



VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 16, 2025

6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENT: Adequate Notice of this Regular Meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 19, 2025 and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7.

3. ROLL CALL

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution #25-267– Resolution to Enter into Executive Session Legends and SCUMA

AT 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. STATEMENT: Adequate Notice of this Regular Meeting was provided to the public and the press on January 19, 2025 and was posted at the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-7.

3. SALUTE THE FLAG

4. ROLL CALL

5. MAYOR COMMENTS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (For Current Agenda Items Only, Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person)

7. REVIEW OF BILLS LIST

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2025 – Executive Session
September 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting

September 22, 2025 – Executive Session
September 22, 2025 – Regular Meeting

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #25-268: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 58 Lot 1)

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Resolution #25-270: (Block 58 Lot 1) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-271: (Block 58 Lot 1) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-272: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 526 Lot 104)

Resolution #25-273: (Block 526 Lot 104) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-274: (Block 526 Lot 104) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-275: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 527 Lot 196)

Resolution #25-276: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 527 Lot 196)

Resolution #25-277: (Block 527 Lot 196) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-278: (Block 527 Lot 196) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-279: Refund for Totally Disabled Veteran (Block 599 Lot 40)

Resolution #25-280: (Block 599 Lot 40) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-281: (Block 599 Lot 40) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-282: (Block 599 Lot 40) Cancelling Taxes for Total Disabled Veteran

Resolution #25-283: A Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund

Resolution #25-284: Resolution Authorizing Leasing of Certain Vehicles for the Department of Police Through Soucewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM Through Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. (Quote No. 9186641)

Resolution #25-285: Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Bid #7-2025 – Proposed Dodgecagon Gazebo at Maple Grange Park Township of Vernon

Resolution #25-286: Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$7472.00

10. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance #25-16: An Ordinance Amending the Vernon Township Administrative Code Chapter 250, Fees and Escrows, Section 250-13 Department of Public Works

11. PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #25-14: An Ordinance to Establish a New Chapter in the Code of Vernon Township, Part 1 Administrative Legislation Chapter 2 Entitled “Restricted Areas to Safeguard the Public and Confidential or Exempt Records from Disclosure”

Ordinance #25-15: Ordinance Amending the Salaries for Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey

12. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 Minutes On Any Topic)

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

VERNON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #25-267

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- ☐ Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court
- ☐ Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the Government
- ☐ Matters involving individual privacy
- ☐ Collective bargaining
- ☐ Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, setting of bank rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest
- ☐ Public safety
- ☐ Attorney-Client privilege
- ☒ Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or negotiation contracts (Legends) (SCUMA)
- ☐ Personnel matters
- ☐ Civil penalty or loss of license

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their Meeting held on October 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.						
DeBenedetto, J.						
Higgins, W.						
Sparta, B.						
Rizzuto, P.						

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-268

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 58 Lot 1)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Arnold Kostomaj 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2024 property tax in the amount of
\$590.42 to Arnold Kostomaj.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township
of Vernon at their regular meeting held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vernon
Municipal Center.

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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Buccieri, N.						
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Sparta, B.						
Rizzuto, P.						

Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-269

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 58 Lot 1)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Arnold Kostomaj 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of
\$3,584.10 to Arnold Kostomaj.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

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Sparta, B.						
Rizzuto, P.						

Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-270

(Block 58 Lot 1)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Arnold Kostomaj 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2025 in the amount of
\$4,129.52.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-271

(Block 58 Lot 1)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Arnold Kostomaj 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,856.81.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

CERTIFICATION

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Rizzuto, P.						

Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-272

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 526 Lot 104)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Carol Stelmach 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of
\$3082.60 to Carol Stelmach.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

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Rizzuto, P.						

Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-273

(Block 526 Lot 104)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Carol Stelmach 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2025 in the amount of \$1,614.72.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-274

**(Block 526 Lot 104)
CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Carol Stelmach 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$2,968.77.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-275

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 527 Lot 196)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Scott Speno 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2024 property tax in the amount of
\$1,058.83 to Scott Speno.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-276

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 527 Lot 196)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Scott Speno 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of
\$3,329.97 to Scott Speno.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-277

(Block 527 Lot 196)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Scott Speno 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2025 in the amount of \$1,301.41.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-278

(Block 527 Lot 196)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded Scott Speno 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$2,315.69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-279

**REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN
(Block 599 Lot 40)**

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded George Triantafillos 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran: and,

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of
Vernon hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to refund 2025 property tax in the amount of
\$4,077.73 to George Triantafillos.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be
forwarded to the Township Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-280

(Block 599 Lot 40)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded George Triantafillos 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,574.96.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their regular meeting held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-281

(Block 599 Lot 40)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded George Triantafillos 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2025 in the amount of \$1,978.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
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VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-282

(Block 599 Lot 40)

CANCELLING TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
awarded George Triantafillos 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2026 in the amount of \$3,574.96.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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Submitted by: Lisa A. Kimkowski, CTC

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-283

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A
FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER
TO THE
NORTH JERSEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon (hereinafter, the Township) is a member of the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (hereinafter, the NJHIF) for medical and prescription benefits, as part of the Employee Benefits Program effective September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the by-laws and requirements of membership promulgated by the NJHIF, the Township must appoint a Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to represent the Township in all pertinent Fund affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Tina Kraus, Business Administrator is hereby affirmed as Fund Commissioner for Fund Year 2025 and/or until a successor has been qualified and appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Detective Keith Curry is hereby appointed to serve as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for Fund Year 2025 and/or until a successor has been qualified and appointed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Fund through the Township's Health Benefits Consultant.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their regular meeting held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

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TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-284

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE #060618-EFM THROUGH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. (Quote No. 9186641)

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

WHEREAS, the governing body of Vernon Township approved in Resolution 19-164 authorizing leasing of certain vehicles through Sourcewell National Cooperative #060618-EFM through Enterprise Fleet Management Services, Inc., and this is an extension of that resolution; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139" and N.J.S.A.52:34-6.2 the regulations promulgated there under in Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the following purchase without competitive bids from vendor with a National Cooperative Contract is hereby approved for municipalities, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has the need to procure certain vehicles through lease program for Township services in accord with the Local Publics Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. Seq., and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has previously acted in accord with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative, and;

WHEREAS, the regulations as set forth within Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10 have been fully complied with, and;

WHEREAS, the equipment and corresponding Sourcewell National Cooperative contract is #060618-EFM for Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost savings determination as required under LFN 2012-10 is the cost of contract as there is currently no cooperative lease program in effect under the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the quoted cost under the Sourcewell National contract is \$50,979.84 (Quote No. 9186641); and

WHEREAS, that the governing body of Vernon Township pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) (the certification of available funds), states that the Chief Finance Officer shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Business Administrator is hereby directed to effectuate the contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Services Inc. under Sourcewell contract #060618-EFM in accord with the provisions of the tenets as established within 40A:11-1 et. Seq.,

CERTIFICATION

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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Prepared For: Township Of Vernon
Haw, JasonDate 08/19/2025
AE/AM MKC/SSI

Unit

Year 2026 Make Dodge Model Durango

Series Pursuit 4dr All-Wheel Drive

Vehicle Order Type Ordered Term 48 State NJ Customer# 591495

\$ 44,317.00		Capitalized Price of Vehicle ¹
\$0.00	*	Sales Tax <u>0.0000%</u> State <u>NJ</u>
\$ 159.00	*	Initial License Fee
\$ 0.00		Registration Fee
\$ 300.00		Other: (See Page 2)
\$ 0.00		Capitalized Price Reduction
\$ 0.00		Gain Applied From Prior Unit
\$ 0.00	*	Security Deposit
\$0.00		Taxes

\$ 44,617.00 Total Capitalized Amount (Delivered Price)\$ 870.03 Depreciation Reserve @ 1.9500%\$ 192.05 Monthly Lease Charge (Based on Interest Rate - Subject to a Floor)²

\$ 1,062.08 Total Monthly Rental Excluding Additional Services

Additional Fleet Management

Master Policy Enrollment Fees

\$ 0.00 Commercial Automobile Liability Enrollment

Liability Limit \$0.00

\$ 0.00 Physical Damage Management

\$ 0.00 Full Maintenance Program³ Contract Miles 0Incl: # Brake Sets (1 set = 1 Axle) 0

\$ 0.00 Additional Services SubTotal

\$ 0.00 Tax 0.0000% State NJ

\$ 1,062.08 Total Monthly Rental Including Additional Services

\$ 2,855.56 Reduced Book Value at 48 Months

\$ 400.00 Service Charge Due at Lease Termination

All language and acknowledgments contained in the signed quote apply to all vehicles that are ordered under this signed quote.

Order Information

Driver Name

Exterior Color (0 P) DB Black Clearcoat

Interior Color Black w/Cloth Bucket Seats w/Rear Vinyl Or Cl

Lic. Plate Type Unknown

GVWR 0

Comp/Coll Deductible 0 / 0OverMileage Charge \$ 0.00 Per Mile# Tires 0 Loaner Vehicle Not Included

Quote based on estimated annual mileage of 25,000

(Current market and vehicle conditions may also affect value of vehicle)

(Quote is Subject to Customer's Credit Approval)

Notes

Enterprise FM Trust will be the owner of the vehicle covered by this Quote. Enterprise FM Trust (not Enterprise Fleet Management) will be the Lessor of such vehicle under the Master Open - End (Equity) Lease Agreement and shall have all rights and obligations of the Lessor under the Master Open - End (Equity) Lease Agreement with respect to such vehicle. Lessee must maintain insurance coverage on the vehicle as set forth in Section 11 of the Master Open-End (Equity) Lease Agreement until the vehicle is sold.

ALL TAX AND LICENSE FEES TO BE BILLED TO LESSEE AS THEY OCCUR.

Lessee hereby authorizes this vehicle order, and agrees to lease the vehicle on the terms set forth herein and in the Master Equity Lease Agreement. In the event Lessee fails or refuses to accept delivery of the ordered vehicle, Lessee agrees that Lessor shall have the right to collect damages, including, but not limited to, a \$500 disposal fee, interest incurred, and loss of value.

LESSEE Township Of Vernon

BY

TITLE

DATE

* INDICATES ITEMS TO BE BILLED ON DELIVERY.

¹ Capitalized price of vehicle may be adjusted to reflect final manufacturer's invoice, plus a pre delivery interest charge. Lessee hereby assigns to Lessor any manufacturer rebates and/or manufacturer incentives intended for the Lessee, which rebates and/or incentives have been used by Lessor to reduce the capitalized price of the vehicle.

² Monthly lease charge will be adjusted to reflect the interest rate on the delivery date (subject to a floor).

³ The inclusion herein of references to maintenance fees/services are solely for the administrative convenience of Lessee. Notwithstanding the inclusion of such references in this [Invoice/Schedule/Quote], all such maintenance services are to be performed by Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., and all such maintenance fees are payable by Lessee solely for the account of Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., pursuant to that certain separate [Maintenance Agreement] entered into by and between Lessee and Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.; provided that such maintenance fees are being billed by Enterprise FM Trust, and are payable at the direction of Enterprise FM Trust, solely as an authorized agent for collection on behalf of Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.



Other Totals

Description	(B)illed or (C)apped	Price
Initial Administration Fee	B	\$ 60.00
Courtesy Delivery Fee	C	\$ 300.00
Total Other Charges Billed		\$ 60.00
Total Other Charges Capitalized		\$ 300.00
Other Charges Total		\$ 360.00

**VEHICLE INFORMATION:**

2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit 4dr All-Wheel Drive - US

Series ID: WDEE75

Pricing Summary:

	INVOICE	MSRP
Base Vehicle	\$44,677	\$44,879.00
Total Options	\$4,645.00	\$5,160.00
Destination Charge	\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00
Total Price	\$51,317.00	\$52,034.00

SELECTED COLOR:

Exterior: PXJ-(0 P) DB Black Clearcoat

Interior: X9-Black w/Cloth Bucket Seats w/Rear Vinyl Or Cloth Bucket Seats w/Shift Insert

SELECTED OPTIONS:

CODE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	MSRP
22Z	Quick Order Package 22Z	NC	NC
A7	Cloth Bucket Seats w/Rear Vinyl	\$145.00	\$160.00
ADL	Skid Plate Group	\$333.00	\$370.00
APA	Monotone Paint Application	STD	STD
BCF	800 Amp Maintenance Free Battery	Included	Included
C1J	#7 Seat Foam Cushion	Included	Included
CDS	Vinyl 2nd Row Seat	Included	Included
CW6	Deactivate Rear Doors/Windows	\$86.00	\$95.00
DFD	Transmission: 8-Speed Automatic (8HP70)	NC	NC
DKA	2 Speed on Demand Transfer Case	Included	Included
DPM	3.09 Rear Axle Ratio	Included	Included
DR1	230MM Rear Axle	Included	Included
EZH	Engine: 5.7L V8 HEMI MDS VVT	\$2,915.00	\$3,240.00
GXF	Entire Fleet Alike Key (FREQ 1)	\$540.00	\$600.00
JCJ	160 Mph Primary Certified Speedometer	Included	Included
LNF	Black Left LED Spot Lamp	\$626.00	\$695.00
NAS	50 State Emissions	STD	STD
NEX	Dual Rear Exhaust w/Bright Tips	Included	Included
NHA	Engine Oil Cooler	Included	Included
PXJ_02	(0 P) DB Black Clearcoat	NC	NC
TXQ	Tires: 255/60R18 BSW On/Off Road	STD	STD
UBN	Radio: Uconnect 5 Nav w/10.1" Display	STD	STD
WARANT	FCA 5 Yr/100,000 Mile Powertrain Limited Warranty	NC	NC
WBN	Wheels: 18" X 8" Black Steel	STD	STD
X9_01	Black w/Cloth Bucket Seats w/Rear Vinyl Or Cloth Bucket Seats w/Shift Insert	NC	NC
XEE	Fuel Tank Skid Plate Shield	Included	Included
XEF	Transfer Case Skid Plate Shield	Included	Included
XEU	Front Suspension Skid Plate	Included	Included
XF3	Underbody Skid Plate	Included	Included
Z6J	GVWR: 7,100 lbs	Included	Included

CONFIGURED FEATURES:

Body Exterior Features:

Number Of Doors: 4
Rear Cargo Door Type: liftgate
Driver And Passenger Mirror: power remote heated manual folding side-view door mirrors
Spoiler: rear lip spoiler
Skid Plates: skid plates
Door Handles: body-coloured
Front And Rear Bumpers: body-coloured front and rear bumpers with black rub strip
Rear Step Bumper: rear step bumper
Body Material: galvanized steel/aluminum body material
: class IV trailering with harness, hitch
Grille: black grille
Exhaust Tip: chrome tip exhaust
Upfitter Switches: upfitter switches

Convenience Features:

Air Conditioning: automatic dual-zone front air conditioning
Air Filter: air filter
Rear Air Conditioning: rear air conditioning with separate controls
Console Ducts: console ducts
Voice Activated A/C: voice activated air conditioning
Cruise Control: cruise control with steering wheel controls
Power Windows: power windows with driver and passenger 1-touch down
1/4 Vent Rear Windows: power rearmost windows
Remote Keyless Entry: yes remote keyless entry
Illuminated Entry: illuminated entry
Integrated Key Remote: integrated key/remote
Auto Locking: auto-locking doors
Passive Entry: proximity key
Valet Key: valet function
Trunk FOB Controls: keyfob trunk/hatch/door release
Window FOB Controls: remote window controls
Steering Wheel: steering wheel with manual tilting, manual telescoping
Day-Night Rearview Mirror: day-night rearview mirror
Auto-dimming Rearview Mirror: auto-dimming rearview mirror
Driver and Passenger Vanity Mirror: driver and passenger-side visor mirrors
Emergency SOS: Dodge Connect emergency communication system
Navigation System: navigation system with voice activation
Front Cupholder: front and rear cupholders
Floor Console: partial floor console with covered box
Overhead Console: mini overhead console with storage
Glove Box: illuminated locking glove box
Driver Door Bin: driver and passenger door bins
Rear Door Bins: rear door bins
Driver Footrest: driver's footrest
Retained Accessory Power: retained accessory power
Power Accessory Outlet: 3 12V DC power outlets

Entertainment Features:

radio: with seek-scan
Radio Data System: radio data system
Voice Activated Radio: voice activated radio
Speed Sensitive Volume: speed-sensitive volume
Steering Wheel Radio Controls: steering-wheel mounted audio controls
Speakers: 6 speakers
Internet Access: 4G LTE Wi-Fi Hot Spot (3-month or 3 GB trial included) internet access
1st Row LCD: 2 1st row LCD monitor
Wireless Connectivity: wireless phone connectivity
Antenna: integrated roof antenna

Lighting, Visibility and Instrumentation Features:

Headlamp Type: delay-off projector beam LED low/high beam headlamps
Front Wipers: variable intermittent speed-sensitive wipers wipers
Rear Window wiper: rear window wiper
Rear Window Defroster: rear window defroster
Tinted Windows: deep-tinted windows
Dome Light: dome light with fade
Front Reading Lights: front and rear reading lights
Door Curb/Courtesy Lights: 2 door curb/courtesy lights
Variable IP Lighting: variable instrument panel lighting
Display Type: digital/analog appearance
Tachometer: tachometer
Voltmeter: voltmeter
Compass: compass
Exterior Temp: outside-temperature display
Low Tire Pressure Warning: tire specific low-tire-pressure warning
Park Distance Control: ParkSense with Stop rear parking sensors
Trip Computer: trip computer
Trip Odometer: trip odometer
Blind Spot Sensor: blind spot
Oil Pressure Gauge: oil pressure gauge
Water Temp Gauge: water temp. gauge
Oil Temp Gauge: oil temperature gauge
Transmission Oil Temp Gauge: transmission oil temp. gauge
Engine Hour Meter: engine hour meter
Clock: digital clock
Systems Monitor: driver information centre
Check Control: redundant digital speedometer
Rear Vision Camera: rear vision camera
Oil Pressure Warning: oil-pressure warning
Water Temp Warning: water-temp. warning
Battery Warning: battery warning
Lights On Warning: lights-on warning
Low Fuel Warning: low-fuel warning
Low Washer Fluid Warning: low-washer-fluid warning
Bulb Failure Warning: bulb-failure warning
Door Ajar Warning: door-ajar warning
Trunk Ajar Warning: trunk-ajar warning
Brake Fluid Warning: brake-fluid warning
Turn Signal On Warning: turn-signal-on warning
Transmission Fluid Temperature Warning: transmission-fluid-temperature warning

Safety And Security:

ABS: four-wheel ABS brakes
Number of ABS Channels: 4 ABS channels
Brake Assistance: brake assist
Brake Type: four-wheel disc brakes
Vented Disc Brakes: front and rear ventilated disc brakes
Daytime Running Lights: daytime running lights
Spare Tire Type: compact spare tire
Spare Tire Mount: underbody mounted spare tire w/crankdown
Driver Front Impact Airbag: driver and passenger front-impact airbags
Driver Side Airbag: seat-mounted driver and passenger side-impact airbags
Overhead Airbag: curtain 1st, 2nd and 3rd row overhead airbag
Knee Airbag: knee airbag
Occupancy Sensor: front passenger airbag occupancy sensor
Height Adjustable Seatbelts: height adjustable front seatbelts
Seatbelt Pretensioners: front seatbelt pre-tensioners
3Point Rear Centre Seatbelt: 3 point rear centre seatbelt
Side Impact Bars: side-impact bars

Perimeter Under Vehicle Lights: remote activated perimeter/approach lights
Tailgate/Rear Door Lock Type: tailgate/rear door lock included with power door locks
Rear Child Safety Locks: rear child safety locks
Ignition Disable: Sentry Key immobilizer
Panic Alarm: panic alarm
Electronic Stability: electronic stability stability control with anti-rollover
Traction Control: ABS and driveline traction control
Front and Rear Headrests: manual adjustable front head restraints with tilt
Rear Headrest Control: 3 rear head restraints
Break Resistant Glass: break resistant glass

Seats And Trim:

Seating Capacity max. seating capacity of 5
Front Bucket Seats: front bucket seats
Number of Driver Seat Adjustments: 8-way driver and passenger seat adjustments
Reclining Driver Seat: power reclining driver and manual reclining passenger seats
Driver Lumbar: power 4-way driver and passenger lumbar support
Driver Height Adjustment: power height-adjustable driver and passenger seats
Driver Fore/Aft: power driver and passenger fore/aft adjustment
Driver Cushion Tilt: power driver and passenger cushion tilt
Fold Flat Passenger Seat: fold flat passenger seat
Front Centre Armrest Storage: front centre armrest with storage
Rear Seat Type: rear 60-40 split-bench seat
Rear Folding Position: rear seat fold-forward seatback
Rear Seat Armrest: rear seat centre armrest
Leather Upholstery: cloth front seat upholstery
Rear Seat Material: vinyl rear seat upholstery
Headliner Material: full cloth headliner
Floor Covering: full vinyl/rubber floor covering
Dashboard Console Insert, Door Panel Insert Combination: leatherette/metal-look instrument panel insert, door panel insert, console insert
LeatherSteeringWheel: leather steering wheel
Interior Accents: chrome interior accents
Cargo Space Trim: carpet cargo space
Trunk Lid: plastic trunk lid/rear cargo door
Cargo Tie Downs: cargo tie-downs
Cargo Light: cargo light
Concealed Cargo Storage: concealed cargo storage

Standard Engine:

Engine 360-hp, 5.7-liter V-8 (regular gas)

Standard Transmission:

Transmission 8-speed automatic w/ OD and auto-manual

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-285

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR
BID #7-2025 – PROPOSED DODGECAGON GAZEBO AT MAPLE GRANGE PARK
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

WHEREAS the Township of Vernon received bids for Bid #7-2025 - Proposed Dodecagon Gazebo at Maple Grange Park on October 9, 2025, at 1100 A.M.; and

WHEREAS the Township received seven (7) bids to wit:

VENDOR	Bash Builders	Cynna Enterprises	Walkill Group	A-Tech Concrete	ATG Restoration Specialists, Inc.	In-Line Architectural Glass & Metal Inc	Moynihan Companies
BASE BID	\$184,348.00	\$174,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$295,000.00	\$178,000.00	\$98,700.00	\$113,713.00

; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2(a). allows for rejection of bids where the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services.

WHEREAS, all bids were substantially in excess of cost estimates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that all the bids for Bid #7-2025 - Proposed Dodecagon Gazebo at Maple Grange Park, are hereby rejected in accord with N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2(a)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Vernon at their regular meeting held on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vernon Municipal Center.

Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.						
DeBenedetto, J.						
Higgins, W.						
Sparta, B.						
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TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #25-286

CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$7,472.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded a \$7,472.00 Municipal Alliance Grant and wishes to amend its 2025 budget for the difference of the awarded amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$7,472.00 which is now available as a revenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7,472.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Municipal Alliance Grant.

CERTIFICATION

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Marcy Gianattasio, RMC, CMR
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TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #25-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 250, FEES AND ESCROWS SECTION 250-13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

SECTION 1.

Section 250-13 is hereby amended to read as follows as of January 1, 2026:

G. Disposal of Motor Oil

(1) a fee of \$0.50/gallon will be charged for the disposal of motor oil

SECTION 2.

All Ordinances of Vernon Township which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3.

