

VERNON TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE #24-18

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER
250 ENTITLED "FEES AND ESCROWS," AND CHAPTER 330
ENTITLED "FEES" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 250 Entitled "Fees and Escrows," of the Township Code are hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 250 entitled "Fees and Escrows" and Chapter 330-228 "Fees" is hereby amended, supplemented, and revised or by replacing same as follows:

§ 250-9 Receptionists and Township miscellaneous.

A. Street maps: \$6.

B. ~~Notary service:~~ \$2.

C. ~~Receptionist and Township miscellaneous;~~ copies.

A copy or copies of a government record may be purchased by any person upon payment of the fee prescribed by law or regulation. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, the fee assessed for the duplication of a government record embodied in the form of printed matter shall be \$0.05 per letter size page or smaller, and \$0.07 per legal size page or larger. A special service charge shall be imposed, in addition to the actual cost of duplicating the record, with the nature, format matter, collation, or volume of printed matter is such that it cannot be produced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size or where such record involves an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort to accommodate the request. The requester shall have the opportunity to review and object to this special service charge prior to it being incurred.

§250-12. Building.

C. Building subcode.

(1) (a) Per cubic foot for all use groups: ~~\$0.05~~ \$0.06

(1)(b) Per cubic foot for structures on farms, including commercial farm buildings under N.J.A.C 5:23-3.2(d) use exclusively for the storage of food or grain, or the sheltering of livestock, for such structures on farms with a minimum fee of \$100: ~~\$0.015~~ \$0.02.

(2) Renovations, alterations and repairs. Per \$1,000 of estimated cost of work: ~~\$33~~ \$35.

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D. Electric subcode.

(1) Receptacles and fixtures:

(a) First to 25: ~~\$60~~ \$65

(2) Motors, electrical devices and motor control center:

(a) One hp up to 10 hp: ~~\$30~~ \$35

(4) Services, panels, entrances and subpanels

(a) Up to 200 amps: ~~\$75.~~ \$85

H. Certificates and other permits.

(2) Other Permits

(b) Swimming pool

(1) All R-3, R-4 and R-5 above ground pools: ~~\$150~~ \$165.

(2) All R-3, R-4 and R-5 in-ground pools: ~~\$200~~ \$250.

(j) Change of Contractor fee per subcode: ~~\$25~~ \$30.

(k) Installation of Park Model Trailers, flat fee: ~~\$200~~ \$225.

(l) Construction Records Clearance Application

- \$40.00 Requests received more than 10 calendar days from change of occupancy/closing

- \$75.00 Requests received within 10 calendar days from change of occupancy/closing

- \$125.00 Requests received within 4 calendar days from change of occupancy/closing

§ 250-15 Animal control.

A. Dog license, local \$12.80.

B. Dog license, state \$1.20.

C. Non-neutered or spayed, state fee: \$3.

D. After March 1 additional late fee required for issuance of dog license: \$5.

E. Dog and cat adoption.

(1) Dog adoption:

(a) Puppies under one year: \$130.

(b) Dogs over one year to six years: \$110.

(c) Dogs over six years: \$50.

(2) Cat adoption:

(a) Kittens under one year: \$85.

(b) Cats one year to six years: \$75.

(c) Cats over six years: \$30.

F. Small, feathered and furry adoption: \$20.

~~G. Euthanasia:~~

~~(1) Dog: \$25.~~

~~(2) Cat: \$15.~~

~~H. Disposal of remains:~~

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~~(1) Dog: \$25.~~

~~(2) Cat: \$15.~~

G. Pickup/redemption:

(1) First offense: \$25.

(2) Second offense: \$35.

(3) Third offense: \$45.

~~(4) Maintenance: \$4. per day~~

~~(5) Overnight Stays: \$4. per day~~

H. Boarding, Maintenance and Care per day:

(1) Dog: \$35.00

(2) Cat: \$25.00

I. Quarantine Boarding, Maintenance and Care per day:

(1) Dog: \$60.00

(2) Cat: \$50.00

J. Kennel license.

(1) 10 or fewer dogs: \$10.

(2) More than 10 dogs: \$25.

K. (Reserved)^[1]

L. Pet shop, initial: \$10.

M. (Reserved)^[2]

N. Kennel or pet shop construction plans review: \$150.

O. Animal shelter or pound, annual license: no fee.

P. Surrender Fee:

(1) Dog: \$50.

(2) Cat: \$20.

