

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER III, SECTION 3-3, OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST
ORANGE ENTITLED “RULES OF COUNCIL”,
“MEETINGS”, AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 3-3.1,
“REGULAR MEETINGS”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter III, Section 3-3, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, entitled “Rules of Council”, “Meetings”, and specifically Section 3-3.1, “Regular Meetings”, shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 1. The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange are amended and supplemented to read as follows:

CHAPTER III RULES OF COUNCIL

3-3 MEETINGS.

3-3.1 REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Township Council shall hold regular meetings commencing at 7:00 p.m., on two Tuesdays of each month of the year, each meeting to be separated from the immediately preceding and succeeding meeting by at least two weeks, except that during the months of July and August there shall only be one (1) regular meeting a month, also on a Tuesday and commencing at 7:00 p.m., and separated by at least two weeks from the preceding and following meetings. The Council shall determine by majority vote of its membership, and by no later than the first meeting in November of the preceding year, the following year’s schedule of regular Council meetings, after reviewing the following year’s calendar for conflicts with holidays, special events and anticipated vacation schedules. Whenever the day fixed for any regular meeting falls upon a legal or national holiday the meeting shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day which is not a legal or national holiday. The Council may alter its meeting schedule, including cancellation of, or rescheduling of, any regular Council meeting, by majority vote of its membership and providing sufficient time to provide lawful notice to the public of the change of schedule. In an emergency, including, but not limited to, a power outage at Town Hall, a severe storm, or other occurrence implicating substantial public safety concerns, the Mayor, Business Administrator, or Council President, may summarily cancel a scheduled Council meeting, notifying all Council members and the public by any available and appropriate means and with reasonable promptness under all of the circumstances. (1972 Code § 3-3; Ord. No. 1895-03 § II).

Section 2. The remainder of Chapter III remains unchanged.

Section 3. If any part of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid, such part shall be severed and its invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Chapter.

Section 4. Any and all parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed as to and to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Susan McCartney, Council President

Robert D. Parisi, Mayor

Karen Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Approved as to form and legality on the basis of the facts provided.

Introduction: November 12, 2013

Adopted: December 3, 2013

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

This Ordinance amends the previous version of the Rules of the Council regarding its Regular meeting schedule, setting forth the anticipated minimum schedule, the factors to be considered in creating the schedule, and providing the timing of and manner in which the following year's meeting schedule is to be determined. It also sets forth procedures for cancellation of any meeting after the schedule is in place.