

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on October 24, 2022 there was introduced and read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance, a true copy whereof is printed below and that said Council did then and there fix the regular meeting of said Council to be held on November 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or via Zoom as the place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage, at which time and place, or at any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

The said ordinance as introduced and passed on first reading as aforesaid is in the following words and figures:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-10**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT  
CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED  
“ADMINISTRATION,” MOST NOTABLY, ARTICLE IV,  
ENTITLED “MUNCIPAL PROCEDURES,’ SPECIFICALLY § 2-42,  
ENTITLED “WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES”  
AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, § 2-42.1 ENTITLED “FEES.”**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 37:1-13 provides that in every municipality the Mayor or their lawful designee are authorized to solemnize marriages or civil unions between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation or civil union; and,

**WHEREAS**, Borough Code § 2-42.1 of the Borough of North Plainfield provides that the Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield or lawful designee may charge such fees as may reasonably provide for the solemnization of such marriages or civil unions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Administration has found that the fee structure for such marriages and civil unions should be updated to reflect the reasonable amount of time and processing in order to insure compliance with Borough requirements and *N.J.S.A.* 37:1-13, *et seq.*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council finds it necessary and appropriate to amend, revise and supplement § 2-42.1 of Chapter 2, Article IV of the Borough Code regarding the fees to be charged for the performance of marriages and/or civil unions and the fees for documents as required thereby.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Code of the Borough of North Plainfield is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as

to Chapter 2 of the Borough Code, entitled “Administration”, most notably Article IV, entitled “Municipal Procedures,” specifically § 2-42, entitled “Wedding and Civil Union Ceremonies,” and more specifically, § 2-42.1 entitled “Fees,” as follows:

**§ 2-42 Wedding and Civil Union Ceremonies**

**§ 2-42.1 Fees.**

Persons who are seeking to be married or joined in civil union ceremony by the Mayor (or designee as permitted by law) of the Borough of North Plainfield shall pay to the Borough of North Plainfield a fee of:

a. ~~\$100~~ \$125.00 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield and occurs at any time between Monday through and including Friday;

b. \$125 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Borough and occurs any time on Saturday and/or Sunday;

c. \$150 if the marriage/civil union ceremony is conducted outside the geographic boundaries of the Borough of North Plainfield on any day.

In addition, there shall be an administrative fee of ~~\$10~~ \$25.00 added to each marriage/civil union ceremony in all of the categories above.

The Mayor or designee shall obtain payment for his/her services in accordance with Borough Policy for payment for services rendered (voucher or other procedures).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a resolution is adopted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b), declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that:

1. All ordinances or portions of ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

2. If any provision or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other provisions or paragraphs of

this Ordinance, except so far as the provision or paragraph so declared invalid shall be separable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Copies of the full Ordinance are on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield in the Municipal Building, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey. Copies may be obtained upon request and a copy is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building reserved for such purpose.

Richard K. Phoenix, RMC  
Borough Clerk