

**TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

**ORDINANCE #23-18**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" TO UPDATE REORGANIZATION AND TERM START DATES**

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2023, P.L. 2023, c. 124, was enacted which changed several election related timelines including reorganization dates and term start dates in municipalities with non-partisan elections; and

**WHEREAS**, a determination has been made that the Township of Vernon's municipal code must be amended to comply with the aforementioned legislative changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Township Code shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1**

**§ 5-3. Office of the Mayor.**

G. Election; term of office. The Mayor shall be elected by the voters of the Township at a regular municipal election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the years in which municipal officers are to be elected and shall serve for a term of four (4) years beginning on January ~~1~~15 next following his or her election.

**§ 5-4. Township Council.**

C. Membership; term of office. The Township Council shall consist of five (5) members, elected at-large by the voters of the Township at a regular municipal election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the years in which municipal officers are to be elected. The terms of the members of the Council shall be four (4) years, beginning on January ~~1~~15 next following their election.

**§ 5-6. Meetings of Council.**

C. Regular meetings.

(1) The Council shall meet annually for organization within seven (7) days of January ~~1~~<sup>st</sup>15<sup>th</sup>.

**SECTION 2**

~~Strikeouts~~ are deletions. Highlights are added material.

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity of constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

**SECTION 3**


Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.


**SECTION 4**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately as provided by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on August 14, 2023, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on August 28, 2023 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.

  
 Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk  
 Township of Vernon

  
 Howard Burrell, Mayor

**Township of Vernon**

**INTRODUCED: August 14, 2023**

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Distasi, P.						X
Rizzuto, P.			X			
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Tadrick, J.		X	X			
Buccieri, N.			X			

**ADOPTED: August 28, 2023**

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Distasi, P.		X	X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			
Sparta, B.			X			
Tadrick, J.	X		X			
Buccieri, N.			X			