# **TOWNSHIP OF VERNON**

# **ORDINANCE #24-16**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL CONSENT OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR VEOLIA WATER NEW JERSEY, INC. TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT A ANNEXED HERETO IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AND FOR THE LAYING OF PIPES AND THE INSTALLATION OF OTHER UTILITY FACILTIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, the properties identified on Exhibit A annexed hereto on the Township of Vernon Tax Assessment Map (the "Properties") are either vacant or have historically received water service from wells and the Township desires to connect said Properties to the public water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon also is desirous of spurring economic development, redevelopment, and capital investment into the area and the properties included within the requested franchise expansion area; and

WHEREAS, the provision of water services to these Properties is in the best interest of the Township and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc., ("Veolia") is a New Jersey Public utility corporation providing water service to certain areas within the State of New Jersey, including within other Properties within the Township of Vernon;

WHEREAS, Veolia desires to secure the consent of the Borough to (i) provide water service to the Properties, and (ii) to lay water pipes beneath such public roads, streets, alleys and places adjacent thereto as it may deem necessary for its corporate purpose to provide water service to the Property.

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

### Section 1.

1. Veolia is hereby given the consent and permission of the Township of Vernon to provide water service to the Properties identified on Exhibit A annexed hereto, and to lay, maintain and relay its water pipes, mains, connections, apparatus and appurtenances beneath such public roads, streets, alleys and places as it may deem necessary in the future for its corporate purposes, subject to such additional approvals or consents the law may require, within the lands and premises hereinafter designated

and under all public roads, streets, alleys, or places abutting same for the purpose of providing water service to:

All those tracts or parcels of lands shown on the Tax Assessment Map of The Township of Vernon as identified on Exhibit A, annexed hereto.

- 2. The consent granted by this Ordinance is made expressly subject to the following conditions:
  - a. In the event that the Township of Vernon shall hereafter lawfully elect to alter or change the grade of any street, alley or other public way within its jurisdiction, Veolia shall upon reasonable notice by the Township, remove, relay or relocate its water mains, service pipes, manholes and other fixtures at its own expense.
  - b. In case of any disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway or other surfacing of any public street, road, highway or other public places cause by Veolia, Veolia shall, at its own costs and expense and in a manner required by the Township Code and as approved by the Township Engineer, replace and restore all paving, sidewalks, driveways and other surfaces of any street, road, highway or other public places disturbed in as good condition as before said work was commenced;
  - c. This consent shall take effect upon the approval of the Board of Public Utilities as required by law.
- **Section 2.** Should any part, portion or provision of his ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.
- **Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- **Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and final passage according to 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 November 14, 2024, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on December 9, 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: November 14, 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			

ADOPTED: December 9, 2024

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