

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #24-11

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADDRESSING LIMOUSINE LICENSING

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon (“Township”) seeks to require limousine services operating within the Township to obtain a license in order to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to require limousine services to obtain a license in order to operate within the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:16-18.1, should it choose to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Township already requires a fee in the amount of \$35 for the issuance of a limousine license in Ordinance § 250-17.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Part II, titled “General Legislation”, is hereby supplemented as follows:

Chapter 567 Limousines.

§ 567-1. Definitions.

a. For the purposes of this chapter, the terms “limousine” or “limousine or livery service” shall have the meanings set forth in N.J.S.A. 48:16-13, as that statute may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

§ 567-2. License Required.

No person shall maintain or operate a limousine or livery service in the Township of Vernon unless the owner thereof has secured a limousine license, signed by the Township Clerk and Township Zoning Officer.

§ 567-3. Application, Insurance and Fee.

a. All applications for a limousine license shall be filed with the Township Clerk, together with the required fee, and shall contain the full name, address, and telephone number of the applicant; the names, titles, and complete addresses of all corporate officers or partners of the applicant; and the federal identification or social security number of the applicant. In addition, every application for a limousine license shall contain the complete business address of the limousine service and the Tax Map block and lot number of the property on which the business is located.

b. Each application shall be accompanied by an insurance policy from a company duly licensed to transact business under the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey in the sum of

\$1,500,000 against loss by reason of the liability imposed by law upon every limousine owner for damages on account of bodily injury or death suffered by any person as a result of an accident occurring by reason of the ownership, maintenance or use of the limousine upon any public street. Such operation shall be permitted only so long as the insurance policy shall remain in force to the full and collectible amount of \$1,500,000. The policy must provide for the payment of any final judgment recovered by any person on account of the ownership, maintenance and use of such limousine or any fault in respect thereto, and shall be for the benefit of every person suffering loss, damage, or injury as aforesaid. In addition, each such application shall be accompanied by a copy of power of attorney executed and delivered to the Motor Vehicle Commission concurrent with the filing of the required insurance policy, as set forth above; a power of attorney wherein and whereby the owner shall appoint the Director of the Motor Vehicle Commission his true and lawful attorney for the purpose of acknowledging service of any process out of a court of competent jurisdiction to be served against the insured by virtue of the indemnity granted under the insurance policy filed.

c. Each application shall also be accompanied by photocopies of the registrations of all vehicles utilized in connection with the limousine service.

d. The fee for the issuance of a limousine license shall be as stated in Ordinance § 250-17, as may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

e. Upon receipt of an application for a limousine license, the Township Clerk shall refer the application documents to the Township Zoning Officer who shall determine whether the operation of a limousine service at the location specified in the application is permitted under the Township's Land Use and Development Regulations. No limousine license shall be issued by the Township Clerk unless the Zoning Officer has certified that the operation of the limousine service is a permitted use at the specified business location.

SECTION 2. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealer.

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance shall be, and are hereby, repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on June 10, 2024, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on June 24, 2024 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.

Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk
Township of Vernon

Anthony Rossi, Mayor

Township of Vernon

INTRODUCED: June 10, 2024

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.						X
DeBenedetto, J.		X	X			
Higgins, W.	X				X	
Sparta, B.			X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			

ADOPTED: June 24, 2024

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.			X			
DeBenedetto, J.			X			
Higgins, W.		X		X		
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			