Borough of Norwood

Ordinance 2023:13

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Repeal an Ordinance Regulating Campaign Contributions and Public Contracting

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, on December 10, 2014, adopted an ordinance titled An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Regulate Campaign Contributions and Public Contracting, which is codified in Chapter 108 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood (Chapter 108); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2023, Governor Phil Murphy signed the Elections Transparency Act (ETA), P.L. 2023, Ch. 30, which revises the state's campaign financing laws and related public contracting laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 25 of the ETA preempts all local ordinances regulating campaign financing and related public contracting issues, which were adopted by many New Jersey municipalities as permitted under prior law, and this provision of the ETA applies to preempt Chapter 108; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to repeal Chapter 108 to avoid any confusion that may result from the continued inclusion of this now preempted and legally ineffective Chapter in the Norwood Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Norwood as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 108 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood is hereby repealed.

Section 2: All ordinances or parts of any other ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance also are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any inconsistencies.

Section 3: The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any part of this ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, the remaining parts of this ordinance will remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: This ordinance will take effect upon final approval and publication, according to law, and will be effective retroactively to the effective date of the ETA.

Introduced and passed first reading: 10/11/23

Passed second reading: 10/25/23

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

Jordan Padovano, Borough Clerk

James P. Barsa, Mayor