

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER INCORPORATING THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB AS A QUASI-CLUB WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AS CHAPTER 62 ENTITLED "SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB" UNDER PART I, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Club (hereinafter referred to as the "Club") has functioned as a private, autonomous and independent organization for over fifty years (50) years in offering a variety of social and recreational programs and activities to senior citizens desiring to join the Club; and

WHEREAS, the Club and the Township share certain administrative responsibilities coordinated by the Township's Recreation and Park Administration Department (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") in providing services to the members of the Club; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Club's Executive Board have discussed the benefits of incorporating the Club into the Township's organizational structure while at the same time preserving the Club as a quasi-independent group, and guaranteeing among other things, insurance coverage, the total administration of programs, activities and events by the Department, and the continuation of funding through the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township views the inclusivity of the Club as a golden opportunity to attract more senior citizens to join, attend and participate in Club meetings and activities while at the same time expanding the Township's base of participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishment. The Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Club is hereby incorporated as a Township organization. However, it shall be structured as a quasi-club. The Club shall fall under the operations of the Township's Recreation and Park Administration Department which Department shall be responsible in organizing, coordinating and implementing all activities, programs and events sponsored by the Club.

SECTION 2. Election of Officers; Terms. The Senior Citizen's Club shall elect an Executive Board consisting of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Members of the Club shall nominate the officers in the autumn of each year with voting taking place at the Club's December business meeting. Nominations may also be made from the

floor during the meeting. The results of the voting, and installation of officers, shall take place at the Club's December Holiday Luncheon. The Executive Board shall take office the following January 1st. The term of all officers, except the President, are unlimited. The President may only serve two consecutive, one-year terms. Members of the Executive Board shall serve without remuneration.

In addition, the Township Committee shall not appoint or participate in the nomination or election of officers.

SECTION 3. Appropriation of Funds. The governing body shall appropriate funds, as may be necessary, in the annual Current Fund Budgets of the Township for the operation of the Senior Citizen's Club, including but not limited to administrative expenses, activities, programs, and events. Funds for the Club shall be appropriated and made available to the Recreation and Park Administration Department. In accordance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S. A. 40A: 4-1 et seq., the Department shall be responsible for the proper accounting and disbursement of all expenditures. The Club shall not have any authority or control over the utilization of Township funds necessary for the operation of the Club, or any activities sponsored by the Township on behalf of the Club.

SECTION 4. Limitation of Powers. The Club shall work in collaboration with the Department in offering advice and making recommendations as to proposed activities, programs, and events. However, ultimate responsibility in the development, coordination and scheduling of such activities, programs and events shall be the responsibility and sole discretion of the Superintendent of the Department.

SECTION 5. Opt Out Provision and Authority of Township Committee to Amend or Repeal This Chapter. If, after two years, the Senior Citizen's Club believes that the arrangement of having it under the umbrella of the Township is not working out to its expectations, the Club shall have the right of informing the Township Committee, through the Business Administrator, of its intention to opt out. The Club shall notify the Township in writing, on or before January 1, 2026, of its decision. Commensurate with this provision, the Township Committee shall, at all times, have full power and authority in its sole discretion, to amend or supplement this Chapter, to repeal any part of it, and/or repeal this Chapter in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Date of Incorporation. The Senior Citizen's Club shall be incorporated into the organizational structure of the Township effective January 1, 2024 and shall remain in full force.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY



Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk

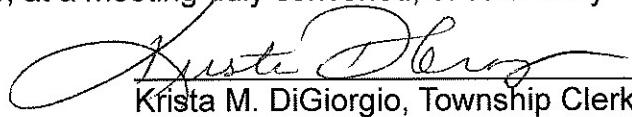


Thomas "Ace" Gallagher, Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 9, 2023
Date of Adoption: December 14, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 14th day of December, 2023, at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.



Krista M. DiGiorgio, Township Clerk