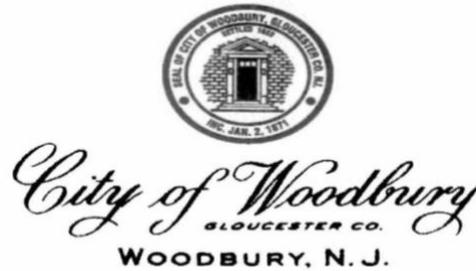


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Woodbury Community,

Having watched the video capturing the actions of the Minneapolis Police Department against George Floyd, the administration and elected officials of the City of Woodbury are both heartbroken and appalled. This tragedy has left us all feeling outraged and disgusted. There are no words that can fully express the frustration, fear, and anger being felt all over our nation and our local community.

This great city is known and embraced for its diversity and acceptance. We do not condone these behaviors, nor do we support the unfair practices that allow for discrimination and inequality. As a governing body we have a responsibility to our citizens to uphold justice and accountability.

Unfortunately, it is a sad reality that this ideology is not shared by all. The horrific video depicts a continuing problem that proves that we have a long way to go and that we as a community can always do better. As a city, we owe it to our residents to provide a safe community to live, work, and play no matter what race, creed, color, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.

That being said, the Woodbury City Police Department, led by Chief Thomas Ryan, has and continues to be one of the most community-centric departments in South Jersey. The City is proud of the day to day operations of our local police force and their commitment to serve residents using best practices and annual training. As a community, we must not judge all by the actions of a few.

On behalf of Woodbury Council and Administration, our condolences and prayers to the loved ones and friends of George Floyd. Let us all take steps in our lives to ensure a better quality of life for everyone.

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