

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON  
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE # 11-2010

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM ON  
WHETHER COLLECTION OF GARBAGE SHOULD REMAIN A MUNICIPAL  
SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is authorized by *N.J.S.A. 19:37-1* to submit a question or policy concerning municipal government to the voters in the municipality at a general election to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters on the question or policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the election are not binding on the municipality but may be followed by the governing body in its discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is considering abandoning the practice of collecting solid waste throughout the Borough as a government service paid for by tax dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, in that event individual residents would be responsible for either arranging and paying directly for solid waste collection or transporting any solid waste generated to an appropriate county or municipal facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believe that privatizing solid waste collection is desirable because ; and

**WHEREAS**, before acting in this area the Mayor and Council wish to ascertain the sentiment of the majority of legal voters of the Borough on this issue;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren that:

1. The Clerk of Warren County is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 2, 2010 general election the following proposition:

Shall the Borough of Washington abandon the practice of collecting solid waste throughout the Borough as a government service paid for by tax dollars and institute a system of private solid waste collection where residents and business owners are responsible for arranging and paying directly for solid waste collection with a licensed solid waste collector in New Jersey or transporting any solid waste generated to an appropriate county or municipal facility?

2. The Clerk of Warren County is hereby requested to print upon the official ballots to be used at the November 2, 2010 general election the following Interpretive Statement:

A “yes” vote for this proposal means you do want the collection of solid waste in the Borough of Washington to be the responsibility of each property owner in the Borough rather than having it paid by the Borough from property taxes.

A “no” vote for this proposal means that you want the Borough to continue to provide solid waste collection services as a municipal service paid for by tax dollars.

3. This ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk’s office.
4. In accordance with Chapter 3, Article II, Section 15, Subsection E of the Code of the Borough of Washington, this Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage unless the Council, by an affirmative vote of five (5) Council Members, shall adopt a resolution declaring the Ordinance to be an emergency upon which said Ordinance will take effect upon final passage.

ATTEST:

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Scott McDonald, Mayor

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Krintine Blanchard, Clerk

Adopted:

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