

ORDINANCE O:45-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
TO AMEND CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
ENTITLED “WEDDING AND CIVIL CEREMONIES”

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe has recommended certain amendments to Chapter 75 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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby repealed and replaced with the following provision:

SECTION I. Chapter 75 “Wedding and Civil Ceremonies” of the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the language as follows:

§ 75-1 General Provisions

Purpose. The purpose of this article is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage or civil union ceremonies by the Mayor or the Mayor’s Designee of the Township of Monroe.

§ 75-2 Collection of Fees

A. Persons seeking to be married or joined in a civil union by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee, of the Township of Monroe on a weekday, shall pay directly to the charity selected by the Mayor, a fee of \$125.00 for services within the Township of Monroe. Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee of the Township of Monroe shall pay directly to the charity selected by the Mayor, a fee of \$150.00 for services outside of the Township of Monroe.

B. Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee of the Township of Monroe, on a weekend shall pay directly to the charity selected by the Mayor, a fee of \$200.00 for services outside of the Township of Monroe.

§ 75-3 Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred

A. Receipt of fees. The fee shall be paid by check or money order, payable to the charity selected by the Mayor.

B. Disbursement of fees. Fees collected shall be mailed to the selected charity by the Office of Administration. All fees are to be made payable to the Charity of the Mayor’s choosing, and shall be given to the Office of Administration for subsequent distribution to said Charity. The Office of Administration shall provide a receipt to the persons seeking to be married upon receipt of the fees.

(1) Fees for reimbursement of appropriate and reasonable expenses (travel, tuxedo rental, direct cost reimbursement) may be disbursed to the Mayor in accordance with the Township of Monroe’s established procedure.

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.

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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.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES., CHELSEA VALCOURT

ATTEST:

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 28th day of August, 2024, 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 25th day of September, 2024 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**

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ROLL CALL VOTE

1st Reading

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

2nd Reading

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

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE