TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTAMPTON BY CREATING A SECTION ENTITLED "STATE ETHICS BAN"

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2005

WHEREAS, the Township of Westampton wishes to incorporate by reference into the Westampton Township Code the provisions of New Jersey State Law found at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-22.1 *et seq.*, known as the Local Government Ethics Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Westampton also desires to have its original Code of Ethics remain in place, except to assure the residents of the Township of Westampton that any issue concerning violations of either the Township Code of Ethics or the State of New Jersey's Local Government Ethics Law will be enforced at the level of the State of New Jersey by the New Jersey Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Westampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the following Dual Office Holding Policy is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The Township Code of the Township of Westampton is hereby supplemented by the creation of a new section entitled "State of New Jersey's Local Government Ethics Law."

SECTION 2. The provisions of the New Jersey Local Government Ethics Law found at *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-22.1 *et seq.* are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length.

SECTION 3. To fairly adjudicate any purported or actual violation of either the Westampton Code of Ethics or the New Jersey State Local Government Ethics Law, the Township hereby determines that any such purported violation shall be referred to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-22.1 *et seq.* and resolved in the said Local Finance Board.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If for any reason any section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

I, Donna Ryan, Clerk of the Township of Westampton, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee on the 27 day of 52pt 20 0 5

Donna Ryan, Clerk