BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

COUNTY OF BERGEN

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2553

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED "RECORDS, OPEN PUBLIC."

WHEREAS, Chapter 61 of the Code of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights controls and regulates records that are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, sections 61-1 through 61-3 identifies the custodian of government records for the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and regulates the duties and responsibilities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to amend this Chapter to clarify the custodian of records and the duties and responsibilities therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE:

Section 61-1 of the Code of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights entitled "Custodian of governmental records" shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Section 61-1 Custodian of government records.

The Borough Clerk is the custodian of government records for the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights. In the event the Borough Clerk is absent or cannot fulfill his/her obligation to respond to a records request in a timely manner, the Borough Clerk shall designate another Borough employee to respond in her stead.

SECTION TWO.

Section 61-2 of the Code of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights entitled "Custodian of police records" shall be deleted.

Section 61-3 of the Code of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights entitled "Custodian of municipal court records" shall be deleted.

SECTION THREE. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION FOUR: Severability:

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FIVE: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

Approved this 14th day of May 2024

Ron Kistner Mayor

Introduced: April 23rd, 2024 Adopted: May 14th, 2024

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	PRESENT	ABSENT
Sickels		1	V				
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Samperi			1				

The foregoing Ordinance No. 2553 was finally adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on the 14th day of May 2024 and approved by the Mayor on the same date.

Anne Michelle Sery Acting Borough Clerk