

**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NUMBER O-22-25

ORDINANCE AMENDING #426-78 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COVERING THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF HILLSIDE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE:

That Ordinance #L-426-78 entitled “An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of Reclassification and Compensation Plan Prepared by the New Jersey Civil Service Commissioner Covering the Officers and Employees of the Township of Hillside adopted March 21, 1978, be amended as follows:

Section 1: The salary ranges for the following positions set forth in said ordinance is hereby modified to read as follows:

Effective January 1, 2022

	Salary
Council Members:	\$12,000
Council Vice President	\$13,000
Council President:	\$13,500
Mayor	\$15,000

Section 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law.

First Reading and Introduction on September 13, 2022

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	EXCUSED
	x	Bonanno	x				
x		DeAugustine	x				
		Freedman	x				
		Hyatt	x				
		Rios		x			
		Mobley, VP	x				
		Epps, CP	x				

Public Hearing: October 12, 2022

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	EXCUSED
	x	Bonanno	x				
x		DeAugustine	x				
		Freedman	x				
		Hyatt	x				
		Rios	x				
		Mobley - CVP	x				
		Epps - CP	x				

Final Adoption: October 12, 2022

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		Freedman	x				
		Hyatt	x				
		Rios		x			
	x	Mobley - CVP	x				
		Epps - CP	x				


 Craig Epps, Council President

ATTEST:


 Shaun Walker, Acting Township Clerk

Approved: _____


 Dahlia O. Vertreese, Mayor

10-21-2022
 Date

Vetoed:

Returned to the Township Clerk with the following statement of objections:

Please See Attached for a statement to be read into the record.



DAHLIA O. VERTREESE
MAYOR
HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY

Please allow the following statement to be read into the record and serve as my official statement regarding my veto of Ordinance Number 02-22-25.

The Council's request for raises is fiscally irresponsible, untimely and lacks justification due to the lack of and the reduction in resources and services to the residents of Hillside.

Despite the State of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs' determination that the administration presented a reasonable budget that would adequately meet the needs of the township, the Council made the decision to increase taxes, but only to the benefit of themselves and a 30% increase to their employees within the Clerk's office. All other departments that are already understaffed and responsible for the day-to-day operations of the township were either diminished or remained status quo, which only served to create obstacles to serving the citizens of Hillside.

The request for these increases is disingenuous and defrauds taxpayers. The Council's attempt to impose an increase to my salary serves only to justify the greed proposed in unreasonable increases to Council salaries that range between a 60% to 93%. The Council has requested raises retroactively to January 1, 2022, yet for several meetings, the Council failed to meet quorum, failed to conduct business, and placed the township in jeopardy of losing much need grant funding.

Why would Council members vote to raise taxes only to place the increases in their own pockets with no added benefit to the township or its residents? The Council should not be allowed to increase their salaries while simultaneously weaponizing the budget in an effort to cripple the administration, deny the expansion of resources for the citizens and denying appropriate raises for township employees who actually perform the work of the township every single day. Let's do the work first and then ask the citizens for a raise.

**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
RESOLUTION R-22-223**

**RESOLUTION OVERRIDING THE MAYOR'S VETO OF ORDINANCE ENTITLED
ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE O-426-78 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR
THE ADOPTION OF RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COVERING THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE: O-22-25**

WHEREAS, Ordinance O-426-78 provided for the reclassification and compensation plan for employees of the Township of Hillside including both Council Members and Mayor;

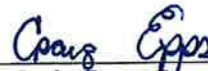
WHEREAS, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-426-78 entitled An Ordinance To Provide For The Adoption of Reclassification And Compensation Plan Prepared By The New Jersey Department Of Civil Service Covering The Officers And Employees of the Township of Hillside designated as Ordinance Number **O-22-25** was introduced on September 13, 2022 and approved on October 12, 2022 by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A -41, the Mayor of the Township of Hillside may veto an ordinance approved by the Township Council by returning same to the Township Clerk within ten (10) days of the presentation of the ordinance to the mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Hillside has returned Ordinance No. **O-22-25** to the Township Clerk on October 21, 2022, within the time period required by statute and accompanied by her notice of rejection of same; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, upon reconsideration thereof, seeks and hereby resolves to override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance No. **O-22-25** pursuant to the authority granted thereto under N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41; and

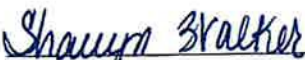
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, does hereby override the veto of Ordinance No.: **O-22-25** by the Mayor of the Township of Hillside to the authority granted to the Township Council under N.J.S.A. 40:69A-41.



Craig Epps, Council President

ATTEST:

I, Shaunyn Walker, Acting Township Clerk of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council at a meeting duly held on, October 25, 2022.



Shaunyn Walker, Acting Township Clerk

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		Bonanno		X			
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