

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

ORDINANCE No. 2023-04

**AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSINGS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS SUCH A BLOCK
PARTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVALS BY THE CREATION OF
CHAPTER 458, ENTITLED "STREET CLOSINGS FOR BLOCK PARTIES"**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona desires to establish and otherwise regulate the ability of its residents to petition for a temporary street closing so as to allow community functions such as block parties or neighborhood festivals; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is appropriate to permit the temporary closing of a street for the purpose of aforesaid community functions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby Ordain that Chapter 458 entitled "Street Closings for Block Parties" of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby created to read as follows:

§ 458-1 Authorization to issue permit.

- A. Application. Residents may obtain an application from the Municipal Clerk for the temporary closing of a street for the purpose of a community function such as a block party or neighborhood festival. Completed applications shall be submitted no less than 14 calendar days before the commencement of such party. The application shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount set by ordinance and located in §A565 "FEES". Applications shall not be accepted that are not submitted 14 calendar days or more before the Party.
- B. The Municipal Clerk shall issue or deny the permit within 7 calendar days of receipt of the completed.
- C. The permit shall be granted by the Municipal Clerk unless the application is incomplete, it is determined that the applicant has violated this ordinance in the last 24 months, or that blocking the street or portion thereof on the date requested in the application will unduly interfere with the flow of vehicular traffic, or the Police Chief determines that the application should be denied for public safety reasons. In the event the application is denied, the Municipal Clerk shall advise the Applicant, in writing, of the reason for the denial of the application and return the application fee.

§ 458-2. Permit regulations.

- A. The applicant must have a plan to control event parking. Parking must not create a hazard near the block party site.
- B. A street or portion thereof closed to regular vehicle traffic off for a party shall not be obstructed by obstacles which block access to emergency vehicles required to enter the street during the party in response to an emergency. No motor vehicles, inflatable children's rides (bounce houses, slides, etc.), tents, canopies, tables, chairs, furniture, banners, stages and/or fixed barriers or any other items may be placed in the street that would block access to, or prohibit the immediate passage of emergency vehicles.
- C. A permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall be valid only for the date and the hours specified thereon, which shall not be before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- D. The applicant(s) shall be responsible for the removal of litter, debris and other materials from the street or portion thereof used for the party, which is attributable to or caused by the party. Failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance.

§ 458-3. Limit on number of permits.

No more than two (2) permits shall be granted in any calendar year for the same block or blocks.

§ 458-4 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of the Township Code.

SECTION 1: All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all such ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 2: The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Verona as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Municipal Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Municipal Clerk and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Township of Verona in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.



ATTEST:

Jennifer Kiernan
JENNIFER KIERNAN
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 JANUARY 13, 2023 AND JANUARY 30, 2023

**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

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