

Borough of Norwood

Ordinance 2023:14

An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Norwood to Repeal an Ordinance Creating the Norwood Board of Ethics

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, on November 4, 2004, adopted Ordinance No. 04:05, which is codified in Chapter 20 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood (Chapter 20), establishing a municipal ethics board known as the Norwood Board of Ethics (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, that ordinance, among other things, authorized the Board to adopt a code of ethics for Norwood’s officers and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 to -22.5 (“Ethics Law”), authorizes, but does not require, a municipality to create, by ordinance, a local municipal ethics board, and if a municipal ethics board is not created, the ethics code provisions and enforcement procedures established in the Ethics Law apply in that municipality; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to repeal Chapter 20 because the Mayor and Council finds that the best interests of the people of Norwood will be better served if, in the future, the ethics code for Norwood’s officers and employees and the procedures for enforcement are governed by the provisions of the Ethics Law.

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

Section 1: Chapter 20 of the Code of the Borough of Norwood is hereby repealed. The Norwood Ethics Board is abolished and the Code of Ethics adopted by that Board also is repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance. As required by the Ethics Law, all statements, complaints, requests, or other written materials filed with the Ethics Board, and any of the Ethics

Board's rulings, opinions, judgments, transcripts, or other official papers, will be preserved for a period of at least five years from the date of filing or preparation.

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or parts of any other ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance also are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any inconsistencies.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

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