in the application process is that both the Chief of Police and the Township Clerk must endorse the application; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-7 of the Township Code entitled “Social Affair Permit” is inconsistent with the provisions of the ABC regulation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VI of the Township Code entitled “Alcoholic Beverage Control” is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 6-7 entitled “Social Affair Permit” is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“6-7 SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT.

The New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations allow an organization operating solely for civic, religious, educational, charitable, fraternal, social or recreational purposes, and not for private gain, to apply for a special permit to serve alcoholic beverages at a fund-raising event. No more than twelve (12) such daily permits may be issued to any one (1) organization in a calendar year and no more than twenty-five (25) permits may be issued for any one (1) premises or location in a calendar year. Applications for special permits for social affairs which must be submitted on the application form provided by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control require the approval of the Township Committee and the endorsement of the Township Clerk and the Township Chief of Police. In order to allow the Township Police Department adequate time to conduct the required background investigations, all such applications must be submitted to the Township Clerk at least eight (8) weeks prior to the first event covered by the proposed social affair permit. The Chief of Police or his designee is authorized to obtain criminal history record information
background checks for noncriminal purposes in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:59-1.1 to 1.6 on all persons required to be named on the application. The applicant shall be required to submit with its application the full amount of the fees the Township will have to remit to the State Bureau of Investigation to process these criminal history record information background checks.

Any qualified civic, religious, educational, charitable, fraternal, social, or recreational nonprofit organization that wishes to serve alcoholic beverages at a social affair must first obtain a special permit directly from the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.1, and all other applicable, statutes, ordinances and regulations. That application which is submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control must be endorsed by the Township Clerk and the Chief of Police.”

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.
NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

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Township Clerk

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