

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE # 2025-02

AMENDING CHAPTER 5 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT)
ARTICLE II (TOWNSHIP COUNCIL) SECTIONS 14, 16 & 22 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Ordinance 2024-41, moving the Township of Verona Municipal Election from May to November.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey that Chapter 5, Administration of Government, Article II, Sections 14, 16, 22 and 26 is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. ARTICLE II-TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

§ 5-14 Mayor; Deputy Mayor.

- A. At 12:00 noon on ~~the first day of July~~ **[January 1, or at some other hour on any day during the first week in January]** following each election of Council, the Council shall assemble at the Municipal Building of the Township, organize and elect one of the Councilpersons as Mayor. The Mayor shall be chosen by ballot by majority vote of all members of the Council. If the members shall be unable, within five ballots to be taken within two days of the organization meeting, to elect a Mayor, then the member who in the last election for members of the Council received the greatest number of votes shall be the Mayor. Should such person decline to accept the office, then the person receiving the next highest vote shall be the Mayor, and so on until the office is filled.
- B. At the same time as a Mayor is elected, the Council shall elect one of its members as Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor shall serve in place of the Mayor in the event of the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor.
- C. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall serve a term of two years beginning on ~~the first day of July~~ **[the day of the Annual organization meeting]** following each election of Council.
- D. Vacancies in the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor shall be filled by the Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

§ 5-16 Annual organization.

~~On the first day of July~~ **[January 1, or at some other hour on any day during the first week in January set by resolution of the governing body in the Annual Notice of Meetings]** following each election of Council, the Council shall organize and elect one of their members as mayor and adopt such resolutions as may be required.

§ 5-22 Order of business.

- A. The order of business at each regular public meeting of the Council shall be as follows:
 - (1) Roll call.
 - (2) Report of the Mayor
 - (3) Report of the Township Manager
 - (4) Council comments and report of special committees.
 - (5) **[Public Comment]**
 - (6) Hearing upon adoption or amendment of ~~proposed~~ ordinances on second hearing
 - (7) ~~Proposed ordinances~~ **[Ordinances for Introduction]**
 - (8) Approval of previous minutes
 - (9) Proposed Resolutions.
 - (10) Licenses and permits.
 - (11) New/unfinished business.
 - (12) Public comment.
 - (13) Adjournment

- B. Special meetings, workshop meetings, premeeting conferences, planning meetings and informal conference meetings shall be discussion meetings of the Council and shall not be guided by the order of business set forth in this section.

SECTION 2. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

ATTEST:

**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**NOTICE
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 ISSUES OF JANUARY 24, 2025 AND XXXX.**

**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

INTRODUCED: January 20, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING: February 3, 2025
ADOPTED: