

ORDINANCE 2021:1509

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF FEES
FOR MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Local Finance Board has opined regarding the collection of fees by public officials for the performance of marriage ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has issued guidance to public officials and the municipalities in which they serve relating to the collection of fees for the performance of marriage ceremonies and civil unions ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 37:1-13, “any mayor or deputy mayor when authorized by the mayor ... [is] ... authorized to solemnize marriage or civil union ceremonies between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation or civil union...”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, desire to adopt and establish procedures for collection of such fees in a manner consistent with the guidance issued by the Division of Local Government Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haddon Heights, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as Follows:

Section 1: The Borough of Haddon Heights Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 296, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 296 - MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES

§ 39.01 PURPOSE

There is hereby established by and within the Borough of Haddon Heights a chapter setting forth policies and procedures concerning the payment of and/or disbursement of fees to the mayor for services in connection with the performance of marriage and civil union ceremonies.

§ 39.02 FEES

- (A) Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor of the Borough of Haddon Heights shall pay to the Borough of Haddon Heights a fee of \$150.00 for such services. The Mayor is authorized to waive, in his/her sole discretion, such fee for residents of the Borough of Haddon Heights.

(B) The Borough of Haddon Heights shall be paid for all marriage or civil union ceremonies immediately upon completion of any such marriage or civil union ceremony. The fees shall be deposited into the current fund, payable to the Borough of Haddon Heights.

(C) The Borough of Haddon Heights shall disburse to the Mayor the full amount collected for any such marriage or civil union ceremony on a monthly basis and shall pay the Mayor accordingly.

Section 2: All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.


Section 3: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduction: JUNE 6, 2021

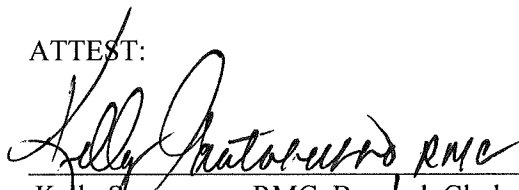
Public Hearing: JUNE 20, 2021

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Mayor Zachary Houck

ATTEST:



Kelly Santosusso, RMC, Borough Clerk