## TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## ORDINANCE No. 2022-07

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10, RE-AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. governs the establishment of a government energy aggregation program, which is a government-operated purchasing cooperative through which multiple energy consumers purchase energy together under the auspices of a government aggregator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., the Township adopted Ordinance No. 2018-10 authorizing the establishment of a Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program") for residential and business participants in the Township, and the Township has successfully implemented multiple rounds of the energy aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., the Township desires to re-authorize and extend the Government Energy Aggregation Program ("Program") for the provision of electricity within the Township, for the purpose of obtaining power supply for residents with higher renewable energy content but no higher cost than power supply provided by the local electric utility Public Service Electric and Gas ("PSE&G").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township hereby re-authorizes its Government Energy Aggregation Program, in accordance with the provisions of the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq., and hereby amends Ordinance No. 2018-10 to reflect an extension of the Effective Period to December 31, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** The Township Manager is authorized to execute and the Municipal Clerk to attest to the execution of any necessary contracts, in a form acceptable to the Township

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE STAR LEDGER, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND CIRCULATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE ISSUE OF MARCH 4, 2022 AND MARCH 25, 2022.

> JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: February 28, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING: March 21, 2022 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2022