

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 160 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "FEES", SO AS TO AMEND ARTICLE X, ENTITLED "MARRIAGES AND CIVIL UNIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Article X of Chapter 160, entitled "Marriages and Civil Unions," of the Code of the Township of Manchester, is hereby amended, and shall now read as follows:

§ 160-25. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish fees and procedures for marriages or civil unions when performed by the Mayor and Township Clerk of Manchester Township.

§ 160-26. Statutory authorization to perform weddings and civil union ceremonies.

N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 et seq. permits mayors and municipal clerks to perform weddings and civil union ceremonies.

§ 160-27. Statutory authorization of fee.

N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, in conjunction with Local Finance Notice 2007-5, permits the collection of such fees and authorizes the fees to be deposited in the general treasury of the Township.

§ 160-28. Fees.

The fee schedule is hereby set as follows:

- A. Those persons requesting a marriage or civil union during business hours within the Township shall pay a fee not to exceed \$100.
- B. Those persons requesting a marriage or civil union outside of regular business hours within the Township shall pay a fee not to exceed \$125.
- C. Those persons requesting a marriage or civil union during business hours outside of Manchester Township shall pay a fee not to exceed \$175.
- D. Those persons requesting a marriage or civil union outside of regular business hours outside of Manchester Township shall pay a fee not to exceed \$250.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Manchester, in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey on the 9th day of February 2026 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Council in the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2026. At such time and place or any time or place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk