

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

ORDINANCE No. 2024-41

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REVISION OF THE 2025
MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER**

WHEREAS, historically the election date of the Township Council of the Township of Verona has been the second Tuesday in May; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-7.1, the State legislature has authorized municipalities to revise election dates to the state wide November election date; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:45-7.1 provides:

a. Any municipality governed by the provisions of the "Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law," P.L.1981, c.379 (C.40:45-5 et seq.) may, by ordinance, choose to hold regular municipal elections on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

b. Once a municipality has chosen to change the day of the regular municipal election to the day of the general election in November, it shall not be permitted to change the day of the election back to the second Tuesday in May until: (1) at least 10 years have passed since the adoption of the ordinance changing the date of the municipal election to the day of the general election; and (2) a new ordinance providing for regular municipal elections to occur on the second Tuesday in May is adopted by the municipality's governing body.

c. The term of any person in office on the date of the adoption of such an ordinance shall be extended until the beginning of the term of the person elected to that office on the day of the general election in November.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Township of Verona Code is hereby amended to create §5-34 in Chapter 5, Article II, Township Council, In accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:45-7.1 to read as follows:

§5-34 Township of Verona Municipal Elections

- A. Beginning calendar year 2025 and going forward, the Township of Verona Municipal Elections shall be held on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- B. The Township of Verona shall not be permitted to change the day of the election back to the second Tuesday in May until: (1) at least 10 years have passed since the adoption of the ordinance (ordinance #2024 - dated December __ 2024) changing the date of the municipal election to the day of the general election; and (2) a new ordinance providing for regular municipal elections to occur on the second Tuesday in May is adopted by the municipality's governing body.
- C. The term of any person in office on the date of the adoption of such an ordinance shall be extended until the beginning of the term of the person elected to that office on the day of the general election in November.
- D. All Council appointments made to boards and committees that expire in on June 30, shall be extended until the beginning of the term of the person appointed to that board or committee in January after the year of the original expiration.
- E. All references to a July reorganization for the Council as well as all Board and Committees are hereby amended to read January to align with the spirit of N.J.S.A. 40:45-7.1.

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

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: SEVERABILITY

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 remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

SECTION 4: CODIFICATION

This ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Verona as though codified and fully set forth therein and shall be added to the Code at Chapter 5, Article II, Township Council, by the creation of §5-34. 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
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 DECEMBER 6, 2024 AND XXX.

JENNIFER KIERNAN, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: December 2, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: December 16, 2024
EFFECTIVE DATE: