

TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-9

AN ORDINANCE OPPOSING LICENSED CASINOS
OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature has voted in support of a constitutional amendment to permit casinos to operate in jurisdictions in Northern New Jersey, outside of Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will increase the tax burden on Cumberland County residents;

WHEREAS, this initiative will negatively impact the livelihood of Downe Township residents whose jobs and businesses depend on the Atlantic City casino industry; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will create downward pressure on the Township of Downe population growth and housing values as residents are forced to seek opportunities elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, any legislator representing any portion of Downe Township who voted to support this constitutional amendment acted against the best interest of his or her constituents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that it is opposed to the above-described constitutional amendment in any form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all governing bodies in Southern New Jersey are invited to join Downe Township in recognizing the negative impact Northern New Jersey casinos will have on our regional economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all governing bodies in the counties of Burlington, Camden, Salem, Cumberland, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May, together with copies to all state legislatures representing all or a portion of those counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copy of this resolution be sent via overnight mail to Senator Dawn Marie Addiego, with the hope that she will reconsider her previous vote in Support of Northern New Jersey casinos and join her Southern New Jersey colleagues in the legislature in opposing what constitutes bad policy for the entire State and particularly her own legislative district.

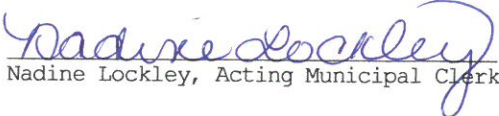
SECTION 1 REPEALER All former Ordinances of the Township of Downe which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY If any part or parts of this Ordinance are held to be invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 This Ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication as required by law.

DATED: July 11, 2016

BY: 
Robert Campbell, Mayor


Nadine Lockley, Acting Municipal Clerk