ORDINANCE 16-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 "COURT, JOINT MUNICIPAL", SECTION 13-1, CREATION, NAME, JURISDICTION" OF THE BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Township of Andover entered into an Agreement to form a joint municipal court with the Township of Hampton, the Township of Byram, the Township of Fredon and Andover Borough; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this Agreement, the Township adopted an ordinance to create the Joint Municipal Court and to establish the powers, rules and requirements associated with same;

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Borough of Stanhope and the Borough of Hopatcong entered into an agreement to become members of the Joint Municipal Court;

WHEREAS, in order to properly manage all aspects of the Joint Municipal Court it has been agreed amongst the seven (7) municipalities that a Joint Municipal Court Committee shall be established.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopatcong, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> Chapter 13 "Court, Joint Municipal", shall be amended to add a new section 13-1 (D). "Joint Municipal Court Committee" to read as follows

§ 13-1 (D) Joint Municipal Court Committee.

A Joint Municipal Court Committee shall be formed for the Andover Joint Municipal Court) Andover, Hampton, Fredon and Byram Townships and Andover, Hopatcong and Stanhope Boroughs) consisting of the Administrators of each member municipality, the Joint Municipal Court Liaison for each member municipality and the Court Administrator. In those municipalities that do not have an Administrator, the Clerk shall serve as the Committee member.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Borough of Hopatcong, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG

VALERIE EGAN, CLERK

MARIE GALATE, MAYOR

INTRODUCED: 9/4/2024 ADOPTED: 9/18/2024

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopatcong, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, held in the municipal building on the 4th day of September 2024, and the same came up for final passage at a meeting of the said Borough Council on the 18th day of September 2024 at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Borough according to law. By order of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hopatcong, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey.

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Valerie A. Egan, Municipal Clerk