Q. Potentially dangerous dog license: \$700.

§250-16 Zoning & Land Use

M. Lot development plan review.

~~Vernon Township shall provide for soil erosion inspections and enforcement, which as previously handled by Sussex County Soil Conservation Office. The fee for such services shall be \$250, which shall be added to the current fee of \$450 for a total of \$700. This fee shall apply to new single-family residential development only.~~ **Review and Inspection Fee for New Residential lots or commercial development is \$500.00 or \$300 for Existing Residential lots.**

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Vacant and Abandoned Properties

A registration fee of \$500 per property shall be assessed annually for any property that is required to be registered because a summons and complaint in action to foreclose was filed by a creditor. An additional \$2,000 per property shall also be assessed annually for vacant and abandoned properties when the summons and complaint in an action to foreclose is filed, or becomes vacant and abandoned as defined in § 130-1B.

Public assembly license: \$1,000. per day.

§330-228 Fees

Upon submission of a lot development plan to the Township of Vernon, the applicant shall furnish a review and inspection fee in the amount of \$700 **\$500** for new residential or commercial development or **\$300** for existing residential lots (~~unless an LDP is required under § 330-222, in which case an additional fee of \$200 shall be required~~), payable to the Township of Vernon. In the event that more than three plan revisions or three site visits are required by the Engineer or his representative, the Township of Vernon shall bill the developer directly in accordance with the Engineer's hourly rate schedule approved by the Township. All outstanding fees shall be paid prior to issuance of a final zoning approval.

§ 250-17 Township Clerk.

A. Alarm Registration: \$10.

B. Raffle and bingo licenses: \$10 to the municipality for every \$20 collected on behalf of the state (Raffle and bingo license applications are liable for the fees payable to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.1 et seq.).

C. Peddlers and Solicitors License: ~~\$125~~ **\$20 Application Fee** and **\$125 License Fee**. Plus, an additional \$50. for each vehicle used in connection therewith. Renewal application fee \$25 if renewed by December 31st of the licensing year. (See Chapter 428, Peddling and Soliciting, for license fees for solicitors and canvassers.)

D. Taxi or limousine license: \$35.

E. Assessment search: \$10.

F. Alcohol Beverage Licenses:

(1) Plenary retail consumption:

~~Effective January 1, 2010 — \$712.80~~

~~Effective January 1, 2011 — \$855.36~~

~~Effective January 1, 2012 — \$1026.43~~

Effective January 1, 2025 \$1231.72

Effective January 1, 2026 \$1478.06

Effective January 1, 2027 \$1773.67

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Effective January 1, 2028 \$2128.40

Effective January 1, 2029 \$2500.00

(2) Club license: \$188.00

(3) Plenary retail distribution:

~~Effective January 1, 2010 — \$296.40~~

~~Effective January 1, 2011 — \$355.68~~

~~Effective January 1, 2012 — \$426.81~~

~~Effective May 1, 2018 — \$512.17~~

~~Effective May 1, 2019 — \$614.60~~

~~Effective May 1, 2020 — \$737.52~~

~~Effective May 1, 2021 — \$855.02~~

~~Effective May 1, 2022 — \$1026.43~~

Effective January 1, 2025 \$1231.72

Effective January 1, 2026 \$1478.06

Effective January 1, 2027 \$1773.67

Effective January 1, 2028 \$2128.40

Effective January 1, 2029 \$2500.00

(4) Limited retail distribution: \$ 63.00

(5) Hotel/motel:

~~Effective January 1, 2010 — \$594.00~~

~~Effective January 1, 2011 — \$712.80~~

~~Effective January 1, 2012 — \$855.36~~

~~Effective May 1, 2018 — \$1026.43~~

Effective January 1, 2025 \$2500.00

G. ~~Public assembly license: \$1,000. per day.~~

H. Marriage and Civil Union Fees, Reimbursements and Procedures.

(1) A person who is married or joined in a civil union by an authorized official of the Township, as established by N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 et seq., shall pay a fee according to the following schedule. An administrative fee of \$25. shall be paid in addition to the fee. All fees shall be paid to the Township of Vernon prior to the ceremony and shall be deposited in the current fund of the Township.

(a) Ceremonies Performed in Vernon: ~~\$75-\$100.~~

(b) Ceremonies Performed outside of Vernon: ~~\$100-\$150.~~

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SECTION II. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication 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 September 9, 2024, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on September 23, 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: September 9, 2024

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

ADOPTED: September 23, 2024

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