

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-48

ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING VOTER-APPROVED INCREASE TO THE
VERONA OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62-2 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, in 2019, the voters of the Township of Verona approved the creation and funding of the Verona Open Space Trust Fund, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7 et seq.*, with a collection rate of \$0.02 per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, in the November 2023 General Election, the voters of the Township of Verona supported an increase in the collection rate from \$0.02 to \$0.03 per \$100 of the assessed valuation of all real property within the Township.

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

SECTION 1: Chapter 62-2 of the Township Code shall amended and supplemented to read as follows [deletions in bold type with strikethrough]:

§62-2 Funding the Trust Fund

Beginning in 2024, a special tax rate shall be added to the total Township tax rate in the amount of ~~\$0.02~~ \$0.03 per \$100.00 of the assessed valuation of all real property within the Township. The Fund shall also be permitted to accept donations and testamentary bequests. The Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund created by this Article shall be administered in accordance with applicable statutory provisions, including, without limitation, *N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1, et seq.*

SECTION 2. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

SECTION 3. 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 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.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 5. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.



ATTEST:

Jennifer Kiernan
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 ISSUE OF DECEMBER 8, 2023 AND DECEMBER 22, 2023.

JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2023