

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. O-22-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 48 ENTITLED
MISCELLANEOUS FEES TO INCLUDE FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR WEDDING
AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 the Mayor is authorized to perform marriage or civil union ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council deems it appropriate, advisable, and in the interest of the Township to establish rules concerning the performance of wedding and civil union ceremonies, and to establish fees therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Section 2-48, Miscellaneous Fees, shall be amended to include the following subsection:

SECTION I §2-48.4 WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES

A. Performance of Ceremonies by the Mayor

As the performance of a wedding or civil union is not an obligation of the position of Mayor but, rather, is a discretionary authority vested in the Mayor, the Mayor shall have the absolute discretion to perform any weddings or civil unions.

B. Scheduling of Weddings or Civil Unions

Any weddings or civil unions shall be scheduled through the Office of the Clerk of Rockaway Township. All persons seeking to schedule a wedding or civil union shall complete a registration form provided by the Township Clerk. All ceremony dates shall be scheduled based upon the availability of the Mayor.

C. Fees

The fee for a wedding or civil union ceremony to be performed by the Mayor shall be \$150.00 and payable to the Township of Rockaway. No portion of any fee collected for the performance of a wedding or civil union ceremony by the Mayor shall be paid to the Mayor.

D. Valid Certificate Required

No marriage or civil union ceremony shall be conducted by the Mayor unless the Township Clerk has first issued a valid certificate of marriage, remarriage, or civil union or other required license.

SECTION II

All Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III

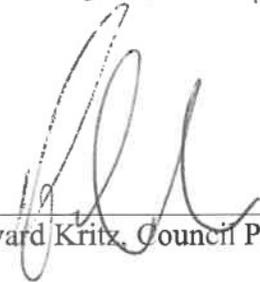
If any section, paragraph, article, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, article, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and approval in accordance with law.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christina Clipperton, Township Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on June 14, 2022, and adopted at a duly convened meeting held on June 28, 2022



Howard Kritz, Council President


Christina Clipperton, Deputy Clerk


Joe Jackson, Mayor

PURPOSE

To establish rules and fees for wedding and civil union ceremonies performed by the Mayor.

Introduction	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
J. Quinn	X		X			
E. Friedlander			X			
D. Brookes			X			
M. Noon			X			
A. Salberg						X
R. Brookes		X	X			
P. Wojtowicz			X			
J. Sackett			X			
H. Kritz			X			

Adoption	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
J. Quinn	X		X			
E. Friedlander		X	X			
D. Brookes			X			
M. Noon			X			
A. Salberg			X			
R. Brookes			X			
P. Wojtowicz			X			
J. Sackett			X			
H. Kritz			X			