ORDINANCE NO. 2006- 16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 ENTITLED "ETHICS, CODE OF," ARTICLE III, PROHIBITING THE AWARDING OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS ("PAY-TO-PLAY")

WHEREAS, the governing body adopted Ordinance 2004-89 to prohibit the award of public contracts to certain contributors; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of that ordinance, the State has amended the law concerning certain campaign contributions by certain business entities by the adoption of N.J.S.A. 19:44:-20.2 *et seq.*, which has created inconsistencies between the legislation and the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to amend the ordinance so as to reflect the changes in the State law and to create a more stringent requirement for contributors.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Stafford, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Code of the Township of Stafford is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 23, entitled "Ethics, Code of," Article III, so as to omit the word "$400" from Section 23-5(D) and replace it with "$300".

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State in accordance with P.L. 2005, c. 271.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Council on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Stafford held on the 7 day of Feb, **2006**, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on the 21st day of Feb. , **2006**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 260 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, New Jersey, at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

Bernadette M. Park

BERNADETTE M. PARK, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk, Township of Stafford

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CERTIFICATION

I, **BERNADETTE M. PARK,** Municipal Clerk of the Township of Stafford, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted on second reading by the Stafford Township Council at a meeting held on the 21st day of February, 2006.

Bernadette M. Park

BERNADETTE M. PARK, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk