

**Introduced by: Karen Jennings**  
**Introduced on: February 6, 2008**

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-03**  
**Town of Townsend**  
**Absentee Ballots**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH, BY ORDINANCE, A PROCEDURE FOR THE CASTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY QUALIFIED VOTERS UNABLE TO BE AT THE POLLS AT ANY ELECTION OR REFERENDUM CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 75 OF THE DELAWARE CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Townsend Delaware Town Council is authorized to make, adopt and establish all such ordinances as deemed necessary to carry into effect the provisions of State law, pursuant to Article V, Section 506 of the Charter of the Town of Townsend; and

**WHEREAS**, Procedures for the casting of absentee ballots consistent with the provisions of Title 15, Chapter 75 of the Delaware Code; and

**Section 1**

(a) It is the purpose and intent of the Council in enacting this section to provide qualified electors who are unable to appear at a municipal election to cast their ballots with the ability to cast a ballot to be counted in the total for the municipal election pursuant to Title 15 Delaware Code Chapter 75, Subchapter V, and Section 506 of the Charter of the Town of Townsend.

(b) The Town of Townsend will only administer procedures delineated in Title 15, Delaware Code, Chapter 75 concerning absentee voting for any number of absentee ballots, and will not develop additional counting procedures when the number of absentee ballots returned to the municipality is less than 5.

(c) The provisions of Title 15, Delaware Code, Chapter 75, concerning Absentee Voting are hereby adopted by this reference and incorporated herein as though restated in full.

**Section 2.**

If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 3.**

This Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage into law.

**SYNOPSIS**

This Act amends the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Townsend to establish a policy for permitting qualified electors (voters) who are unable to appear to cast their vote in a municipal election to do so by absentee ballot in accordance with the provisions of the Delaware Code.

First & Second Reading: April 2, 2008

Public Hearing: April 2, 2008

Third & Final Reading: May 7, 2008

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor of Townsend