# TOWNSHIP OF VERONA COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

#### **ORDINANCE No. 2024-31**

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA ENTITLED "NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE"

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 18 (Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee) is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### § 18-27 Establishment

There is hereby created the Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee of the Township

#### § 18-28 Membership; appointment; terms.

- A. The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members including the following:
  - 1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager (voice, no vote);
  - 2. A member of the Council to be appointed by it (voice, no vote);
  - 3. The Chief of Police or a Captain of Police in the absence of the Chief (voice, no vote);
  - 4. The Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee in the absence of the Superintendent;
  - 5. Seven (7) public members.
- B. The term of the Township Manager, the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief of Police shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the Council member shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. Public members shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve for terms of two (2) years, except that, the term of the members first appointed pursuant to this section shall be distributed evenly over the first two (2) years after their appointments so that the term of not more than four (4) public members shall expire in any one year. Except for the Township manager or the manager's designee, the governing body member, and the Chief of Police or a Captain in the absence of the Chief, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval.
- C. Any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation or removal for cause of any public member shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term of such member.

### § 18-29 Duties and responsibilities.

The Neighborhood Traffic and Safety Committee is hereby charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1. Work together with residents, elected and appointed officials to study, propose solutions and plan for the implementation of approved traffic calming and pedestrian safety measure.
- 2. May review and make recommendation to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Planning Board on site plans and subdivisions that are submitted to the Boards.

- 3. May propose, review and make recommendations on ordinances related to public safety.
- 4. To provide the Council and the Manager periodic reports and recommendations and advise on traffic safety questions/problems and the adequacy of all Township policies and procedures relating to safety.

#### § 18-30 Organization, officers.

- A. The Committee shall elect a Chair and Secretary annually at its first organizational meeting. The Secretary may be a member of the Committee or a municipal employee appointed by the Manager.
- B. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the meetings of the Committee, which minutes and copies of official correspondence of the Committee shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

## § 18-31 Meetings.

- A. The Committee shall organize within thirty (30) days after the first appointment of its members and then within the first thirty (30) days each calendar year thereafter.
- B. The Committee shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly.
- C. The Committee may make and amend rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.
- D. Four (4) voting members shall be considered a quorum for conducting business.
- E. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**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 JULY 26, 2024 AND AUGUST 9, 2024.

JENNIFER KIERNAN MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION: July 22, 2024 ADOPTION: August 5, 2024 EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2024