If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #25-14

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER IN
THE CODE OF VERNON TOWNSHIP, PART 1
ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION CHAPTER 2
ENTITLED, "RESTRICTED AREAS TO SAFEGUARD
THE PUBLIC AND CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT
RECORDS FROM DISCLOSURE"**

WHEREAS, Vernon Township recognizes the importance of the rights guaranteed under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 6, of the New Jersey Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township acknowledges that as a matter of public policy, the rights afforded by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 6, of the New Jersey Constitution are not unlimited; and

WHEREAS, the rights afforded by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 6, of the New Jersey Constitution are subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township officials and employees have a responsibility to maintain safety and safeguard public records that consist of confidential information; and

WHEREAS, to adequately comply with the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, and to comply with the statutorily defined responsibilities, the maintenance and custody of specific records are required; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials assigned this responsibility include, but are not limited to the Municipal Clerk, Police Chief, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Municipal Court Administrator, Municipal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Municipal Court Judge, Construction Official, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Official, Board of Health Secretary/Registrar, DPW Director, Township Administrator, Fire Chief, Recreation Director, Senior Center Director and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for public safety and the maintenance and safeguarding of the public and records, reports, documents and information in municipal offices may not be available for immediate public view since they may contain personal information, phone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth and other confidential information; and

WHEREAS, securing these records maintains the integrity of this information and when an Open Public Records Act request is received, it is determined that a requestor is entitled to the records, the records can be released individually and redacted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, it is not expected that municipal employees will physically intervene to protect a record or resident, and by creating secure areas with clear signage will help deter people from risk to their person or collecting records which they are not entitled to receive without following the process required by the Open Public Records Act.

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

SECTION 1. Part I, Administrative Legislation, of the Revised Ordinances of Vernon Township is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

Chapter 2. Restricted Areas to Safeguard the Public and Confidential or Exempt Records from Disclosure (§2-1 - §2-3)

§2-1 Restricted Areas.

For the exception of public reception spaces: (1) the Municipal and Township Police Department office areas and police operational areas in Vernon Township Municipal Hall, 21 Church St., Vernon New Jersey; (2) the Department of Public Works building and garage area, 21 Church St., Vernon New Jersey; (3) Fire Department offices and operational areas at, 535 Route 515, Vernon New Jersey, 813 Canistear Road, Vernon New Jersey, Highland Lakes, 88 Route 94, Vernon New Jersey, McAfee, and 13 Lake Wallkill Road, Sussex New Jersey; (4) the Senior Center offices, 21 Church St., Vernon New Jersey; have been secured and such areas and offices are not open to the public for the purpose of protecting documents, digital data and other written, copied or printed materials that are not subject to the Open Public Records Act, which may include, but are not limited to, personally identifiable information that is protected by the Statutes of the State of New Jersey and the Federal laws of the United States.

§2-2 Signage.

Vernon Township shall be required to post signs outside of offices or operational areas which read the following, but not limited, to the following wording: "Restricted Area", "Authorized Employees Only", "Recording or Photography is Strictly Prohibited", and "Violators are Subject to Criminal Prosecution". Any variation of the above language shall all include, "Violators are Subject to Criminal Prosecution".

§2-3 Violations.

Persons that trespass at these posted, protected offices and areas may be subject to prosecution under N.J.S.A. 2C-18-3.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances of Vernon Township which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by 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 September 22, 2025, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on October 16, 2025 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: September 22, 2025

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

ADOPTED:

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

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #25-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. The salary ranges for hereinafter listed Township Officers, employees, and positions shall be and are hereby fixed and shall be the same until a new salary ordinance is adopted by the governing body.

FULL TIME:	Minimum	Maximum
General Administration:		
Business Administrator	100,000	175,000
Finance and Tax:		
Chief Financial Officer	100,000	180,000

Section II: All ordinances of the Township of Vernon which are inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of each inconsistency.

If any chapter, article, division, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision of the Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect all remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section III. The Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage, approval and publication after adoption by the Township Council.

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Buccieri, N.	X		X			
DeBenedetto, J.		X	X			
Higgins, W.				X		
Sparta, B.			X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			