ORDINANCE 0:09-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE TO AMEND CHAPTER 141 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION"

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has recommended a certain amendment to Chapter 141 of the Code of the Township of Monroe and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to amend this specific section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Chapter 141 is hereby amended to include the following:

SECTION I. Chapter 141 is hereby amended as follows:

§141-6 Appointments; removals.

- A. The local enforcing agency shall be under the direct supervision of a Fire Official who shall be appointed by the Director of Public Safety Mayor, pursuant to Title 11.
- B. Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforcing agency shall be appointed by the Director of Public Safety Mayor, subject to confirmation of Council by a majority vote of the entire Council, upon the recommendation of the Fire Official.
- C. The local Bureau of Fire Prevention shall have a designee who can conduct Cause and Origin Investigations. If the Fire Official or Fire Inspector are not certified to conduct these investigations, a Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the mayor to work under the supervision of the Fire Official to investigate all fires in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3.
- € <u>D</u>. The Fire Official, inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be subject to removal by the Director of Public Safety for inefficiency or misconduct. Each official, inspector or employee to be so removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or a designated hearing officer.
- D <u>E</u>. N.J.A.C. 5:71-4.3(c)4 requires the Director of Public Safety or Fire Official to notify the Division of Community Affairs at least 10 days in advance of any leave of absence by the Fire Official in excess of 30 days. The Director of Public Safety shall appoint a temporary Fire Official during said leave of absence, pursuant to Title 11.
- **SECTION II.** All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- **SECTION III.** If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision in this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SECTION IV.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as required by law.

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	TOWNSHIP OF MONROE	
	CNCL. PRES., CAROLANN FOX	
ATTEST:		
Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC		

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 13th day of March, 2023, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to be held on 27th day of March, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC

ROLL CALL VOTE

1st Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

2nd Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
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Th	ne foregoing ordinar	nce was hereby approve	ed by the Mayor of the Towns	hip of Monroe
on this	day of	, 2023.		
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			MAYOR GREGORY A. W	OLFE